

Quaker Quote

It would go a great way to caution and direct People in their Use of the World, that they were better studied and known in the Creation of it. For how could Man find the Confidence to abuse it, while they should see the Great Creator stare them in the Face, in all and every part thereof?

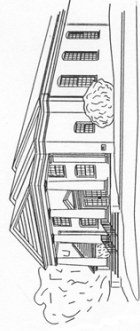
~ William Penn, 1644-1718

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

~ Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

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"I Have Called You Friends"

John 15:15

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July 1, 2024

Ghosts Of The Past

By Aaron Weaver

I prayed to God to help me help others with my writing. Then this idea for my author page appeared in my head. I have been going through some difficult grieving lately and wanted to reach others going through the same feelings.

A lonesome old man walked briskly in his home on a warm night along the coast at exactly five till seven. He had this time marked in his head every Sunday evening to prepare himself a meal for dinner. Five till was the time Benson and Maddie would be almost done watching their favorite sitcom. Though the aged man walked with a limp he was able to move rapidly. The wreck that brought on this impairment hadn't hindered his movement in ages. He had learned and adapted, and life had moved on. Benson and Maddie did not come as seven o'clock rolled subtly around. The gentleman then proceeded to dig in, sitting at the chair he always used. The seagulls called to him as if beckoning him outside. He washed the dishes just as his wife Rebecca preferred. She had always been a little particular with cleanliness. The ocean was beautiful and not a soul walked the beach or swam in the waters. Most of the area's residents had either moved or stopped coming as the seaside village was fairly dead.

He set his towel on the beach as the moonlight began to overtake the sunset. Still, his family was late to their evening Sunday ritual. The man took no mind and laid his head against the towel, gazing at the stars. The universe seemed to spin in the sky, as if the world were a top, going round and round. Then he succumbed to his drowsiness and was fast asleep. Soon he opened his eyes to see that Rebecca had finally joined him. She was crying, dripping tears into the parched sediment.

"Rebecca, what's the matter, dear?" he asked solemnly. She said nothing in return. "I'm glad you came."

"You know we haven't lived here for a long time."

"I know," he replied after a long pause.

"How do you like your new place?" asked the man.

"You shouldn't call it that; but it's not as nice knowing you're like this."

"Like what honey?"

"Stuck," she replied simply. "Darling, the wreck was over ten years ago. We've been dead for a long time. And you're still here." Her eyes emitted even more tears.

"I can't—"

"You have to," interrupted Rebecca. "We need to know you're ok. It's ok for life to change. It's our job to change with it."

"I'll lose you forever," he whimpered softly, eyes watering.

"No baby, not forever." Their lips met for the briefest of moments before the stars welcomed him back. An echo, as if from beyond, bid him farewell with, "We'll wait for you."

The man now lives in the countryside in the Midwest. He makes dinner when he is hungry and enjoys his time as a retired salesman from the beachside town. He operates on his own time, watching his shows, moving along his routine. He can't wait for the day he joins his departed family, but is content and happy until then.

Grief is an element that acts as an anchor. It is attached to that which we have lost. We must feel this pain to release it. But to go through life without allowing it to leave is to deprive ourselves of future happiness.

Let it go....

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

A Charlie & Julia Cook — July 9

B Dianne Hodges — July 9

B Bill Hodges — July 12

B Mandy Davidson — July 13

CUOC for July

Chef Boyardee

May Financial Report:

Income: \$ 8,001.00

Expenses: \$ 9,776.48

Gen Fund Balance: \$ 30,739.59

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In friendship...we think we have chosen our peers. In reality a few years' difference in the dates of our births, a few more miles between certain houses, the choice of one university instead of another...the accident of a topic being raised or not raised at a first meeting--any of these chances might have kept us apart. But, for a Christian, there are, strictly speaking no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to the disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, "Ye have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another." The friendship is not a reward for our discriminating and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others.

