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North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends

"A Great People to be Gathered: A call to spiritual awakening."

Friday, May 29-Saturday, May 30, 2009

Archdale Friends Meeting



Guest Speakers: Michael J. Fulp, Jr. and Tony Lowe

Workshops: Reaching the Unchurched – Randy Quate and Georgianne Jones

NCYM Success Stories – Mike Fulp, Jr. and Dave Mercadante

Prayer Workshop – Sara Beth Terrell

The Sacred Journey: Exploring the Labyrinth – Shannon LeMaster-Smith

There is a deep sense within the Yearly Meeting that the Holy Spirit is drawing Friends to a refreshed, renewed Spiritual life. To answer God's call, several Friends have felt led to organize a Yearly Meeting Revival. Mindful of George Fox's opening; this Revival will be called "A Great People to be Gathered: A call to spiritual awakening."

Years ago, George Fox envisioned the Church as "A Great People to be Gathered". This Holy assembly was called to Pure worship in the presence of the Holy Spirit. This remnant, this royal Priesthood, this Holy Household was drawn together for worship with no suppositions, obstructions, or impediments. Among Friends, God was powerfully drawing His children to a powerful worship experience.

The NCYM Evangelism Committee, in conjunction with the Spiritual Life Commission, hopes to coordinate an event that will call Friends to a greater walk with God. This Holy Gathering will offer an opportunity for worship, fellowship, music, and workshops, with the hope of bringing Friends to a renewed, refreshed walk with God.

God is NOT finished with North Carolina Yearly Meeting! We are still "A Great People Gathered" and His Holy Presence is alive and active within our Meetings. This Gathering for Worship will give Friends across the Yearly Meeting an opportunity to answer the Spirit's call to fellowship and revival. The main focus will be worship; no business, no controversy, no committees ... just worship in the Spirit.

Will you come and be a part of "A Great People to be Gathered?"

You can find more information online at www.archdalefriends.com or call 336-431-2918.

MOWA Choctaw Friends Center – *Ways you can help!*



Coin Banks

Save your spare change! Coin Banks are ready for distribution to our meetings upon request. Use your banks for a monthly gift or a one-time donation. All groups, families, Sunday School classes or others who

are interested are invited to participate. All funds collected will go the MOWA Choctaw Friends Center!

Collection Banks are available at the
NC Yearly Meeting Office.

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email ncfriends@ncym-fum.org

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A Dream for Mexico Missions

A city with masses of people, many little shops, food carts, tiny homes with wash hanging on the line every day, all mingled together. The streets are filled with mostly older cars and very old buses and an occasional horse-drawn cart collecting trash. Yes, there are a few larger businesses, a Best Western Hotel, Wal-Mart, Burger King and a few nicer homes. Everyone must use bottled water to drink, brush teeth and prepare food.



Out on the edge, just inside the city, sits a village community with mostly dirt streets and very meager homes. The women and children especially, tip toe through the mud around large puddles of grey water that fills the low places in the streets and yards. The smell of sewage lingers on your shoes and in your car.

Just off the main street sits the only church in the community. Women and children, picked up by the pastor's van, come for Sunday School. (The pastor is praying for the men to come too.) They must take a long step over a pool of water to reach a little bridge, then another long step before dry pavement to get into the church. The wrought-iron windows, wide open for relief from the heat, show the unpainted portions of block wall

around the property You must be careful when you sit at the home-made benches and tables because many termites live there. Hope you don't need restrooms because the toilets don't work. The streaked walls and floor in both rooms (of the church) show the many leaks in the roof and windows There is standing water around the church. On one side, hundreds of little sand crabs live in the mucky dirt. They do bite. Anyway, don't step in the muck. You will sink.

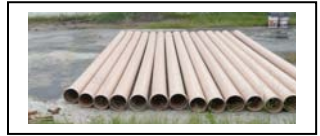


... this **is** North Carolina Yearly Meeting, **today**, in Esperanza Reforma (village), Matamoras, Mexico. The NC Yearly Meeting Missions Committee, by trust funds, provides funding for the pastor, Jorge Reyes and his ministry. The committee has no funds for any major improvements.

The North Carolina Yearly Meeting Young Adults have a **DREAM** for the village mission. They want to build a simple kitchen complete with appliances, and a fellowship room – small by our standards ... bathrooms would be a real bonus. They are working to raise money. Some older adults are dreaming with them. A special Mexico task force has been formed to research and work toward making these dreams come to pass. Kevin Smitherman, a member of the Missions Committee, is the convener.

