

Asheboro Community Bible Study

The 2022-2023 Study began at Asheboro Friends Meeting on September 12, 2022. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:45 AM.

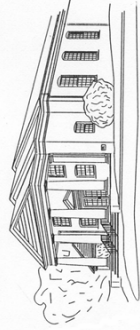
Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

—2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

The study will cover the following books: Job, James, Colossians, 1 & 2 Timothy, & Titus. For more information contact Jay Brownfield at 336-653-9002 or John Nee at 336-681-4645. We will begin studying the Books of 1 & 2 Timothy, & Titus on January 23, 2023.

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"I Have Called You Friends"

John 15:15

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A Message from your Pastor - February 1, 2023

The Society of Friends is unique in the lack of a stated creed as most denominations have. Instead we Quakers have Queries intended to have us ask these insightful questions of ourselves and our Meetings on a regular basis. I began a worship series on the questions that Jesus asked on Sunday, January 15. Jesus was masterful in His response to questions with even more poignant questions that forced the listener to search deeply within their mind, being, and very soul. Join me as we seek answers by asking insightful questions. Below are the last six of our FCNC General Queries.

David Millikan

General Queries

Standards of Life

6. Do you observe simplicity and moderation in your manner of living? Do you give proper attention to the rules of health? As ambassadors of Christ, are you careful to avoid activities and the use of substances which adversely affect your Christian witness?

Business Responsibility

7. Are you careful to keep service to Christ's Kingdom before professional/career responsibilities? Are you truthful and honest in your business transactions, punctual in fulfilling your promises, and prompt in the payment of your debts? Do you give an honest day's work for a day's pay?

Missionary Outreach

8. Do you make diligent effort to acquaint yourselves and those under your care with spiritual needs locally and globally? Do you support by prayer and systematic giving those who are laboring to extend Christ's Kingdom? Do you use your spiritual gifts in serving humanity as God grants you light to see such service?

Peace

9. Do you consistently practice the Christian principles of love and goodwill toward all people? Do you work actively for peace and for the removal of the causes of war? Do you observe the testimony of Friends against military training and service? Do you endeavor to make clear to all whom you can influence, that war is inconsistent with the spirit and teaching of Jesus?

Attitudes in Race Relations

10. Does your attitude toward people of other races indicate your belief in their right to equal opportunity? Do you believe in the spiritual capacity of individuals of all races and do you recognize their equality in the sight of God? Are you aware of your responsibility as a Christian to help in the elimination of racial discrimination and prejudice?

Social Conscience

11. Do you minister to others, understanding that when you minister to "the least of these..." you are ministering to Christ as well? Do you as workers, employers, producers, consumers, and investors endeavor to cultivate goodwill and mutual understanding in your economic relationships? Do you intelligently exercise all of your constitutional privileges and thus seek to promote Christian influence locally, nationally, and internationally?

Cover painting of trees silhouetted against the winter sky by Barnie Slice

COVID-19 Vaccine inoculations are available to everyone over age 5. Vaccine booster shots are also available. Go to: www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19 or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 336-318-6227.

We have at home rapid COVID test kits available in the AFM Office. These are free of charge courtesy of the Randolph County Department of Public Health.

Feeding Locals First has a need for gas money to deliver food to the homeless each day. Monetary donations and gas cards will be accepted. Please make checks payable to USFW and designate for "Gas Fund."

USFW is collecting items for Lydia's Place shelter for its December project.

Items needed are:

- Paper products
- Hygiene products
- Laundry & cleaning products
- Diapers & wipes
- New & gently used towels

Please join our effort.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

B J D Smith — February 2

B Holly Archer — February 4

B Becky Boone — February 11

A Danny & Joy Coggins — February 16

B David Pierce — February 19

CUOC for February:

Black Eye Peas

December Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 6,353.88
Expenses:	\$ 8,767.74
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 34,929.09

Excerpt: Fear

Fear is one of the persistent hounds of hell that dog the footsteps of the poor, the dispossessed, the disinherited. There is nothing new or recent about fear—it is doubtless as old as the life of man on the planet. Fears are of many kinds—fear of objects, fear of people, fear of the future, fear of nature, fear of the unknown, fear of old age, fear of disease, and fear of life itself. Then there is fear which has to do with aspects of experience and detailed states of mind. Our homes, institutions, prisons, churches, are crowded with people who are hounded by day and harrowed by night because of some fear that lurks ready to spring into action as soon as one is alone, or as soon as the lights go out, or as soon as one's social defenses are temporarily removed.

The ever-present fear that besets the vast poor, the economically and socially insecure, is a fear of still a different breed. It is a climate closing in; it is like the fog in San Francisco or in London. It is nowhere in particular yet everywhere. It is a mood which one carries around with himself, distilled from the acrid conflict with which his days are surrounded. It has its roots deep in the heart of the relations between the weak and the strong, between the controllers of environment and those who are controlled by it...

The core of the analysis of Jesus is that man is a child of God, the God of life that sustains all of nature and guarantees all the intricacies of the life-process itself. Jesus suggests that it is quite unreasonable to assume that God, whose creative activity is expressed even in such details as the hairs of a man's head, would exclude from his concern the life, the vital spirit, of the man himself. This idea—that God is mindful of the individual—is of tremendous import in dealing with fear as a disease. .

Excerpt from *Jesus and the Disinherited*, by Howard Thurman, available from the FUM bookstore. You can browse our collection of his writings on the FUM website.

Now through the end of February, all the Howard Thurman books published by Friends United Press are on sale!