

# The Lord's Prayer

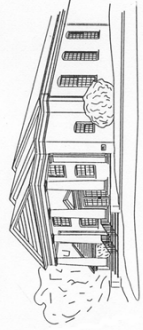
*(traditional words to the Our Father)*

*Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.*

*(Taken from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, 1662)*

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"I Have Called You Friends"

John 15:15

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## Asheboro Friends Meeting

A Message from your Pastor - May 1, 2024

### DO SOMETHING

Song by Matthew West

I woke up this morning  
Saw a world full of trouble now, thought  
How'd we ever get so far down, and  
How's it ever gonna turn around  
So I turned my eyes to Heaven  
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"  
Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of  
People living in poverty  
Children sold into slavery  
The thought disgusted me  
So, I shook my fist at Heaven  
Said, "God, why don't You do something?"  
He said, "I did, yeah, I created you"



In our world we are constantly bombarded by words and phrases and images flung at us by myriad sources from every imaginable direction. It seems almost all of these reek with negativity. We are presented with all the problems that our world faces. The best managers with which I have had the privilege to associate would advise that when presenting a problem situation one should also present possible solutions. I find this sentiment sorely lacking now. We just complain.

Several years ago I invited High Point radio personality Max Meeks to speak for our Quaker Men. His message was the same as that presented by Matthew West in the lyrics of his song *Do Something*, but stated more succinctly. Max left us with ten words, each word with only two letters, yet with a profound message:

*If it is to be, it is up to me.*

— William H. Johnsen

But what can I do? If I become discouraged and disillusioned I may feel as if I can do nothing worthwhile. If everyone merely complains and does nothing then nothing is ever accomplished. If I do what I God leads me to do then

I can do all things because Christ gives me the strength.

—Philippians 4:13 (New Life Version)

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## Excerpt: "The Creator of the Earth is the Owner of It"

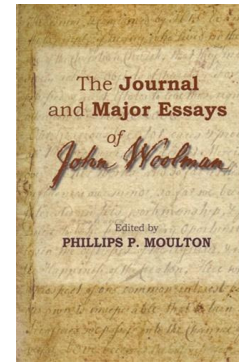
"The Creator of the earth is the owner of it. He gave us being thereon, and our nature requires nourishment which is the produce of it. As he is kind and merciful, we as his creatures, while we live answerable to the design of our creation, we are so far entitled to a convenient subsistence that no man may justly deprive us of it. By the agreements and contracts of our fathers and predecessors, and by doings and proceedings of our own, some claim a much greater share of this world than others; and whilst those possessions are faithfully improved to the good of the whole, it consists with equity. But he who with a view to self-exaltation causeth some with their domestic animals to labour immoderately, and with the moneys arising to him therefrom employs others in the luxuries of life, acts contrary to the gracious design of him who is the true owner of the earth; nor can any possessions, either acquired or derived from ancestors, justify such conduct."

Excerpt from "A Plea for the Poor," pp. 239–40, in *The Journal and Major Essays of John Woolman*, edited by Phillips P. Moulton — available to purchase on the FUM Bookstore.

### *A Declaration from the harmless and innocent people of God, called Quakers*

*The spirit of Christ, by which we are guided, is not changeable, so as once to command us from a thing as evil and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know, and so testify to the world, that the spirit of Christ, which leads us into all Truth, will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the kingdom of Christ, nor for the kingdoms of this world.*

~ George Fox, Gerald Roberts, Henry Fell, Richard Hubberthorn, John Boulton, John Hinde, John Stubbs, Leonard Fell, John Furley Jnr., Francis Howgill, Samuel Fisher, Thomas Moore



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Barbara West — May 1

A Kimmy & Emily Pell — May 6

B Jackie Cole — May 14

## CUOC for May:

Spaghetti Noodles

## March Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 8,693.01
Expenses:	\$ 9,249.28
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 31,198.64

**Give to Asheboro Friends Meeting** online at [www.asheborofriends.org](http://www.asheborofriends.org). Support our ministries by clicking on the "Give to AFM" icon supported by our partnership with Tithe.ly and following the simple instructions. Use your smart phone by scanning the QR code located on the front cover of this newsletter.