— C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

Sowing the Seed of Truth Arrives

From the introduction, by editor Sabrina Darnowsky:

"When he was 43 years old and had been a minister for five years, Murray Shipley obtained a 9-by-14-inch bound blank book with 282 ruled and numbered pages, similar to the record books used by his Quaker meeting for its business minutes. He filled the first dozen or so pages with systematic notes from his studies of the Bible, typically focusing on a single word like comfort or riches, and then writing a long list of scriptures that contained that word, forming his own personal concordance. Sometimes he expressed a few of his own thoughts on the subject; at other times he included quotations from the work of prominent Protestant preachers and scholars, demonstrating his own evangelical ecumenism. Eventually, he began writing out his own sermons.

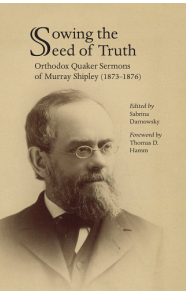
"Nearly half of the sermons included the date and occasionally the place and time when the message was given. It is uncertain whether the undated sermons were not delivered or were simply not identified in the same way as the others. Of those that were geographically labeled, nine were delivered in Cincinnati; three in New Burlington, Ohio (about fifty miles north of Cincinnati); and one in Newport, Rhode Island. In the late spring of 1874, Shipley and several members of his family began more than a year-long stay in Kendal, England. While overseas he preached several sermons in Kendal; one each in Darlington, Kent, and Liverpool, England; and one possibly in Switzerland.

"The majority of his messages were delivered on Sunday, presumably during morning worship, although several were given on weekdays, possibly at a mid-week or evening meeting. Others, however, were shared at venues outside of worship. The message in Darlington was given at a First-Day School Conference, and one in Kendal was at the Kendal Mission Meeting.

"Although Shipley stated that he sought to deliver his messages 'as [God] sees is suited and suitable at the time,' the chronology of his journal suggests that he at least occasionally broke with the old Quaker tradition of impromptu preaching and wrote down his messages in advance. For example, the first sermon in his journal has a delivery date of March 14, 1875, while the next one with a date was given on May 26, 1873, indicating that his first sermon was written about two years before it was spoken. He even delivered one particular sermon on two separate occasions: once in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 1, 1873 and again in Kendal, England on June 10, 1874. This sidestepped a longstanding Quaker injunction against reusing sermon material, lest it not meet the immediate needs of the moment. The last date given to a sermon was October 30, 1876. . .

"Despite periodic deviations from historical preaching practices, Shipley shared with early Quaker ministers a common desire: to turn his listeners toward God and encourage them to lead pure and loving lives, not because of religious tradition or outward dictates, but because of an inner transformation that resulted from a direct experience of the divine."

Friends United Press is delighted to announce that *Sowing the Seed of Truth: Orthodox Quaker Sermons of Murray Shipley (1873–1876)*, edited by Sabrina Darnowsky, is now available.



Christians United Outreach Center
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Randolph's
Got Talent
Variety Show

Funds Support the
Ministries of CUOC

AVS Banquet Centre
Friday, July 19, 2024 6:30 PM
Tickets are \$60.00
Includes Dinner and the Show

Contestants Include:

Brandon Shepherd

Denise Wilson

Makaylah Hunter



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. We will go for training in August, but fund raising is being done at this time.

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!

Asheboro Friends Prayer List July 1, 2024

Members

- Becky Boone
- Carol Bullins
- Jackie & Pat Cole
- Susie Dunn
- Ava Grace Fogleman
- Linda Lanier
- Twyla Little
- Helen Marley
- Carol Meiers
- Family of Linda Moody
- Mary Ella Pugh
- Esther Underwood
- Family of Danny West
- Tina Williams
- Vernon Wilson
- Hal & Jan Winslow

Hospitals & Nursing Homes

- Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:
 - Harry Hudson
- Rose Glen Manor Assisted Living:
 - Becky Craven
- Terra Bella:
 - Hal Powell

