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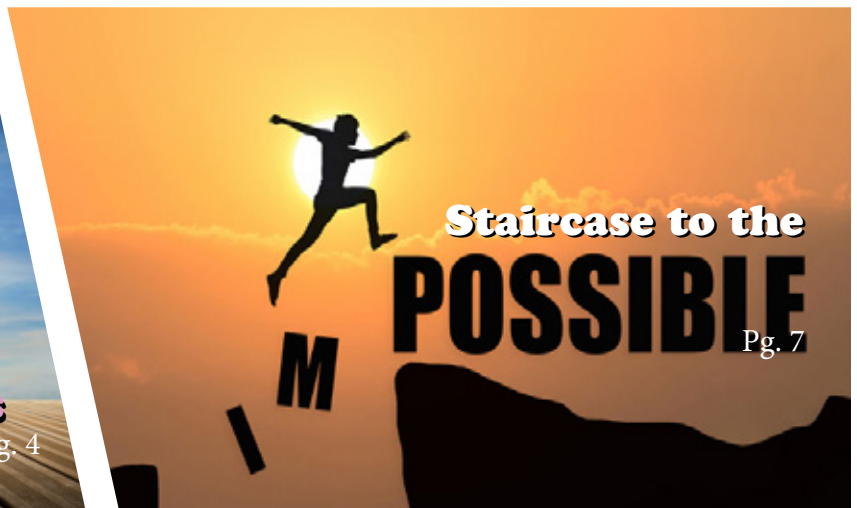
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Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart
of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed
bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

~ Pat O'Reilly

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Elizabeth White USFW Circle News

The Elizabeth White Missionary Circle met at the home of Lois Faye and Paul White on May 9, 2022 convening at 2:00. In attendance were Jacque Pagels, Ron Rountree, Paul White, Lois Faye White, and Etta Florence Winslow. The meeting began with praises and prayer concerns. Etta Florence led the group in prayer. Givings was collected totaling \$395.

Paul White brought the lesson "Dwelling in the Shelter of the Most High" written by Pat Schrock. Pat's message to us spoke from Psalm 91. The theme of the Psalm is God's Protection in the midst of danger. We must have hope and encouragement during difficult times and we must be confident of God's Protection just as Jesus was confident in the wilderness when He was tempted by Satan.

New Business: we will serve the meal at VBS on Monday, June 27th. Ron, Etta Florence, and Jacque will gather supplies for the meal.

Donations to Projects: Ramallah/Raina Maayeh \$100; Cuba Quaker Institute of Peace \$50; Spring Conference at Quaker Lake \$50; Ramallah Special Needs Children at the Friends School \$100; Triennial Overseas Travel Assistance \$25; Native American Kickapoo Friends Center \$50; NC USFW Projects \$20.

Next Meeting: June 27th to serve VBS. We will not meet during the month of July. God willing we will resume our monthly meetings the second Monday in August.

We adjourned to a delicious treat of strawberries and cream, cookies, and a cup of tea. Thank God for His abundant blessings.

Mother's Day



Breakfast



The children shared about their mom's



The men's choir sang several Mother's Day specials

Birthdays & Anniversaries for June

- 1st Ashley W. Jethro, Austin
Winslow, Sean O'Neal, Rachel
Sanders
- 2nd Lance Winslow
- 3rd Dianne Mize, Reginald Baker,
PHIL & SUSAN HARRIS
- 4th Dr. Andrew (Drew) Harris
- 5th Jacob Neubert
- 6th Brandon Price
- 8th **BOB & JUDY PARSONS**, Avery
Maria Neubert
- 10th Andrea Spivey, David Shaw, Rob
Winslow
- 12th Shelton Davenport, Mike
Salvatore, Carlton Elliott Baker
- 15th **DAVID & BONNIE SMITH**
- 16th Shelby Sweeney
- 17th **RO & SARAH NELAPATY**
- 19th **KENT & BRENDA WHITE**,
Hannah Winslow-Miller
- 20th **TIM & CAROL BAKER**, Tommy
Stallings, Jamie Salvatore, Holly
Lassiter
- 21st Stan Winslow
- 22nd Anna Riddick
- 24th **CULLEN & KYLLI PRIEST**
- 25th Daniel Forbes
- 26th **MARK & KIM BAKER, R.P.**
& DIANNE WHITE, Sean
Thomas McClaren
- 29th Amelia Jen Lassiter
- 30th Phil Harris, **DAVID & ASHLEY
JETHRO**

