

# Asheboro Community Bible Study

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

*I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him.*

— *Ephesians 1:16-17 (ESV)*

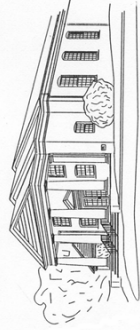
The study of the book of Ephesians began on February 5. Registration is now open and the cost is \$35.00 for each adult.

For more information contact Jay Brownfield at 336-653-9002 or visit the website at <https://asheboroeve.cbclass.org/>.

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“I Have Called You Friends”

John 15:15

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A Meditation from Edgar H. Stranahan - March 15, 2024

### THE REAL FREEDOM

If the Son sets you free, you will really be free.

— John 8:36 (Moffatt) (Read John 8:42-59)

These day resound with the words, “The Four Freedoms”. The ideals set forth in the Four Freedoms of the Atlantic Charter\* appeal to us all. Man, who has been slow to acknowledge his slavery, longs for freedom. Ever since “God tore a bit from near His own heart and put it into man”, man has struggled for freedom.

It is tragic when Christians so far forget that “This is my Father’s world” that they get imprisoned by the fear of “thirteen”, “a phase of the moon”, “a horse shoe”, or “a black cat”. There is One, even Christ, who can and will speak freedom to such a condition.

It is still more calamitous when the voice of conscience or the sound of the “still, small voice” is heard and recognized that there is no response because of the bondage of fear. To be bound by habits, customs, the standards of society, or just plain fear, is to forget our text.

The son does not set free from all restraints, for real “freedom” is submission to law. The physical world is managed by law; no less is the Kingdom where the Son reigns. The laws of the Kingdom are written in the very heart of man. Obedience to Jesus frees from the penalty of transgressed laws, for, whom the Son makes free is really free.

I follow where His Spirit leads,  
My soul upon His message feeds,  
Such glad release.  
I face the future free from care.  
For God is love, and everywhere,  
So struggles cease.

— J. LINDLEY SPICER

*O God, we thank Thee for the precious freedoms which mankind has won by the help of Thy Spirit through the centuries. Help us to cherish them and to increase them in our generation, through Thy help. Amen.*

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

*Edgar H. Stranahan served as minister of the Minneapolis, Minnesota Friends Meeting. He was associated during most of his life with Friends colleges: Wilmington College, Friends University, and William Penn College.*

\* The Atlantic Charter was a joint declaration released by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill on August 14, 1941 providing a broad statement of U.S. and British war aims.

*Cover painting Pawleys Island Scene (watercolor on canvas) by Barnie Slice*

## Excerpt: Religion displayed in the actions of daily life

“Annice (Carter's) life of service offers a view into Quaker work in the world and changing ideas about missions, education, cross-cultural interaction, religion, important political issues, and human relationships. Her direct involvement in so many of these areas offers important insights. Of perhaps even more importance is the opportunity to experience through her life the forces that shape a person into an important contributor to society. Religiously, Annice was clearly imbued with the biblical Christianity of her upbringing. When a fellow missionary in Kenya expressed his opinion that they should avoid expressing themselves in ‘absolute truths,’ Annice responded that the teachings of Jesus were absolute truth. Yet nowhere in her letters is there any indication of a desire to ‘save souls’ or convert the non-Christian students of the schools in Palestine and Kenya to Christianity.....

“For Annice, religion was not worn on the sleeve but displayed in the actions of daily life, and those actions were closely related to the ‘holiness code’ with which she was raised: ‘Sabbath-keeping,’ honesty, hard work, worship attendance, thrift, care for others, modesty, and abstemiousness. In one of her first letters to the FUM Central Office after returning to Ramallah in ’67, she reported that she had never been more disheartened about the Girls and Boys School than she was then. But this discouragement wasn’t about the very trying times under military occupation. Annice was upset that one of the new teachers was wearing a mini-skirt, the principal of the Boys School was serving alcohol in his home, and staff were doing laundry on Sundays. The purpose of Friends education, she believed, was to teach Christianity by example.”

Excerpt from *Annice Carter's Life of Quaker Service*, available to purchase on the FUM Online Bookstore.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Tim Joyce — March 18  
B Sheila Huffman — March 23  
B Kim Wilson — March 26  
B Claire Davidson Beeson — March 29  
B Sawyer Davidson — March 29  
B Salem Davidson Moorefield — March 29  
B Keli Underwood — March 30

## CUOC for March:

Canned Chicken & Dumplings

## Feeding Locals First:

Tuna  
Oodles of Noodles  
Coffee, sugar, creamer packs  
Applesauce cups  
Pudding cups  
Jello cups  
Pop tarts  
Rice Krispie treats  
Nab packs  
Canned fruits  
Cups of cereal  
Mac and cheese cups  
Breakfast Bars  
Beanee Weenee cans



## February Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 7,571.50
Expenses:	\$ 8,532.73
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 31,740.02

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*I was plain, and would have all things done plainly; for I did not seek any outward advantage to myself.*

~ George Fox, 1624-1691



## 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!**

## Ambwere Farm Maize Harvest is Sold

An array of activities is currently happening within the Friends United Meeting sustainability project in Kitale, Kenya—the Ambwere Farm—with the latest activity being the sale and delivery of maize (corn) to the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) in Kitale.



