

## 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)*

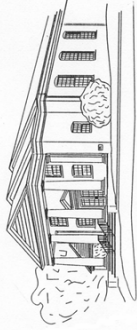
The study of the book of Ephesians began on February 5. Registration is now open and the cost is \$35.00 for each adult.

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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## Asheboro Friends Meeting

A Message from your Pastor — February 6, 2024

I frequently share beautiful works of art from my friend Bernie Slice. Bernie lives and paints on Pawleys Island, South Carolina. We became friends on Facebook. Soon after, I purchased a reprint of an original painting of the Chapel on Pawleys Island. I used that work as an illustration for a sermon when we were worshiping in the Fellowship Hall during the Pandemic. Bernie saw the online video and was surprised that I used one of his works as a part of my sermon. I had the painting displayed on an easel beside me as I shared in worship that morning. My reply was that I hope he did not mind my doing that. One of the very best managers I was ever privileged to work under always urged us to “ask forgiveness, not permission.” He was delighted and told me that I was welcome to use any of his artworks in my ministry at any time. To further reinforce that statement Bernie sent me a DVD with more than one thousand eight hundred images! I have taken him at his word and used his art quite often.

Bernie shared the painting on the cover of this newsletter on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. This is the message he shared along with it:

*I did this painting yesterday from a photo I took of the Georgetown Lighthouse circa 1893 at the Maritime Museum on Front Street in Georgetown. (By the way, that is a wonderful place to visit. Admission is free and there is so much to look at about the history of this area. Lots of ship models, too!) The photo was an old sepia print and I wanted to bring it to life. It is an 18" x 24" acrylic painting on canvas. I was very pleased with it. Lots of hard work though.*

Bernie’s words struck a chord with me: “*The photo was an old sepia print and I wanted to bring it to life.*” I must say that you were magnificently successful, my friend! I believe with all my heart that this is exactly what God does with us. We become tainted by the world and all its cares. We can lose our vitality and become faded like the old sepia print. But just as the hand of the artist brought new life and color to the image, God will do the same for us. He can transform us into new creations. *He can bring us to new life.*

One of the items on my bucket list is to travel to Pawleys Island and look over Bernie’s shoulder as he brings colorful life to a stark and barren canvas. He will take brushes and various pigments of his choosing and transform that blank canvas into a work of art such as you see on the cover of this newsletter.

God can do the same for us, but only if we invite Him to do so. He can transform the sepia and faded *me* into someone colorful and with new life. Even more amazing to me is that He can use us as the brushes or palette knives or pigments as His instruments when He is transforming the canvas of another person into some beautiful and new. The Apostle Paul wrote of this very transformative process:

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

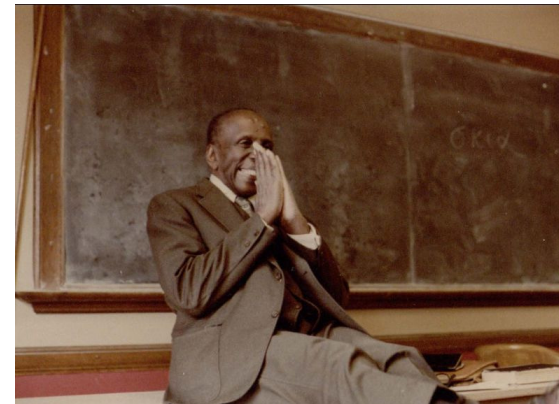
— 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Cover painting *Georgetown Lighthouse circa 1893* by Bernie Slice

## Excerpt:

### Witness in our Spirits

“It is good to remember that God has not left Himself without a witness in our spirits, that despite all of the wanderings of our footsteps, despite all of the ways by which we have sought to circumvent His truth within us, despite all of the weaknesses of spirit and of mind and of resoluteness and of body, despite all of the blunders by which we have isolated ourselves from our fellows and proven unworthy of the love and the trust and the confidence by which again and again our faltering lives are surrounded, despite all of this, it is good to remember that God has not left Himself without a witness in our lives.



“Deliberately we turn, therefore, to Thee, our Father, to lay bare our secret, waiting for the penetration of Thy light within us, that we may be healed and forgiven and confirmed anew, to the end that we may walk in Thy way and live in Thy light. We thank Thee, our Father, that Thou hast not left us alone to the devices of our minds and our spirits, but within us and about us there is Thy witness and for this we rejoice to give Thee the thanks of our hearts, this day.