Please let us know if you do not see your birth-
day or anniversary. urfmeeting@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

Mid-May 2022

- 15th Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
Fields of Faith at John Holmes HS Ball Field 2:00pm
Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm
- 17th Preschool
Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 18th Preschool
- 19th Preschool
- 21st The Refuge Worship & Word Night 7:00 pm
- 22nd Praise & Worship 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
Youth at the home of Jason & Caroline 5:00 pm
- 24th Preschool
- 25th Preschool
- 26th Preschool
Preschool Graduation 6:00pm
- 28th The Chuck Wagon Gang, Pineywoods 4:00pm
- 29th Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

June 2022

- 5th Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
- 8th Monthly Meeting 7:00pm
- 12th Praise & Worship 10:00 am
- 18th The Refuge Worship & Word Night 7:00 pm
- 19th Father's Day Service 10:30am **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 20th Mission Fuge, Philadelphia, PA
- 21st Mission Fuge, Philadelphia, PA
- 21st **Summer Begins**
- 22nd Mission Fuge, Philadelphia, PA
- 23rd Mission Fuge, Philadelphia, PA
- 24th Mission Fuge, Philadelphia, PA
- 25th Mission Fuge, Philadelphia, PA
- 26th Praise & Worship 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
- 27th VBS 5:30pm until 8:00pm (supper provided)
- 28th VBS 5:30pm until 8:00pm (supper provided)
- 29th VBS 5:30pm until 8:00pm (supper provided)
- 30th VBS 5:30pm until 8:00pm (supper provided)
- 1st VBS 5:30pm until 8:00pm (family cookout & program)

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed to this issue. Please get in touch with us if you want to share in an upcoming Lamplighter. Additionally, do not hesitate to contact us if you know someone who would like this publication or if you no longer wish to receive the Lamplighter: urfmeeting@gmail.com.

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Friends Helping Friends Scholarship

The Friends Helping Friends Scholarship is a scholarship offered each year to graduating seniors. It is an outreach program and students that are recognized are from the community or surrounding area. The Scholarship Program was established to support the mission statement of Up River ... "To know Christ and to make Him known".

Please donate to the Scholarship Fund by earmarking your donation to "Friends Helping Friends" and sending to Up River Friends Meeting, 523 Up River Road, Belvidere, NC 27919 or on line at <https://www.upriverfriends.org/giving>

Three recipients were recently honored during Graduation Sunday at Up River Friends.



Tanner Thach

Tanner loves God's Word. He is so mature for his age in the Word of God.

In his essay, he talks about his mother as having the most impact on his life, pushing him first in academics and then in sports. Tanner will attend UNC-W to study communications and then attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest to become a pastor.

Tanner is a dual enrolled student, taking classes at PCHS and COA, ranks 13th in his class, maintains a 4.2 GPA, active in Beta Club, FCA, Fields of Faith and started a youth group recently at New Hope Christian Fellowship. In his leisure time, he likes to preach at different churches, hunt and fish.

Tanner is the son of Richard Thach and Kristie Thach.



Allison Hobbs

Allison will walk across the stage at Northeast Academy for Aerospace & Advanced Technologies (NEAAT) as valedictorian.