The NCPB is a commercial state corporation in Kenya which works under the Ministry of Agriculture. It provides logistics support services to the government on food security matters and also trades commercially in a variety of cereals, including maize, on behalf of the government.

The NCPB has also been the supplier of the fertilizers that were used during the previous planting season. The process of selling maize at NCPB involves three major steps. First and foremost, a sample of the maize produce is tested for aflatoxin, amongst other components. Once this report is out and the sample has tested negative, the maize is cleaned, separating out the broken pieces of maize, and it is then loaded in trucks and taken to the NCPB depot where it is bagged into the recommended gunny bags weighing fifty kilograms (110.23 pounds).

This exercise is likely to take one week, due to the procedures for inspecting the corn, but so far about 600 bags from the farm have been delivered at the Kitale depot. NCPB is the most suitable market for FUM's corn harvest, since the buying price is favorable and the systems are effective. In addition, we shall be counted among farmers who are contributing to reforms which are informed by the Ministry of Agriculture by transforming the agriculture sector in Kenya and ensuring there is national food and nutritional security, besides ensuring that food is affordable, especially to the needy.

## Asheboro Friends Prayer List March 15, 2024

### Members

Becky Boone  
Carol Bullins  
Jackie & Pat Cole  
Susie Dunn  
Ava Grace Fogleman  
Sheila Huffman  
Linda Lanier  
Helen Marley  
Fred Ownsbey  
Mary Ella Pugh  
Family of Lois Richardson  
Esther Underwood  
Family of Doyle Vaughn  
Family of Danny West  
Tina Williams  
Hal & Jan Winslow

### Hospitals & Nursing Homes

Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:  
Harry Hudson  
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

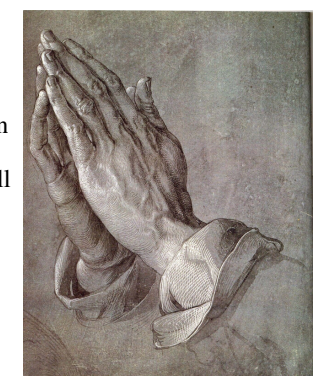
David Millikan  
David Peters  
Cynthia Pierce  
Mike Wall

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

Judy Barnes  
Julia Barnes  
Alice Beasley  
Logan Brooks  
Suzanne Brown  
Barbara Bullin  
Larry Byrd  
Ethan Clarke (cancer)  
Eddie Coggins (kidney transplant on Feb. 1)  
Betty Cox  
Gwen Davis  
Theron Farlow  
Rita Bass Ford  
Vickie Frye (cancer)  
Ruby Gainey  
Treva Gallimore  
Janet & Warren Godwin  
Ricky Harris  
Family of Rusty Hartsell  
Roger Hatchel (cancer)  
Family of David Horne  
Frank Horton  
Pat Hussey  
Bill Ivey  
Rick Johnson  
Karan Kemp  
Ray Lambe  
Ben Lewis (cancer)  
Twyle Little  
Libby McNeil  
Jeremy Moore  
Renee Nelson  
Tony Norris  
Jackie Parks  
Linda Poole (cancer)  
Loyd Pugh (cancer)  
Kaffy Reynolds  
Jennifer Ruff (cancer)  
Gil Sides  
Pam Thomas  
Brenda & Donald Tucker  
Joe & Michelle Weaver  
Jeff Wilder (cancer)  
Dolan Williams  
Claude Winslow  
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**





Class Act Team Leaders gather in the Fellowship Hall at Asheboro Friends on February 29, 2024.

More than fifty Class Act Teams have adopted classrooms in the ACS five elementary schools. A team from Asheboro Friends has adopted the kindergarten class of Ilena Beck at Charles W. McCrary Elementary to help support our own Lisa Sexton. We now have enough signed up to form a second Asheboro Friends Class Act Team!

There will be a Class Act meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 PM to register new participants, adopt more classrooms, and help folks complete the background check necessary to work with the school children in the classrooms. There will also be a break in the meeting at 7:00 PM for a special prayer time for the Class Act program. Please make an effort to attend if you are a participant in the Class Act program.



**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.

Asheboro Friends actively supports the Neighbors Helping Neighbors ministry of CUOC. We have initiated the process to start a local chapter of SHP in Asheboro and Randolph County. Once we are organized and running this is how the process works!



**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!**

# Kids Klub News

**Bowling**  
Saturday, March 16  
1:30 PM

Family



**Family Game & Puzzle Day**

**Easter Egg Hunt!**  
Saturday, March 30  
10:00 AM  
Taco Lunch  
**Everyone Is Invited**

