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"I Have Called You Friends"      John 15:15

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**A Message from your Pastor**

As some of you know I was trained as a Medical Technologist as a student in that rigorous program that is a part of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. In a recent conversation with a friend this story somehow came up:

In training I was working a bench in the Microbiology Laboratory at UNC Hospital. We had isolated an unusual organism causing a respiratory tract infection in a patient—a bacterium called *Pasteurella multicida*. This isn't a particularly unusual bacterium, but it usually causes wound infections following animal bites. During rounds a physician who was completing his residency in pathology took note of this finding. The next day this young man from Italy gave us a detailed lesson on this case. This organism is normal flora in the mouth of many animals. Wound infections are most often seen in humans after being bitten by dogs, cats, lions, tigers, and rabbits. We kind of chuckled at that for a couple of reasons. One being that if I were bitten by a lion or tiger I would likely have much bigger problems than an infection. The second was *rabbits*? How did rabbits get on that list? Who gets bitten by a rabbit?

My friend asked me how I could possibly remember those details since that happened more than forty years ago. When we began our training we were told in no uncertain terms that our product was accurate information leading to the effective treatment of patients. This was a few years before computers came into use. Our reports were largely handwritten and were expected to be legible and absolutely correct. We learned to spell the Latin names of these organisms—genus and species. To this day more than forty years later I can still spell the names of those microorganisms.

My point is this. When we apply ourselves to learn something, not merely memorize some facts to regurgitate on a test and then soon forget, but to *learn* something it will stick with us for the long haul. When we skim over some text quickly just to be able to say that we read it, it is far different than truly studying the text and internalizing it. It is so easy to simply skim over the scriptures and say that we read that chapter or that book. But did we *read* it, or just glance over it?

The Apostle Paul wrote to his protégé Timothy, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV) I believe that Paul is mentoring us with this advice too. We must do more than skim over the scriptures we must be able to internalize the knowledge to be able to recall it when necessary, even forty or more years later. We have the ability to do this, but we must apply ourselves and not allow the distractions of our twenty-first century world to keep us from it.

As we begin a new year 2022 I challenge myself along with you to study the Word. Just today I read the Book of Jonah preparing for Sunday's message. Let us immerse ourselves in God's Word in this new year.

And I will forgive you if you skip over some of the “begats” in Genesis Chapter 5.

— David Millikan

**COVID-19 Vaccine** inoculations are available to everyone over age 5. Vaccine booster shots are also available to those over 65 years of age or who have occupations posing a high risk of exposure. Go to: [www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19](http://www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19) or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 336-318-6227.

**Feeding Locals First** USFW has a new list of items for the homeless:

- Socks and gloves
- Sweaters and vests
- Toboggans and scarves
- Adult face masks

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

B Riley Roberson — January 6

A Donald & Shirley Beckham — Jan 10

**CUOC for January:**

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**November Financial Report:**

Income:	\$ 59,652.03
Expenses:	\$ 9,088.14
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 55,937.01

**Meals-On-Wheels Volunteers** needed!

Meals-on-Wheels provides a nutritionally-balanced meal to homebound eligible persons 60+, Monday through Friday. The MOW program supports independence while promoting the social, physical, and emotional well-being of seniors. For many, their MOW volunteer is the only person they may interact with all day and the only meal they may receive.

RSAA needs your help to get back to delivering daily hot meals to our many clients in need. If you have any time to give, please contact Kim Allgood at 226-625-3389, 212. Or email [outreach@senioradults.org](mailto:outreach@senioradults.org)

# **“To Will One Thing”**

## An excerpt from *Quaker Life*

As the newness of faith fades, and the withering daily demands of everyday life sap our spiritual passion, it becomes extremely easy to lose a sense of hunger and thirst for the things of God. Spouses, children, houses, jobs, ministry, money, retirement, sports, hobbies, and our simple longing for personal fulfillment come as both a blessing and a barrier to a simple and singular focus on Christ. Without perseverance, growing wisdom, and honest sincerity, life's many beautiful choices can dazzle and divert us into distraction instead of finding their proper place in a life firmly rooted in the way and will of Jesus. Somehow, I knew this was true, at least for me. For my soul's sake, I chose to find a community that would keep me in the struggle instead of letting me off the hook.

“To Will One Thing” by Colin Saxton, from Quaker Life, volume 6, number 2 — available to purchase or subscribe on the FUM Bookstore.

## **To Do Your Will**

I am not sent a pilgrim here,  
My heart with earth to fill;  
But I am here God's grace to learn,  
And serve God's sovereign will.  
He leads me on through smiles and tears,  
Grief follows gladness still;  
But let me welcome both alike,  
Since both work out his will.  
No service in itself is small,  
None great, though earth it fill;  
But that is small that seeks its own,  
And great that seeks God's will.  
Then hold my hand, most gracious Lord,  
Guide all my doings still;  
And let this be my life's one aim,  
To do or hear they will.

— Abraham Kuyper