On behalf of the task force, Wiley and I along with Walter as our interpreter were in Matamoras, September 18-24, 2008 with the assignment to get the water off the property or find a way ... we were to do some research for building possibilities. Wiley, along with two helpers, shoveled a trench which began some drainage off the property. We made arrangements with our neighbor, on the main street, a former

commissioner, to have two kinds of dirt brought to fill in the property. We purchased the required tile and left it on the property for the city to lay a sewer line up the street by our property to the next intersection.



This will make it possible for the neighbors to hook on to the line also. When the city lays the line, they will pave that strip of the road. We believe the dirt and the sewer line/paving will greatly help reduce the water problems on our property and the street, which will help us and the people.

Do we still carry the concern for the souls and needs of these people? To say "Yes", pray and make contributions as your heart leads. *-Shelby Shore*

**For donations to this ministry, make check payable to:
NCYM designated for Mexico Building Project
Mail to: 4811 Hilltop Road, Greensboro, NC 27407**



312th Annual Session

North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends (FUM)

September 4-7, 2009

Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC

Sowing Seeds

Bearing Fruit

Blessing Others

Worship Reflect Rekindle

Meaningful worship

Inspirational special music

Informative interest groups

Gifted speakers and teachers

Speakers: Friends within North Carolina Yearly Meeting
Friday Evening – Kelly and Kathy Kellum, High Point
Saturday Evening – Andy Lambert, Forbush
Sunday Morning – Randy Quate, Poplar Ridge

This year we have drawn able and inspiring speakers for worship from within our own Yearly Meeting. These are individuals with insight and perception we may not often have the opportunity to hear. Come and be renewed.

***A wonderful time of contemplation
amidst the beauty of God's creation.***

Be a part of your Yearly Meeting. Join us!

Registration forms and complete information will be available around the first of June. If you have questions or do not receive an information packet by mail or through your meeting by June 10th, please contact us by visiting our website at ncym-fum.org or by calling 336-292-6957.

NCYM SUMMER MINISTRIES 2009

JOIN A FANTASTIC TEAM!

JOIN OTHER YOUTH FROM ACROSS THE YEARLY MEETING
TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS AND LOVE OF JESUS!

SERENITY — July 19-August 2, 2009

Open to Youth 7th grade - College
Cost: \$225 Due by June 1, 2009



Do you like to sing? Do you have a desire to share in ministry and to grow in your relationship with the Lord? Our *Serenity* team will practice for the week of July 19-25 at Holly Spring Friends in Ramseur and minister on tour from July 26th through August 2nd. We visit and share at Quaker Meetings through creative singing presentations. Come and join this fantastic team that grows as close as a family. Celebrate what God is doing and make new friends! No musical tryout is conducted.



MEXICO VBS — JULY 15-26, 2009

2009 Theme: *Rain*



Mexico Vacation Bible School is an opportunity for youth from various Quaker Meetings across North Carolina Yearly Meeting to join together as part of a ministry team. We will train together, travel to Matamoros, Mexico and assist with teaching Vacation Bible School to approximately one hundred children. Each morning, our team will offer children's crafts, puppet skits, games, and songs for the kids. Our afternoons will be spent helping with community building projects. This is a unique cross-cultural experience in which we worship and work with the Mexican people, minister to the children, shop in local markets, swim, sightsee, and learn to adapt to other living conditions.



S.O.U.L. 2009

Face to Face with Jesus
"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

MINISTRY FOCUS	DATE
SPORTS CAMP	JUNE 20-26
WORK PROJECTS	JULY 11-17
VBS	JULY 18-24

S.O.U.L. is a week-long missions experience in Alabama for youth groups, Sunday School classes or other groups. Is there a group in your meeting looking for an opportunity to serve together as a missions team this summer? If so, sign up for S.O.U.L.:

- 1) Decide on a week your group would like to serve
- 2) Have your team leader fill out a group application and send it to the NCYM office. (For forms or information visit our website or call 336-292-6957.)
- 3) Start raising funds now. Cost is \$225 per person.
- 4) Mail in your individual registration forms for participants along with your final payment by June 12th.



