

# Share a Smile Ministry

A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine

Proverbs 17:22



Asheboro Friends Meeting Fellowship Hall

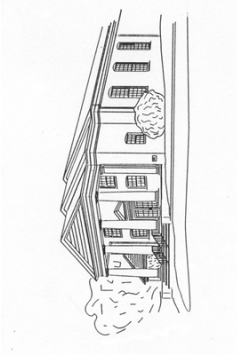
Saturday, April 13, 2024

**Spaghetti Supper at 5:30 pm Program to Follow!**  
**Love offering only!**

Asheboro Friends Meeting

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*He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither. — Psalm 1:3 (ESV)*

“I Have Called You Friends” John 15:15

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## Literary and Life Thoughts from Billy Oppenheimer - April 1, 2024

When he began writing *The Lord of the Rings* in the 1920s, J.R.R. Tolkien was a professor at the University of Oxford. At the time, fantasy was not considered a “serious” genre. So, one of his contemporaries explains, Tolkien was mocked by his Oxford colleagues. They said he was wasting his time “lavishing such incredible pains upon a genre which is, for them, trifling by definition.” One of Tolkien’s biographers writes, “He was regularly asked in a mocking manner, ‘How is your hobbit?’”

Amidst a crowd of people who make fun of you, who tell you you’re wasting your time, who encourage you to do something less trifling and more prestigious—sometimes, all it takes is one person’s support. For Tolkien, that person was the great writer C.S. Lewis. “The unpayable debt that I owe to [Lewis] was not influence but sheer encouragement,” Tolkien said. “He was for long my only audience. Only from him did I ever get the idea that my ‘stuff’ could be more than a private hobby.”

### Takeaway 1:

In his essay, *How To Do What You Love*, Paul Graham writes, “You shouldn’t worry about prestige...Prestige is like a powerful magnet that warps even your beliefs about what you enjoy. It causes you to work not on what you like, but what you’d like to like.” Tolkien wasn’t warped by his Oxford colleagues and their belief that what he was working on wasn’t prestigious. And after his works of fantasy went on to sell more than 600 million copies, Tolkien would eventually be widely called the “father of high fantasy.” He is just one example to remind us that what is considered “prestigious” isn’t stable in time, and that “if you do anything well enough,” to quote Graham again, “you’ll make it prestigious.”

### Takeaway 2:

Tolkien, Lewis, and another writer named Charles Williams were part of an informal literary club known as The Inklings. Shortly after Williams unexpectedly died, Lewis realized he stopped hearing the way Tolkien used to laugh at the way Williams used to tell a joke. Which made him then realize, “In each of my friends,” Lewis wrote, “there is something that only some other friend can fully bring out. By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity; I want other lights than my own to show all his facets.” If not for the encouragement of his friend, Tolkien said he would not have been large enough to call the whole of him into activity. “But for [Lewis]’ interest and unceasing eagerness for more,” Tolkien said, “I should never have brought *The Lord of the Rings* to a conclusion.”

“Just do what you like, and let prestige take care of itself.” — Paul Graham

“I hope and pray that I can encourage another as C. S. Lewis encouraged Tolkien.”

—David Millikan

Billy Oppenheimer is a writer and research assistant based in Austin, Texas.

Cover painting Detail from *The Forest of Lothlórien in Spring* by JRR Tolkien. Photograph: terencecaven/The Tolkien Estate/Harper Collins

## Excerpt: A Message of Hope

A fifth great discovery of George Fox was his message of hope in the face of evil and darkness in the world. . . Fox experienced and knew the power of sin and evil in his own life and in the world around him, but he also experienced the power of the Spirit of Christ which can overcome the demonic forces of evil and darkness. Here, too, we can cite as evidence one of Fox’s well-known passages:

“And the lord answered that it was needful I should speak to all conditions; and in this I saw the infinite love of God. I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness. And in that also I saw the infinite love of God; and I had great openings.”

