

Asheboro Community Bible Study

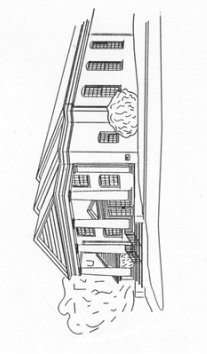
The 2024-2025 Study at Asheboro Friends Meeting is concluding. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM. Our study will resume in September with the Book of Psalms.

Blessed is the man

*who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

— *Psalms 1:1-2 (ESV)*

Registration is open and the cost is \$35.00 per adult. For more information contact Jay Brownfield at 336-653-9002 or visit the website at <https://asheboroeve.cbssclass.org/>



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“I Have Called You Friends”

John 15:15

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A Meditation from Alexander C. Purdy – April 4, 2025

A RELIGION OF TRIUMPH

They . . . asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or seasons, which the Father hath set within his own authority. But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

— Acts 1:6-8

These familiar verses set forth both the passing and the permanent aspects of vital religion. The disciples were mistaken in their belief that the kingdom of Israel was to be restored; it was the Kingdom of God which was beginning to come. They were mistaken in their obsession with “times and seasons”; these are in God’s hand. They were mistaken in thinking there was nothing for them to do but wait for the coming of the Kingdom; they were to be powerful witnesses, in word and life, “when the Holy Spirit is come upon you”.

The glorious End they had anticipated was a fresh Beginning. We set goals before us, some of which are achieved but even the achieved goals turn out to be new beginnings. A young man looks forward to graduation from college, to a job or a profession, to marriage and a home of his own. Each desired goal is the beginning of life on a new level with fresh responsibilities and opportunities.

God’s purposes are sure and the Christian’s faith in the ultimate triumph of the Kingdom of God is the motive power of his life on this earth. His responsibility, however, is not to map out “times and seasons”, but to witness in his personal and social relations to the creative power of the Spirit which has laid hold upon him.

Already in the mind of God that City riseth fair,
Lo, how its splendor challenges the souls that greatly dare,
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glory there.

Reprinted from Quaker Meditations, edited by Cecil E. Haworth, reprinted 1989.

Alexander C. Purdy was for several years Professor of Religion at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, and for more than a score of years on the faculty of Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Zachary Peters — April 2
B Nell McCombs — April 3
B Lily Peters — April 5
B Lisa Sexton — April 5
B Susie Dunn — April 6
B LaRue Kinney — April 7
B Stephen Vaughn — April 8
B Aaron Weaver — April 14

CUOC for April

Canned Potatoes

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February Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 8,529.12
Expenses:	\$ 10,249.26
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 35,082.24

Soup's On

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00-7:00 PM

**First Baptist Church
Family Life Center**

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

You get the meal, a locally made pottery bowl and a chance to win a large screen 4K Ultra HD Smart TV.

Tickets must be purchased in advanced.
There is a Silent Auction Also.

Proceeds to local charities: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Randolph Christian Men, and Regional Consolidated Services (handicap ramp fund)

Excerpt: “...His light to believe in...”

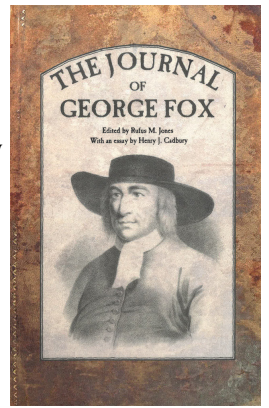
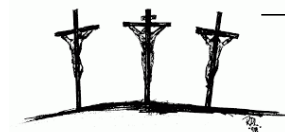
When I myself was in the deep, shut up under all, I could not believe that I should ever overcome; my troubles, my sorrows, and my temptations were so great that I thought many times I should have despaired, I was so tempted. But when Christ opened to me how He was tempted by the same devil, and overcame him and bruised his head, and that through Him and His power, light, grace, and Spirit, I should overcome also, I had confidence in Him; so He it was that opened to me when I was shut up and had no hope nor faith. Christ, who had enlightened me, gave me His light to believe in; He gave me hope, which He Himself revealed in me, and He gave me His Spirit and grace, which I found sufficient in the deeps and in weakness.

“Thus, in the deepest miseries, and in the greatest sorrows and temptations, that many times beset me, the Lord in His mercy did keep me.”

— Excerpt from *The Journal of George Fox*, edited by Rufus M. Jones, pp.74–75, available to purchase as paperback or ebook from the FUM Online Bookstore.“

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Christian Faith. Without it, the cross would be a tragedy without hope, and our preaching would be in vain. But with the resurrection, we see the full revelation of God’s power and love. It assures us that death has been conquered, and it gives the believer the blessed hope of eternal life. Easter is not merely an event of the past; it is the living reality of Christ’s ongoing presence and victory in the life of every believer.