QUAKER LAKE CAMP



Summer's Almost Here!

Have your children signed up for Summer Camp?
Sessions are filling up quickly. Don't be left out!

Check out these options for first-timers, families, or explorers:

◆ **Beginner Camp** - July 8-9, 2009 - Cost \$75

Registration forms for **Beginner Camp** are available on our website or hand write **Beginner Camp / Session N** on a regular Camp Registration form.

◆ **Family Camp** - July 9-11, 2009

Parents get to share the experience of being campers with their are given a chance to get away from the hectic world, reconnect

◆ **Off-Site Adventures**

Session K (Backpacking) - July 14-18

Session L (Canoe-Beginner) - June 23-27

Session M (Canoe-Advanced) - July 21-25

These 4-day trips provide exciting opportunities for campers to experience nature first hand. Campers gain a sense of community and self-confidence by exploring the wilderness on challenging, yet rewarding, trips.



children and grandchildren. Families with nature and grow together.



Treasurer's Report	April 30, 2009			Ins
	MONTHLY	TOTAL	YTD	
CONTENTNEA QUARTERLY MEETING				
BETHESDA	\$751.67	\$9,020.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
GOLDSBORO	\$696.67	\$8,360.00	\$1,393.34	N/A
HOOD SWAMP	\$540.83	\$6,490.00	\$2,163.32	N/A
MAR-MAC	\$247.50	\$2,970.00	\$990.00	N/A
NAHUNTA	\$1,420.83	\$17,050.00	\$8,525.00	\$1,000.00
NEW HOPE	\$2,612.50	\$31,350.00	\$10,450.00	\$1,000.00
RHODES	\$513.33	\$6,160.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
TOTAL	\$6,783.33	\$81,400.00	\$27,521.66	\$5,400.00
DEEP RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING				
ARCHDALE	\$2,328.33	\$27,940.00	\$5,833.32	\$2,000.00
DEEP RIVER	\$2,218.33	\$26,620.00	\$6,654.99	N/A
HIGH POINT	\$2,328.33	\$27,940.00	\$8,960.00	\$1,900.00
JAMESTOWN	\$705.83	\$8,470.00	\$2,120.01	N/A
OAK HILL	\$999.17	\$11,990.00	\$2,281.08	\$750.00
SPRINGFIELD	\$1,970.83	\$23,650.00	\$380.00	\$1,800.00
TOTAL	\$10,550.83	\$126,610.00	\$26,229.40	\$6,450.00
EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING				
CORINTH	\$421.67	\$5,060.00	\$843.40	N/A
PINEY WOODS	\$669.17	\$8,030.00	\$1,836.00	N/A
SOMERTON	\$467.50	\$5,610.00	\$0.00	N/A
UP RIVER	\$1,833.33	\$22,000.00	\$5,499.99	N/A
TOTAL	\$3,391.67	\$40,700.00	\$8,179.39	\$0.00
NEW GARDEN QUARTERLY MEETING				
HILLEL			\$0.00	
FIRST FRIENDS	\$2,236.67	\$26,840.00	\$4,510.00	\$1,500.00
FORSYTH	\$458.33	\$5,500.00	\$150.00	N/A
GLENWOOD	\$953.33	\$11,440.00	\$2,349.00	\$700.00
KERNERSVILLE	\$696.67	\$8,360.00	\$2,786.68	\$1,000.00
MIAMI	\$568.33	\$6,820.00	\$500.00	N/A
NEW GARDEN	\$3,492.50	\$41,910.00	\$753.33	N/A
ROCKINGHAM	\$394.17	\$4,730.00	\$0.00	N/A
SPRING GARDEN	\$458.33	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	N/A
WINSTON SALEM	\$834.17	\$10,010.00	\$2,400.00	N/A
TOTAL	\$10,092.50	\$121,110.00	\$13,449.01	\$3,200.00
NORTHWEST QUARTERLY MEETING				
MOUNTAIN VIEW	\$275.00	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SILLOAM	\$220.00	\$2,640.00	\$0.00	N/A
WESTFIELD	\$357.50	\$4,290.00	\$1,200.00	N/A
TOTAL	\$852.50	\$10,230.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
SOUTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING				
ASHEBORO	\$2,071.67	\$24,860.00	\$8,286.68	\$2,000.00
BACK CREEK	\$980.83	\$11,770.00	\$3,923.32	\$1,000.00
BETHEL, NC	\$889.17	\$10,670.00	\$3,556.68	N/A
CEDAR SQUARE	\$3,822.50	\$45,870.00	\$13,895.00	\$2,400.00
HIGHFALLS	\$504.17	\$6,050.00	\$1,943.33	N/A
HOLLY SPRING	\$2,447.50	\$29,370.00	\$9,790.00	\$1,000.00
HOPEWELL	\$660.00	\$7,920.00	\$2,640.00	\$1,000.00
MARLBORO	\$3,226.67	\$38,720.00	\$9,686.04	\$1,500.00
POPLAR RIDGE	\$4,519.17	\$54,230.00	\$13,557.51	\$3,000.00
PROSPERITY	\$632.50	\$7,590.00	\$1,280.00	\$1,450.00
RANDLEMAN	\$311.67	\$3,740.00	\$1,246.68	\$400.00
SCIENCE HILL	\$1,100.00	\$13,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,000.00
SOUTH PLAINFIELD	\$669.17	\$8,030.00	\$2,676.68	\$400.00
THOMASVILLE	\$476.67	\$5,720.00	\$1,906.68	N/A
TOTAL	\$22,311.67	\$267,740.00	\$76,588.60	\$15,150.00