Allison attended Perquimans schools until middle school when she transferred to NEAAT. In her essay, she writes about a teacher at PCMS that made a huge impact on her life – Mr. McCartney. She talks about his positive teaching style, his compassionate demeanor and his belief in her to accomplish anything that she set her mind to.

Allison is a dual enrolled student, taking classes at COA and NEAAT. She ranks first in her classes at high school and is on the President's List at COA. She serves as Vice President of the Student Government Association, active in Beta and has participated in a number of mission projects with Bethel Baptist Church in Hertford, NC, in Altoona, PA, and in Coalwood WV.

Allison will attend UNC-CH to study dental hygiene.

She is the daughter of Wally and Tammy Hobbs.



Kaitlyn Votava

Kaitlyn will be heading to UNC-W in the fall to earn a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and to eventually become a pediatric occupational therapist.

In her essay she writes about her cousin Madelyn Byrum (a young girl that died tragically in 2016) that had a powerful impact on her life. Life was normal as they ended the school year for the summer and she writes ---- six days later on June 16, our lives changed forever. The happy days of summer instantly turned to sadness and unanswered questions.

Kaitlyn says she tries daily to pour into the lives of others (like Madelyn did) through love and service to others – as Madelyn did; as Jesus commands.

Kaitlyn is an honor student, active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta, Interact, and New Hope Christian Fellowship Youth Ministry. She has served in the Hurricane Florence Relief Drive, Homeless Veteran Food and Supply Drive, Belvidere Fire Department Turkey Shoot, and Ocracoke Fundraiser for Hurricane Dorian Relief. She is also active in Fields of Faith, See you at the Pole and a toy drive for special needs children.

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Patrick and Karen Votava.

Staircase to the Possible

by Chuck Hartman *Pastor*

You can do the impossible. Often impossibilities are placed along our path, not to be a hindrance but rather a staircase to the possible. You can do the impossible, but there is a condition that must first be met.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, anyone who believes in Me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to the Father. Ask anything in My Name, and I will do it so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. If you love me, obey my commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, Who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, Who leads us into all truth. The world cannot receive Him because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him, but you know Him. I will not abandon you as orphans. I will come to you (John 14:12-18).

Jesus said greater works you will do because He goes to the Father. Jesus said, ask anything in His Name, and He will do it for you because He goes to the Father. Sometimes the Spiritually immature will take these verses and make them about financial gain or material wealth, which is not what I am talking about; Jesus should be the only treasure we seek. The very condition that you can do the impossible hinges on your knowing Christ Jesus in the free pardon of sin.

In Philippians 4:13, the Scripture states that you can do all things through Christ, Who will strengthen you. If you do not know Christ Jesus, you can never adequately achieve the impossible. Sin says 'I can' apart from Christ. That sin is 'pride,' and pride is both a sin and a result of our sin nature. Proverbs 16:18 assures that pride goes before destruction.

A classic example of this kind of pride is the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9). The people said we will build a tower to God. In essence, they were saying, 'we are our own god; we do not need the One True God.' God confused their language, and their plans came to naught. Then God turns to an unassuming 75-year-old (Genesis 12:4) named Abram (Abraham) and makes a great nation of him. Abraham and Sarah have a great weakness; they are infertile and well advanced in years—their impossibility was getting ready to change when Abraham put his faith in God. While Abraham and Sarah did not trust God perfectly, Abraham did believe God. Romans 4:3 affirms that

Abraham believed God and God counted his belief as righteousness because of his faith. Abraham did the impossible, but do you see, it was God that work in his life—God used Abraham to achieve the impossible. God wants to use you too, and often impossibilities are placed along your path, not to be a hindrance but rather a staircase to the possible.

You can do the impossible when you first repent and ask Jesus into your life as Savior and Lord. Next, submit to His will, not your own. Finally, as Saint Augustine once said, "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

Paul asked God to remove his thorn in the flesh, and every time God would remind Paul that His grace was sufficient to meet all Paul's needs. Paul then went on to say that he now takes pleasure in his weaknesses, in insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles. All that Paul suffered was what made Paul strong (2 Corinthians 12:8-10). Jesus working through Paul's adversity led Paul to do the impossible, and God working through Abraham and Sarah's inability was what led them to achieve the impossible.