## In Case You Were Wondering...

How do cicadas make noise? The cicada sound is created by tymbals, which are specialized structures found on the abdomen of the males. Male cicadas can make the sound by vibrating abdominal muscles quickly which then cause the tymbals to move and create the sound. Along with buzzing and squawking, cicadas are also known to produce rhythmic ticks, high-pitched whines, and an even more musical-sounding song. Despite the sometimes deafening sounds they produce and the fact that they are descending upon us by the millions this spring, cicadas are harmless, to both humans and our pets.



## Randolph Christian Men's Ministry

### Men's Night Out

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

@ 6:15pm Dinner with Worship to follow

West Asheboro Church of God  
197 Lewallen Rd., Asheboro, NC

Guest Speaker:  
Johnny Craven



More Info: Chuck Powers 704-213-0962

Plan To Attend and Bring A Friend





# Ladies' Bible Study

DairiO has sponsored a Men's Bible Study each Wednesday morning for several years. Sixty-two ladies attended the first Ladies' Bible Study on Thursday March 14, 2024!


All ladies are invited to attend each Thursday at 8:30 am.

**All ladies welcome! There is no charge! Yes, FREE!**


FUM's annual Stoking the Fire retreat will be held May 17-19, 2024 at Friends United Meeting headquarters in Richmond, Indiana, in conjunction with Quaker Hill Conference Center. This annual retreat is for those afire with the Holy Spirit, who seek deeper faith and bolder witness. Through worship, learning, and fellowship, we will open ourselves to Christ's presence, and allow the Spirit to work within us as we seek together to explore our fire. Early registration discount ended April 1, 2024. Register now at <https://www.friendsunitedmeeting.org/connect/stoking-the-fire>



**Randolph Christian Men**  
CUOC Food Benefit Breakfast  
9 am June 1, 2024  
West Asheboro Church of God  
197 Lewallen Rd., Asheboro, NC

*focus on the CANs*  *and not the CAN'Ts*

**Special Guest Speaker**  
Former Pittsburgh Steeler  
**Tim Worley**



## Asheboro Friends Prayer List May 1, 2024

### Members

- Becky Boone
- Carol Bullins
- Jackie & Pat Cole
- Susie Dunn
- Ava Grace Fogleman
- Bret Lambert
- Linda Lanier
- Helen Marley
- Carol Meiers
- Danica Pierce
- Mary Ella Pugh
- Chris Sexton
- Esther Underwood
- Family of Danny West
- Tina Williams
- Vernon Wilson
- Hal & Jan Winslow

### Hospitals & Nursing Homes

- Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:
  - Harry Hudson
- Kindred Hospital Greensboro:
  - Gil Sides
- Rose Glen Manor Assisted Living:
  - Becky Craven
- Sandy Ridge Memory Care:
  - Linda Moody
- Terra Bella:
  - Hal Powell

### Law Enforcement & Services

- Jeremy Callicutt
- Evan Underwood
- Stephen Vaughn
- Asheboro Police Department
- Asheboro Fire Department
- Randolph County Sheriff's Office

### Missions

- Chosen People Ministries - The Arnolds
- Gideon Ministries
- HASTEN International
- Nikki Holland—Belize
- Lydia's Place
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors & CUOC
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- The Friends Center MOWA
- Jonathan Spainhour

### Ministers & Staff

- David Millikan
- David Peters
- Cynthia Pierce
- Mike Wall

Please submit additions to our prayer list:  
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### Friends