Excerpted from *The Centering Moment*, page 110. *The Centering Moment* and other Howard Thurman books are available for purchase on the FUM Online Bookstore website.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

B J.D. Smith — February 2  
B Holly Archer — February 4  
B Becky Boone — February 11  
A Danny & Joy Coggins — February 16

### CUOC for February:

Black Eye Peas

### 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

### December Financial Report:

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

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*Therefore hear instruction and be wise, while the good Spirit of the Lord is nigh to teach you; seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; and refuse not to hearken to his heavenly Oracle in your Consciences...*

~ Elizabeth Bathurst, 1655?-1685



# 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 February 6, 2024

**Members**

Becky Boone  
Carol Bullins  
Jackie & Pat Cole  
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  
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  
Rusty Parsons

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

Julia Barnes  
Alice Beasley  
Family of Dave Bolson  
Logan Brooks  
Suzanne Brown  
Barbara Bullin  
Larry Byrd  
Ethan Clarke (cancer)  
Eddie Coggins (kidney transplant on Feb. 1)  
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  
Family of Doris Hughes  
Pat Hussey  
Bill Ivey  
Rick Johnson  
Karan Kemp  
Family of Jean Kindschi  
Ray Lambe  
Ben Lewis (cancer)  
Twyle Little  
Libby McNeil  
Jeremy Moore  
Renee Nelson  
Tony Norris  
Jackie Parks  
Linda Poole (cancer)  
Loyd Pugh (cancer)  
Jennifer Ruff (cancer)  
Family of Pat Rutherford  
Gil Sides  
Family of Richard Small  
Pam Thomas  
Brenda & Donald Tucker  
Joe & Michelle Weaver  
Jeff Wilder (cancer)  
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**





## FUM Plans Billy Britt Fund Event in February

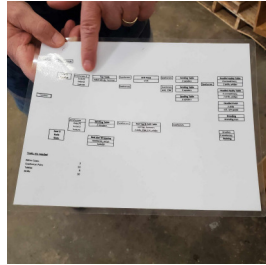
Friends United Meeting is hosting a planned giving event in North Carolina to promote the Billy Britt Fund on February 17, 2024. FUM established the Billy Britt Fund in 2021 to continue the legacy of former North Carolina Yearly Meeting Superintendent Billy Britt through financial support for the North 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.*



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

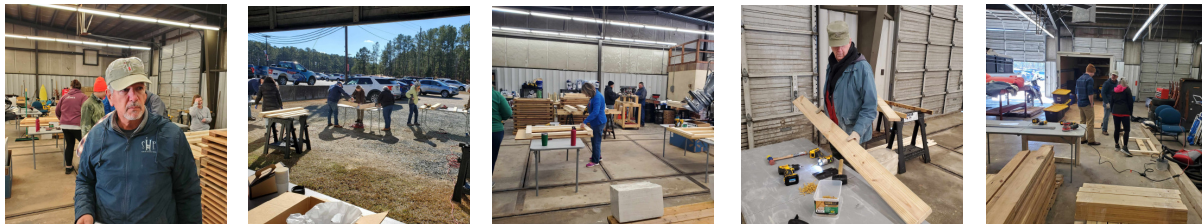


*Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)* is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering hand-made, fully furnished beds to children in need. SHP's mission is to tackle childhood bedlessness, which we estimate to affect nearly 3% of the population.

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

We went to Carthage in Moore County on Saturday, January 20 to participate in a build and learn more! Below are some photographs from the bed build. We constructed twenty beds for children. Sanding, cutting, drilling, assembling headboards, and assembling bedrails was completed in less than two hours.

Please be in prayer how we can be a part of this exciting opportunity in our town!

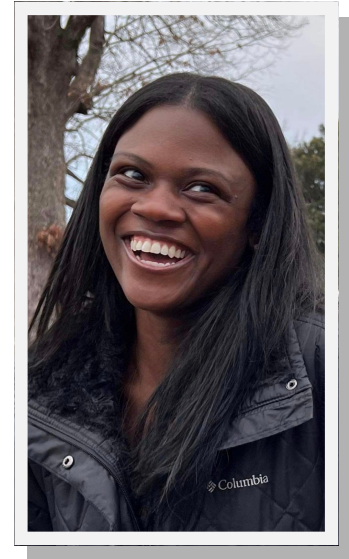


# Kids Klub News

## Student Updates



**Sarah Hurley graduated summa cum laude from the Honors College of UNC Wilmington in December, 2023, with a degree in English and a minor in creative writing.**



**Twyla Little passed the NCLEX in October, 2023, and became an RN. She is currently working on her Masters of Science degree at Emory University to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.**



**Lily Peters has started her junior year at NC Wesleyan. She is a Criminal Justice major.**