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SURRY QUARTERLY MEETING				
ARARAT	\$293.33	\$3,520.00	\$1,760.00	N/A
FANCY GAP	\$64.17	\$770.00	\$412.50	N/A
MOUNT AIRY	\$696.67	\$8,360.00	\$2,788.00	N/A
PILOT MOUNTAIN	\$155.83	\$1,870.00	\$1,000.00	N/A
PINE HILL	\$1,613.33	\$19,360.00	\$6,453.32	\$1,000.00
WHITE PLAINS	\$1,750.83	\$21,010.00	\$7,003.32	\$400.00
TOTAL	\$4,574.17	\$54,890.00	\$19,417.14	\$1,400.00
WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING				
CANE CREEK	\$1,604.17	\$19,250.00	\$6,416.68	\$1,000.00
CENTRE	\$3,034.17	\$36,410.00	\$12,136.68	\$1,000.00
CHATHAM	\$586.67	\$7,040.00	\$1,320.00	\$750.00
CONCORD	\$1,228.33	\$14,740.00	\$4,913.32	N/A
EDWARD HILL	\$889.17	\$10,670.00	\$0.00	N/A
LIBERTY	\$192.50	\$2,310.00	\$630.00	\$327.27
PLAINFIELD	\$770.00	\$9,240.00	\$3,080.00	\$400.00
PROVIDENCE	\$339.17	\$4,070.00	\$1,356.68	\$1,000.00
ROCKY RIVER	\$1,127.50	\$13,530.00	\$4,710.00	\$1,000.00
SOUTH FORK	\$1,989.17	\$23,870.00	\$8,066.68	N/A
SPRING	\$348.33	\$4,180.00	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL	\$12,109.17	\$145,310.00	\$42,630.04	\$5,477.27
YADKIN VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING				
BRANON	\$1,191.67	\$14,300.00	\$4,766.68	\$400.00
DEEP CREEK	\$1,668.33	\$20,020.00	\$6,673.32	\$1,000.00
EAST BEND	\$458.33	\$5,500.00	\$1,374.99	\$750.00
FORBUSH	\$2,255.00	\$27,060.00	\$9,020.00	\$950.00
HARMONY GROVE	\$394.17	\$4,730.00	\$500.00	N/A
HUNTING CREEK	\$293.33	\$3,520.00	\$1,168.74	N/A
MOUNT CARMEL	\$815.83	\$9,790.00	\$3,290.00	N/A
PILOT VIEW	\$1,402.50	\$16,830.00	\$5,610.00	\$1,000.00
SOUTHVIEW	\$137.50	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STATESVILLE	\$165.00	\$1,980.00	\$0.00	N/A
TRINITY	\$760.83	\$9,130.00	\$3,043.32	\$1,000.00
UNION CROSS	\$1,365.83	\$16,390.00	\$5,463.32	\$1,400.00
WINTHROP	\$806.67	\$9,680.00	\$3,226.68	N/A
TOTAL	\$11,715.00	\$140,580.00	\$44,137.05	\$6,500.00
COLLECTED TO DATE			\$259,352.29	\$43,577.27
TOTAL ASKINGS		\$988,570.00		
UNPAID BALANCE		\$729,217.71		
*PAID TO DATE	36			
**PAID IN FULL				

Pastoral Changes

Kevin Lowery has left Nahunta Friends Meeting as pastor.