This conviction that there is an ocean of light and love which can overcome the ocean of darkness and death constitutes Fox’s theology of hope, which governs his personal life and his view of history. It was the good news of the Gospel that he proclaimed then, and it continues to be the good news of the Gospel according to Friends today. It is the declaration of the Gospel which can gain victory over sin and evil, and over despair and death.

Excerpt from *The Gospel According to Friends*, by Wilmer Cooper — available to purchase on the FUM Online Bookstore.

*Just as bank tellers need a thorough knowledge of legitimate currency in order to spot counterfeit bills, so Christians need a thorough knowledge of the Bible in order to spot bogus religious teachings. How grounded are you in the Scriptures? How deep are your theological roots? How capable are you of detecting false teachings?*



**The Gospel**  
According to Friends  
Wilmer A. Cooper  
Pamphlet Series | Friends United Press

— Charles Swindoll

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

## CUOC for April: Canned Potatoes

### 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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*The Humble, Meek, Merciful, Just, Pious and Devout Souls, are everywhere of one Religion; and when Death has taken off the Mask, they will know one another, tho’ the drivers Liveries they wear here make them Strangers.*

~ William Penn, 1644-1718







## 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!**



### American Red Cross

### Asheboro Friends

### Blood Drive

## Friday, April 5, 2024

## 2:00 PM — 6:00 PM

## Fellowship Hall

For more information about donating blood or scheduling your donation go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

If you would like to volunteer to help with the drive on April 5 please contact Nell McCombs at 336-302-1678.

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 ends April 1 2024. Register now at <https://www.friendsunitedmeeting.org/connect/stoking-the-fire>



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## Asheboro Friends Prayer List April 1, 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  
Chris Sexton  
Esther Underwood  
Brenda Yelverton  
Family of Danny West  
Tina Williams  
Hal & Jan Winslow

### Hospitals & Nursing Homes

Atrium WF Baptist High Point:  
Gil Sides  
Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:  
Harry Hudson  
Rose Glen Manor Assisted Living:  
Becky Craven  
Sandy Ridge Memory Care:  
Linda Moody  
Terra Bella:  
Hal Powell  
Wesley Long Hospital:  
Vernon Wilson (knee surgery)

### 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

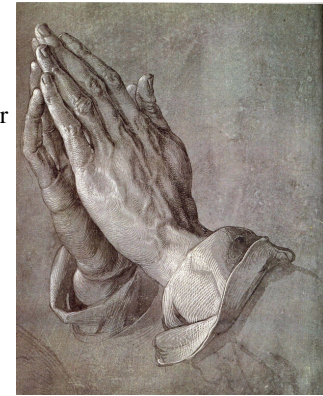
Please submit additions to our prayer list:  
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Phone: (336) 625-3803 or (336) 689-4275



### Friends

Judy Barnes  
Julia Barnes  
Alice Beasley  
Family of Roger Brewer  
Logan Brooks  
Suzanne Brown  
Barbara Bullin  
Larry Byrd  
Ethan Clarke (cancer)  
Eddie Coggins  
Betty Cox  
Gwen Davis  
Theron Farlow  
Rita Bass Ford  
Angela Frye  
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)  
Twyla Little  
Libby McNeil  
Family of Ronnie Metcalf  
Jeremy Moore  
Renee Nelson  
Tony Norris  
Jackie Parks  
Linda Poole (cancer)  
Loyd Pugh (cancer)  
Kaffy Reynolds  
Jennifer Ruff (cancer)  
Pam Thomas  
Brenda & Donald Tucker  
Joe & Michelle Weaver  
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. Asheboro Friends now has **not one but three** Class Act teams who have adopted kindergarten classes at Charles W. McCrary Elementary. This will help support our own Lisa Sexton.

The Class Act program will have a short time to work with the classes this spring, but beginning in the fall we will be able to do even more to help the students and teachers.

*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.



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

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!**

# Kids Klub News

**Bowling**  
Saturday, March 16



**Family Game & Puzzle Day**  
**Easter Egg Hunt!**  
Saturday, March 30  
Taco Lunch