- Charles Allen
- Judy Barnes
- Julia Barnes
- Alice Beasley
- Logan Brooks
- Suzanne Brown
- Barbara Bullin
- Larry Byrd
- Ethan Clarke (cancer)
- Eddie Coggins
- Betty Cox
- Carson Daves
- Gwen Davis
- Ann White Felton
- Rita Bass Ford
- Angela Frye
- Vickie Frye (cancer)
- Ruby Gainey
- Treva Gallimore
- Family of Gary Harris
- Ricky Harris
- Roger Hatchel (cancer)
- Frank Horton
- Pat Hussey
- Bill Ivey
- Karen Jacobs
- Rick Johnson
- Karan Kemp
- Ray Lambe
- Ben Lewis (cancer)
- Twyla Little
- Libby McNeil
- Jeremy Moore
- Renee Nelson
- Tony Norris
- Don Osborne
- Jackie Parks
- Linda Poole (cancer)
- Loyd Pugh (cancer)
- Kaffy Reynolds
- Jennifer Ruff (cancer)
- Ron Smith
- Darrell Swaney
- Pam Thomas
- Brenda & Donald Tucker
- Joe & Michelle Weaver
- Dolan Williams
- Claude Winslow

**Our World, Israel & The Ukraine**  
**Asheboro Friends Meeting & Kids Klub**  
**Friends Church of NC & Contentnea Quarter**  
**Friends Disaster Service**  
**First Responders & Healthcare Workers**  
**All Our Elected Officials**  
**Unspoken Requests & Unsaved Family & Friends**







**NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!**

*Sleep in Heavenly Peace* (SHP) is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering hand-made, fully furnished beds to children in need. SHP's mission is to tackle childhood bedlessness, which we estimate to affect nearly 3% of the population.

Along with CUOC, other local churches, and individuals we are starting a local chapter of SHP in Asheboro and Randolph County. A group met with Skip Sevier, the Regional Support Lead Southeast, via Zoom to learn more and begin working!

You can support our Randolph/Asheboro chapter in any or all of the areas listed below. You have one or more God-given talents that will enhance the lives of children in need.

Once we are organized and running this is how the process works!



**Anyone and everyone of any skill level can be a part of this ministry!**

**Please be in prayer how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity in our town!**

## Letter from Belize

from Belize City, Nikki Holland writes:

### Love Notes to Belize

The book I have been working on is coming along swimmingly. We have over forty contributors who have written poetry, short stories, personal essays, songs—anything you can think of! Our writings offer glimpses of the beauty and brutality of life in Belize, and of many aspects of FUM's ministry here. Many of the contributions were written at workshops that I held for this purpose. We had workshops for the school kids, the church young adults, and the staff. These were some of the most joyous experiences of my life. It was enchanting to see kids (and adults) surprise themselves with their own creativity—and be shocked by how much they enjoyed the process! This book is truly a work of love and joy, and I am so excited for you to read it when it comes out!

### Young Adults

Our wonderful young adults, who have long been the backbone of Belize Friends Church, have come together to form a young adults group. They are also assuming significant responsibility with our church board. In addition to having Young Adult representatives, our treasurer and recording clerk are both young adults. Our group meets twice a month, usually: once at church for spiritual conversations and food, and once in my home for fellowship and food (always food with young people!). We have come to the part of their development that I will be stepping back this month and releasing them to plan and execute April's activities on their own. I am here for questions and to assist them with anything that they need, of course, but I felt it was important that they practice this stuff "without me" before they are really without me. I have full confidence in these awesome young men and women!



**Upcoming Event**

# CAR WASH / Yard Sale

**Friday & Saturday, June 14-15, 2024**

**Help Our Kids Help Other Kids  
Proceeds donated to the three  
Asheboro Friends Class Act Teams  
for beginning of school supplies**



**How can you help?**



- 1. Rent a yard sale table for only \$25.00 and keep all the money you make. (Contact Cynthia Pierce.)**
- 2. Donate items for the Kids Klub tables.**
- 3. Get your vehicles hand washed and detailed.**
- 4. Come purchase items for sale.**
- 5. Donate Money.**