Yes, you can do the impossible when Christ resides in you. Our hindrances and inability can become the instruments that allow us to do the impossible. When we do the impossible, that should bring glory to the Father. God will be glorified in the lives of all who are willing to allow Him to use their inability. Again, you must know Christ in the free pardon of sin. You must be willing to surrender your will to His will. You must be willing to both pray and work; you must allow God to have the glory because when you achieve the impossible, it is not you but Christ in you that has made the impossible possible.

The Impossible is Possible when Christ Resides in Me. If you know Christ in the free pardon of sin, and you are surrendered to His will for your life, do not get bogged down in your inability and weakness. Instead, give these feelings of inadequacy and shortcomings to God and watch God use them as the staircase which leads to the possible. 🏮

OUR LEGACY: a tribute to GEORGE FOX and WILLIAM EDMUNDSON

by JOSEPHINE RHOADES DAVIS

Recently we received correspondence from Ellen Johnson. While cleaning out her mother's attic, she came across a play written by her step-great grandmother, Josephine Rhodes Davis. The play was first performed in 1929 and commemorated the first recorded religious service in North Carolina.

As 2022 is the 350th anniversary of this significant occasion, Mrs. Johnson permitted us to reprint portions of the play in the Lamplighter over the coming months. We wanted everyone to have a chance to read the work of Josephine Rhodes Davis. This work reveals the early Quaker desire to bring Christianity to the Colonies. The original signed manuscript, donated by Mrs. Johnson, has been placed in the Up River library for preservation. Now we hope you will enjoy the third installment of *OUR LEGACY: a tribute to GEORGE FOX and WILLIAM EDMUNDSON*. 

Episode II

SECOND PART: THE FAITH OF THE CHRISTIAN

TIME: The morning following

PLACE: Whitehall, London

PERSONS: Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, Captain Drury, his life-guard George Fox, a prisoner

(Oliver Cromwell is seen seated. Enter Captain Drury. He salutes the Protector, handing him a rolled paper.)

CAPT. DRURY: My Lord Protector, the answer of George Fox, the Quaker. I have him in custody.

CROMWELL: *(taking the paper, unrolls it and reads):* "To the Protector by the name of Oliver Cromwell: Herein I declare in the presence of God that I am come into the covenant of peace which was before

strifes were: that I am sent to bring people from the causes of war and fighting—"

(Cromwell throws down the paper, saying to Captain Drury):

Bring him hither.

(Exit Captain Drury, to re-enter with George Fox carrying his Bible.)

GEORGE FOX: Peace be in this house!

CROMWELL: George Fox, I have heard much of you, and desired to see you long, and am glad you are here.

(Then reading from the paper.)

You say you are sent to bring people from the "causes of war and fighting." I am told you quarrel with my ministers.

GEORGE FOX: I am sent to bring them back to the simplicity and purity of the early Church; to bring them off from ceremonies and men's inventions. I preach "God is love," "Love one another."

CROMWELL: That is very good.

GEORGE FOX: I preach the "Kingdom of Heaven is within" them. I bid them be what they believe and assert themselves. That is what Christ did: assert Himself and suffer.

CROMWELL: It is the truth.

GEORGE FOX: It is the truth, and to discover a truth involves the task of going out and doing it. Therefore, I contend with thy ministers.

CROMWELL: George Fox, you are at liberty. Come again to my house, for if you and I were but an hour of a day together, we should be nearer one to another.

GEORGE FOX: The Lord of heaven and earth bless thee.

CURTAIN

Continued Next Month

It Takes A Village

by Kelli Lassiter Price

The old saying is true...it takes a village to raise a child and we continue to be blessed to be a part of Up River's village.

