

Asheboro Community Bible Study

The 2023-2024 Study began at Asheboro Friends Meeting on September 11, 2023. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:45 AM.

In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

— *Psalms 18:6 (ESV)*

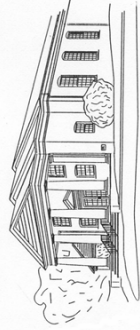
The study will cover the following books: Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, & Ephesians. Registration is now open and the cost is \$35.00 for each adult.

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"I Have Called You Friends"

John 15:15

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A Meditation from Bernie Slice

As we get older and our bodies and minds cease to work the way they used to, we are restricted by what we can and will do. Our interests in certain things fade and we can't seem to find anything that we find worth spending our time on. We search daily for things to keep us busy but get depressed with the options we find available.

How about a nice walk?

I can't do that anymore because my knees and legs are shot. I can barely make it to the mailbox and back.

How about reading a book?

Well, I might find one I might be interested in but my eyes ache after reading a while and I get a headache.

How about calling a friend?

They may be too busy to talk to me and some of them don't like to be disturbed during the day and they go to bed early in the evenings.

How about going shopping?

At my age, there is very little I really need. Besides, I can't walk that much in these huge stores.

How about watching something interesting on TV?

TV during the day is filled with just game shows, old movies I have seen a hundred times, and junk shows, as I call them. Besides, the news is very depressing to watch these days.

With this attitude, life can be very dull and boring. We can easily get depressed and it is hard to find meaning in our lives. So, what should we do?

If we stop and look around we can find many good, life-enriching things of interest to do. There certainly is no shortage of needs in this world today. There are people who are hungry right here in our neighborhood. Look for a church or organization packing bags of groceries for those in need of food and go join them. You don't have to stand up for all activities.

You may find that the local library needs volunteers to help sort books or other tasks.

You might want to join a quilting group or a club for those who are getting up in years.

Talk to your pastor or someone who is connected to one of these organizations and find out where you might fit in.

Go to a local elementary or preschool and volunteer to read to the students there who are struggling with reading.

The simple fact is that God doesn't want us to be unhappy with our lives. In all stages of our lives, He gives us things to do to further His kingdom. We don't have to sit idly by and feel sorry for ourselves even if we live alone and have very little family ties. Get up! Get out! Get active! Don't sit and rot like an old tree stump sitting beside a trail. That's not what God intended for our lives. God wants us to LIVE our life! Even if we are not in good health God has things for us to do. Just give it a try. God will do the rest to make every day fulfilling and meaningful to us. May God fill our life with more good things than we can do!

Cover painting *Old Weathered Garage* by Bernie Slice



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.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace had its start like many other charities, in a garage. It was Christmas time, a time of joy and happiness, a time of giving and love, but also a time of bitter, cold weather and snowstorms. A project, that was started with the build of one bed for a single family developed into something a whole lot more. With wood left over from the first bunk, another idea was created. "Who else could benefit from this bunk"?

A simple post on Facebook sparked an unexpected response. What was thought would be a litter of requests from needy families, turned into a litany of local people eager to help and volunteer. The generosity of these volunteers was so surprising that it was no longer a search for one who needed a bed, but a question of how many beds we could provide. From there, the idea grew into reality. We can make a difference.

Asheboro Friends actively supports the Neighbors Helping Neighbors ministry of CUOC. We are exploring the opportunity to partner with SHP and perhaps build a local chapter of SHP in Asheboro and Randolph County.

We will go to Carthage in Moore County on Saturday, January 20 to participate in a build and learn more! You are invited to come be a part of this exciting opportunity!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Helen Marley — January 18

CUOC for January:

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Feeding Locals First: Leggings, Hoodies, Fleece PJ Pants, Sweat Pants and Shirts, Coats, Bath Robes, Long Knee Socks, Fuzzy Socks, Thick Socks, Boots for Men (10, 10 ½, 11, or 12) and Ladies (8, 8 ½ or 9), Reflector Jackets or Other Reflective Clothing for Homeless Traveling Across 64, Rain Gear, Big Thick Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Tents, Tarps, Sterno, Large Fat Candles, Large Bottles of Hand Sanitizers, Lil Green Coleman Propane Tanks, Propane Heaters and Stoves, Hand Warmers & Body Warmers, Gloves, Ear Muffs

December Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 6,808.00
Expenses:	\$ 9,363.16
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 34,084.34

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Everything, all beauty and rightness, seems to turn upon a right subordination of the outward to the inward, the transient to the permanent, in our lives and thoughts. Yet this right subordination cannot be achieved in a hurry. If we are to learn to assign to the weightiest matters their true place and predominance, we must allow ourselves, or rather we must steadily resolve to secure for ourselves, quietness enough not only to know our own minds, but to listen to the still small voice of conscience, or of God, speaking in our own hearts.