Eric Woods will be leaving Cedar Square as of June 30, 2009 and assuming the pastorate at Nahunta Friends.

Robert Kidd has resigned as pastor of Highfalls Friends Meeting as of June 30, 2009.

Rebecca Williams will be leaving Providence Friends Meeting as of June 30, 2009.

Meetings Seeking Pastors

Cedar Square Friends
Corinth Friends

Deep Creek Friends
Highfalls Friends

Providence Friends
Thomasville Friends

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 2 USFW Spring Conference
Christian Education Com. Mtg.–2:00 p.m.–Annex
- 4 Quaker Men Spring Fling–6:30 p.m.– Pine Hill
- 5 SEG Mtg.–4:00 p.m.–Annex
- 6 Vouchers Due to NCYM Office
- 7 Staff Mtg.– 9:30 p.m.–Annex
- 9 Western Qrt. Mtg.– 9:30 a.m.–Edward Hill
- 12 Recording Com. Mtg.–1:30 p.m.–Annex
- 13-17 Intern Training – Quaker Lake
- 16 Publications Bd. Mtg.–9:30 a.m.–Annex
Southern Qrt. Mtg.–10 a.m.–Hopewell
- 17 Eastern Qrt. Mtg.–3:30 p.m.–Piney Woods
- 20 Vouchers Due to NCYM Office
- 21 MOWA Bd. Mtg.–1:30 p.m.–Annex
Exe. Com. Mtg.–4:00 p.m.–Annex
Stewardship-Finance Com. Mtg.–6:30 p.m.–Annex
- 25 Memorial Day–Office Closed
NCYM Prayer Time–10:00 a.m.–Annex
- 28 Youth Pastors Prayer Gathering–11:00 a.m.–Annex
- 29-30 NCYM Revival–Archdale Friends
- 30 Nom. Com. Mtg.–9:00 a.m.–Annex
Strategic Plan Oversight Com. Mtg.–1:00 p.m.–Annex

June

- 4 Staff Mtg. – 9:30 a.m. – Annex
- 6 Recording Class – 9:45 a.m. – New Garden
Share the Blessing II Mtg. – 10:00 a.m. – Annex
- 8 Vouchers Due to NCYM Office
- 9 Recording Com. Mtg. – 1:30 p.m. – Annex

June (Continued)

- 20-26 SOUL Sports Camp–Alabama
- 20 Nom. Com. Mtg.–9:00 a.m.–Annex
- 22 NCYM Prayer Time–10:00 a.m.–Annex
- 23 Vouchers Due to NCYM Office
- 25 Youth Pastors Prayer Gathering–11:00 a.m.–Annex

July

- 2 Staff Mtg.–9:30 a.m.–Annex
- 6 Independence Day Holiday–Office Closed
- 7 Program Com. Mtg.–3:30 p.m.–Annex
- 8 Vouchers Due to NCYM Office
- 11-17 SOUL Work Projects Camp
- 12 Deep River Qrt. Mtg.–4 p.m.–Archdale
New Garden Qrt. Mtg.–3:00 p.m.–Spring Garden
- 14 Recording Com. Mtg.–1:30 p.m.– Annex
- 16-26 Mexico VBS
- 17-26 Jamaica VBS
- 18 Peace & SI Com. Mtg.–10:00 a.m.–Annex
- 19 Eastern Qrt. Mtg.–3:30 p.m.–Somerton
Yadkin Valley Qrt. Mtg.–3:00 p.m.–Branon
- 19-8/2 Serenity Practice & Tour
- 22 Vouchers Due to NCYM Office
- 23 Youth Pastors Prayer Gathering–11:00 a.m.–Annex
- 25 Western Qrt. Mtg.–11:00 a.m.–South Fork
- 26 Contentnea Qrt. Mtg.–3:00 p.m.–Bethesda
NW Qrt. Mtg.–4:00 p.m.–TBA
Surry Qrt. Mtg.–5:00 p.m.–Pilot Mountain
- 27 NCYM Prayer Time–10:00 a.m.–Annex

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