— E.Y. Mullins



NCYM Inc. Annual Meeting

April 26, 2025

Quaker Lake Camp 10:00 AM

NCYM Inc. is a trustee organization which holds title to Quaker Lake Camp and manages an endowment fund for Quaker missions and benevolent funds. It includes representatives from both the North Carolina Fellowship of Friends and from Friends Church of North Carolina.

NC USFW Spring Conference

May 3, 2025

9:00 -10:00 am Registration & Bookstore
10:00 am —12:00 pm Program & Business
12:00 pm Luncheon (catered \$15.00)

Quaker Lake Camp

Speakers: Max & Jane Carter

NCQM Spring Fling



May 5, 2025 6:01 PM

Deep River Friends Meeting

Speaker: Gilbert Imbayi

Cost of the meal is \$15.00

Offering will go to NCYM projects.

Quaker Lake Camp 75th Anniversary Celebration



June 7, 2025

All past and present campers, volunteers, staff, and friends of QLC are invited to celebrate as we enjoy a day of activities, fellowship, worship, and fun.

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.

Our NC-Randolph County chapter has delivered 58 beds to kids in Asheboro and Ramseur. Southern Quarterly Meeting is collecting funds for SHP with \$9,450.00 so far and is planning to sponsor a Build Day this spring. The Rotary Interact Clubs at Southwestern Randolph High School and Uwharrie Charter Academy had a Build Day on Saturday, March 8 and built 40 beds. They also donated bedding for eleven children.

Checks may be made to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (indicate NC-Randolph Co chapter in the memo line). Mail to SHP NC-Randolph Co Chapter, PO Box 206, Asheboro, NC 27204. We are also accepting donations of twin size mattresses, mattress protectors, twin sheets, twin comforters/quilts, pillows, and pillowcases. All items must be new or hand-made. Twin size bed-in-a-bag sets are perfect. Bring to Asheboro Friends or to CUOC.



DONATIONS

Individual, Businesses and Organizations
Donate Bedding and Building Materials



VOLUNTEERS

Individual, Businesses and Organizations
team up with local chapters and organize a build day



BUILD DAY

Volunteers from the community build beds together



APPLICATION

Apply to receive a free bed for a kid sleeping on the floor



DELIVERY

Volunteers deliver and set up beds for families in need



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Kids sleep peacefully in hand-built beds of their very own

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 April 4, 2025

Members

Alyssa Bachman
Becky Boone
Carol Bullins
Jackie & Pat Cole
Susie Dunn
Ava Grace Fogleman
Family of Harry Hudson
Linda Lanier
Helen Marley
Carol Meiers
Mary Ella Pugh
Esther Underwood
Tina Williams
Vernon Wilson
Hal & Jan Winslow
Brenda Yelverton



Friends

Thomas Atkins
Linda Bailey
Judy Barnes
Julia Barnes
Alice Beasley
Emma Briles
Logan Brooks
Suzanne Brown
Barbara Bullin
Roger Bryant
Ethan Clarke
Betty Cox
Betty Davis
Gwen Davis
Candie Evavold
Craig Frazier
Angela Frye
Vickie Frye
Ruby Gainey
Treva Gallimore
Gail Henley
Mary Hunt
Tracy Hunt
Pat Hussey
Bill Ivey
Karen Jacobs
Rick Johnson
Elaine Marley Kerns
Ray Lambe
Ben Lewis
Charles Lewis
Libby McNeil
Jeremy Moore
Renee Nelson
Tony Norris
Linda Poole
Family of Chuck Powers
Dorothy Priest
Ralph & Peggy Reaves
Kaffy Reynolds
Sandra Kay Rich
Linda Roberts
Jennifer Ruff
Maxine Sechrest
Phil Shepard
Robert Small
Family of Jerry Southard
Family of Eva Smith
Ron & Judy Smith
Darrell Swaney
Pam Thomas
Tanya Trogdon
Sarah VonHofen
Alice Wilson
Claude Winslow



Hospitals & Nursing Homes

Rose Glen Manor Assisted Living:
Becky Craven
Terra Bella:
Hal Powell

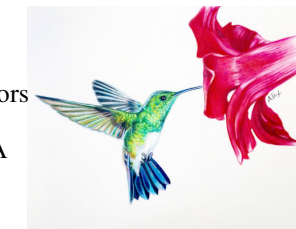


Law Enforcement & Services

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

Missions

Life in Messiah - The Arnolds
Class Act
CUOC
Gideon Ministries
HASTEN International
Belize Friends Center
Friends Disaster Service
Lydia's Place
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
The Friends Center MOWA
Jonathan Spainhour