~ Caroline Stephen, 1834-1909



CLASS ACT

*A Partnership with Faith Based
Community & Asheboro City Schools*

Goal: To create small groups (Class Acts) who will adopt a classroom in one of the five Elementary Schools in the City of Asheboro.

Who oversees this project?

A joining of two local groups: Randolph Christian Men's Ministry and the Faith Based Advisory Council that meets with the Superintendent four times each year. Chuck Powers is the Group Chairman.

Who can participate?

Anyone who registers to either be a Team Captain or be a Team Member.

How does this work?

Team Captains and their small group will decide what they want to do for their adopted classroom. The school system will provide guidelines on those things that might be out of bounds for a team.

How do we get started?

The faith community will be invited to a community gathering. The school system along with our Class Act planning committee will explain this project and gather registrations for those who will sign up to be a Captain or a Team Member.

When will this Community Gathering take place?

Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Asheboro High School

How will people know about this event?

We will distribute invitation cards to hand out to congregation members and interested individuals.

What happens after this gathering?

Those who register as Team Captains will be contacted and will be invited to a Captain's meeting to discuss the next step. (Probably an early March meeting.)

Teams will get an opportunity to do something special for their adopted classroom during April/May. We will assess the project when school lets out.

Asheboro Friends Prayer List January 17, 2024

Members

Becky Boone
Carol Bullins
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Sandy Ridge Memory Care:
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Neighbors Helping Neighbors & CUOC
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Larry Byrd
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Eddie Coggins (dialysis/kidney transplant)
Betty Cox
Gwen Davis
Theron Farlow
Vickie Frye (cancer)
Ruby Gainey
Treva Gallimore
Janet & Warren Godwin
Ricky Harris
Roger Hatchel (cancer)
David Horne
Frank Horton
Doris Hughes
Pat Hussey
Bill Ivey
Doris Jacobs
Michael Jacobs
Ray Lambe
Ben Lewis (cancer)
Twyle Little
Libby McNeil
Jeremy Moore
Renee Nelson
Tony Norris
Jackie Parks
Linda Poole (cancer)
Jennifer Ruff (cancer)
Family of Pat Rutherford
Gil Sides
Helen & Richard Small
Pam Thomas
Family of Günther Tlotzek
Jeff Wilder (cancer)
Joe & Michelle Weaver
Dolan Williams
Family of Jasper 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



FUM Plans Billy Britt Fund Event in February

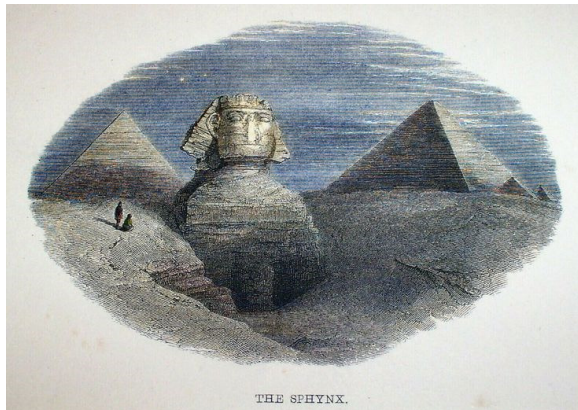
Friends United Meeting is hosting a planned giving event in North Carolina to promote the Billy Britt Fund on February 17, 2024. FUM established the Billy Britt Fund in 2021 to continue the legacy of former North Carolina Yearly Meeting Superintendent Billy Britt through financial support for the North American Ministries of FUM. The gathering will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Friends Homes Guilford, in Greensboro. Friends who attend will learn more about Billy's legacy, as well gain a deeper understanding of FUM's North American Ministries priorities. Participants will also receive helpful information about how to align estate plans with charitable intentions.



Billy's family speaks to attendees at the Billy Britt Fund kickoff event held in November, 2021, at High Point Friends.

Excerpt: Trust

*"The same old baffling questions! O my friend,
I cannot answer them. In vain I send
My soul into the dark, where never burn
The lamps of science, nor the natural light
Of Reason's sun and stars! I cannot learn
Their great and solemn meanings, nor discern
The awful secrets of the eyes which turn
Evermore on us through the day and night
With silent challenge and a dumb demand,
Proffering the riddles of the dread unknown,
Like the calm Sphinxes, with their eyes of stone,
Questioning the centuries from their veils of sand!"*



*I have no answer for myself or thee,
Save that I learned beside my mother's knee;
'All is of God that is, and is to be;
And God is good.' Let this suffice us still,
Resting in childlike trust upon His will
Who moves to His great ends unthwarted by the ill."*

"Trust," by John Greenleaf Whittier, from *The Poetry of John Greenleaf Whittier: A Reader's Edition*, edited by William Jolliff—available to purchase from the FUM Online Bookstore.



Kids Klub News

Games & Puzzles Day



We work together, and the pieces come together!