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

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- Friends Disaster Service
- Gideon Ministries
- HASTEN International
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- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
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- Vickie Frye
- Ruby Gainey
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- Ricky Harris
- Frank Horton
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- Rick Johnson
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- Yvonne Maness
- Libby McNeil
- Jeremy Moore
- Renee Nelson
- Tony Norris
- Don Osborne
- Jackie Parks
- Linda Poole
- Loyd Pugh
- Kaffy Reynolds
- Jennifer Ruff
- Family of Gil Sides
- Ron & Judy Smith
- Darrell Swaney
- Pam Thomas
- Tanya Trogdon
- Joe & Michelle Weaver
- Dolan Williams
- Claude Winslow

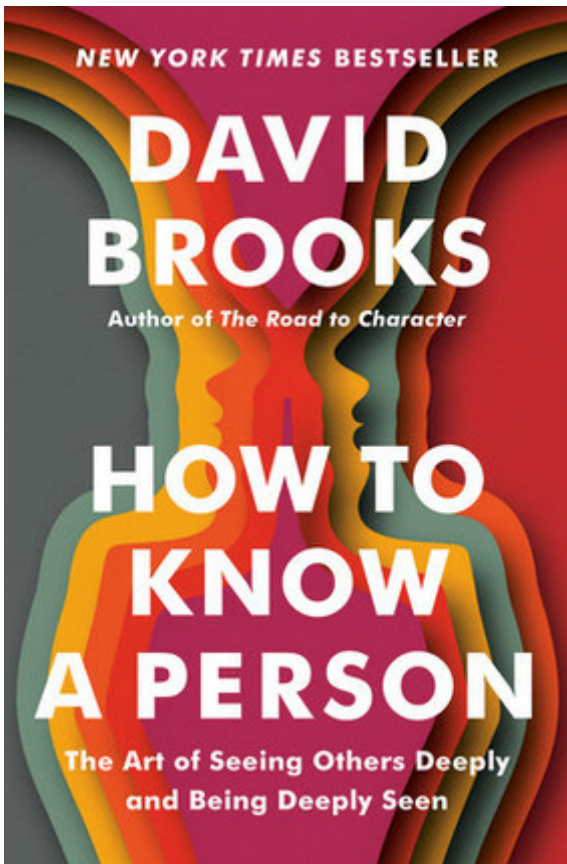


Our World, Israel & The Ukraine
Asheboro Friends Meeting & Kids Klub
Friends Church of NC & Contentnea Quarter
First Responders & Healthcare Workers
All Our Elected Officials
Unspoken Requests & Unsaved Family & Friends

Please submit additions to our prayer list:
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FUM Will Host Book Study Group

“Wise people don’t just possess information; they possess a compassionate understanding of other people.”
—David Brooks



This fall, Friends United Meeting will host conversations based on the book *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*, by David Brooks. This book study offers an opportunity for deepening relationships and communities.

David Brooks writes:

The real act of, say, building a friendship or creating community involves performing a series of small, concrete social actions well: disagreeing without poisoning the relationship; revealing vulnerability at the appropriate pace; being a good listener; knowing how to end a conversation gracefully; knowing how to ask for and offer forgiveness; knowing how to let someone down without breaking their heart; knowing how to sit with someone who is suffering; knowing how to host a gathering where everyone feels embraced; knowing how to see things from another’s point of view.

Brooks’s list of social actions recalls the familiar verse from Galatians 5:22-23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

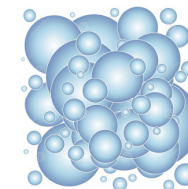
Please complete the online form at this link to let us know of your interest and availability: https://bit.ly/FUM_book_2024.

If a broadened and deepened sense of community and connectedness is something you desire, please complete the interest form and consider joining us this fall.
— Michael Sherman

Kids Klub News

What Fun it was!

Foam 'n Fun
Friday, June 21 4:00 PM



Yard Sale / CAR WASH



Thank You !! You're the best!
To everyone who donated items, bought items,
brought your car to be washed, or helped out !!!

Friday & Saturday, June 14-15, 2024

Kids Helping Kids

**\$1,692.30 donated to the three
Asheboro Friends Class Act Teams
for beginning of school supplies**