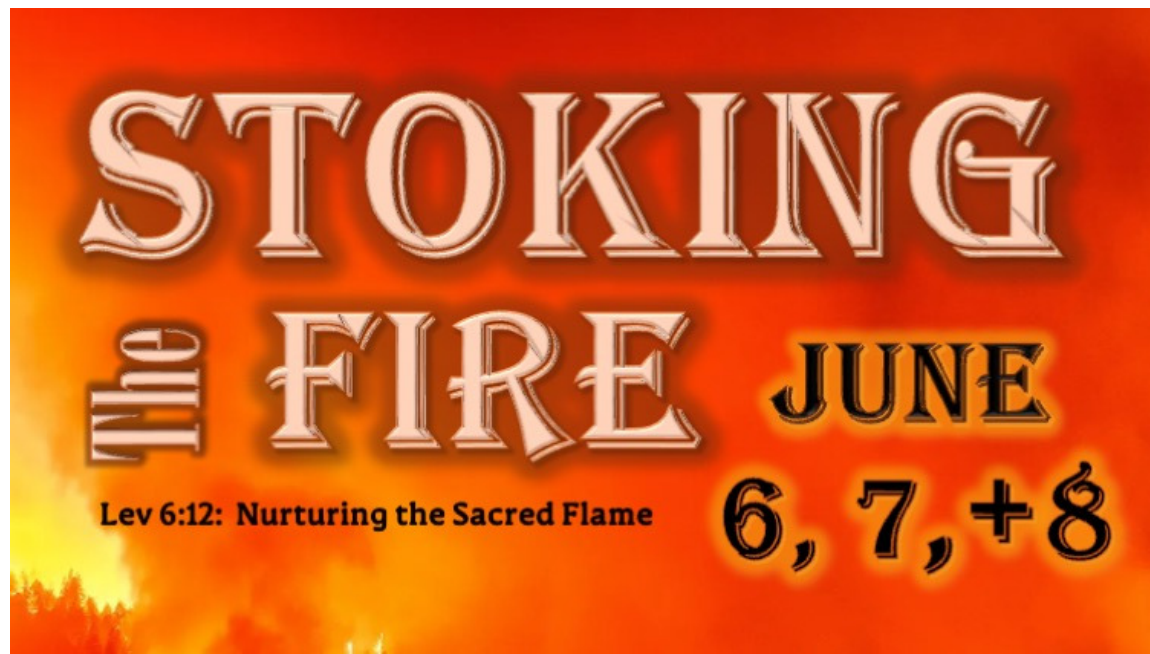
Ministers & Staff

David Millikan
David Peters
Cynthia Pierce
Mike Wall

Please submit additions to our prayer list:
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Hurricane Helene Victims
Hurricane Milton Victims
Our World,
Israel & The Ukraine
Asheboro Friends Meeting
Kids Klub
Friends Church of NC
Contentnea Quarter
First Responders
Healthcare Workers
All Our Ected Officials
Unspoken Requests
Unsaved Family & Friends



Nurturing the flame; this is a shift of attention from external to internal. “There is always going to be something ‘out there’ to focus on and distract us, but we need to spend quality time taking a look in the mirror at ourselves first”—Shawn Ginwright.

Pentecost is a celebration of the Holy Spirit. The light of Christ within is precious and needs care and attention. Anyone who has been camping knows there is work involved in keeping the fire going. Like how David prayed in Psalm 51:11+12: “Cast me not away from Your presence; take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit.”

For us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds we must spend the time and do the work allowing truth to speak to us, in us, and then be made manifest through us. Taking a cue from Shawn Ginwright’s book *The Four Pivots; Reimagining Justice, Reimagining Ourselves*, we will look mostly at reimagining ourselves. Speakers Gabrielle Bailey, Kelly Kellum, Michael Sherman, and Scott Wagoner will invite us to reflect internally on four areas of personal spiritual care: awareness, vision, connection, and presence.

Often, we focus so much on what everyone else is doing, on the rightness or wrongness of others’ actions, that we are not able to see the truth of our own spiritual reality. We are so busy speaking truth to power that we have neglected the power we possess in ourselves of a healed heart and transformed life. How do we shift from an external view of power to an internal view of power?

Often, individuals and faith communities focus so much on fixing the problem that we are not able to see the creative possibilities before us. What shifts do we need to make to move from solving problems to seeing possibilities?

Often, we focus so much on striking a deal to win now that we are unable to see long-term consequences. What shifts in connection do we need to make which value and acknowledge ‘that of God’ in each other?

Often, we focus so much on crossing items off our to-do lists that we are not able to simply be. How do we shift perspective, so we are able to move joyously between accountability and grace, knowing we are holy and beloved?

Register at: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/FriendsUnitedMeeting/tokingTheFire2025Leviticus612NurturingTheFlame>

Kids Klub News



Upcoming Event



CAR WASH / Yard Sale

(Saturday ONLY)

Friday & Saturday, June 6-7, 2025

**Help Our Kids Help Other Kids
Proceeds (50/50) donated to
Samaritan’s Purse for Western NC
& Sleep in Heavenly Peace NC-Randolph**



How can you help?



- 1. Rent a yard sale table for only \$25.00 and keep all the money you make. (Contact Cynthia Pierce. ASAP)**
- 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.**