Being the parents of a handicap child is so challenging but since the beginning of this journey, Up River Friends has done everything they could to make things easier for us and continues to show their love and support for us and our girls.

In July of 2022, they will be adding some safety rubber ground and a handicap accessible playhouse. The playground has been improved several times since it was built. Most recently they were able to enclose the entire area with a fence for safety and additionally add a cemented area which is not only perfect for chalk and bikes but also great for KK's wheelchair, which was not able to be used prior to the cement addition.

It's a place our family spends a significant amount of time: Sunday's, 3 preschool days a week, and, with it being a mile from our house, MANY sunny afternoons.

Anyone wanting to contribute to this can do so online by going to <https://www.upriverfriends.org/giving> and designating PLAYGROUND in the memo line. 🏡



Scripture Memory for June 2022

Preschool

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grown weary; his understanding is unsearchable.”

Isaiah 40:28

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“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grown weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.”

Isaiah 40:28-29

Prayer Requests

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 1 John 5:14

PRAYER REQUESTS: World Leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders, children, youth, and leadership of our meeting; Lynda Givens; Lona Stallings; Tommy Riddick; Kaeli Price; Betty Bundy; Viola Britt; McKay and Judy Riddick; Garland Anderson; Emmie Lou Hughey; National Healing; Olin Slabaugh; Cash Caldwell; Jessica Townsend; Tim Tyler; James Ward; Jason Kretzer; Dale Weeks; Ken & Rebecca Spivey; Toni Bundy; Marsha Beatly; Beckie Rosenheim; Charles Hartman; Ginger Bundy; Ron Rountree; Safety in our area school systems; URF preschool; Chad Baker; Tammy & Tyler Givens; Jenny Underwood; Lyn Winslow; Ukraine; Peggy Chappell; Mike Deny; Jackie Arnold Tarkington; Kelly, & Parker Smith; T.G. Sanders; Kim Winfrey; Kylli Priest; Garry Copeland; Michael Barker; Tony & Tracy Dean; Pradeep Manchala; Wayland Spruill (and family); Austin Simpson; Debra Boyce; Connie Baker; Unspoken (represents two needs); Michael Mainello; Samantha Midgett (Missions); Our missionaries.

HOMEBOUND AND/OR CONVALESCING: Tommy Stallings; Lorraine Casper; Sandra Parks; Red Chappell; Eloise and Lyndon White; Renee Marshburn; Herbert Williams; Lois Faye & Paul White; Carey Guyer; Virginia Texine Stallings Williams; Micah Brooks; Linda Hall; Pamela Mainello; Our Caregivers.

THE FAMILIES OF: Tommy Chappel; Christine Chappell, Eura Hall, Eunice Bowman; & Tim Smith.

If you have a prayer need, please get in touch with us: urfmeeting@gmail.com, <https://www.upriverfriends.org/prayer>, or

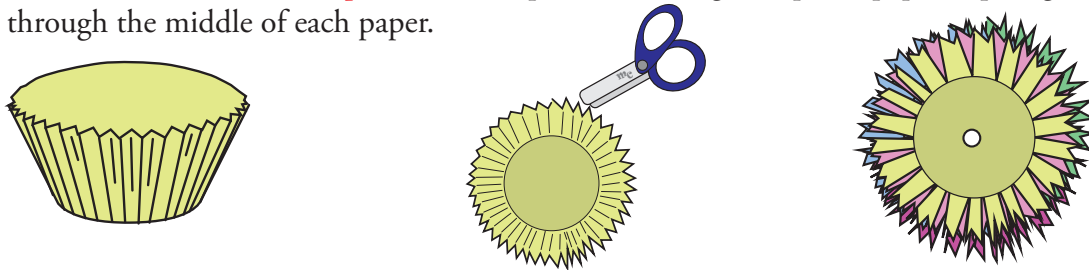


Crafting for Young Friends

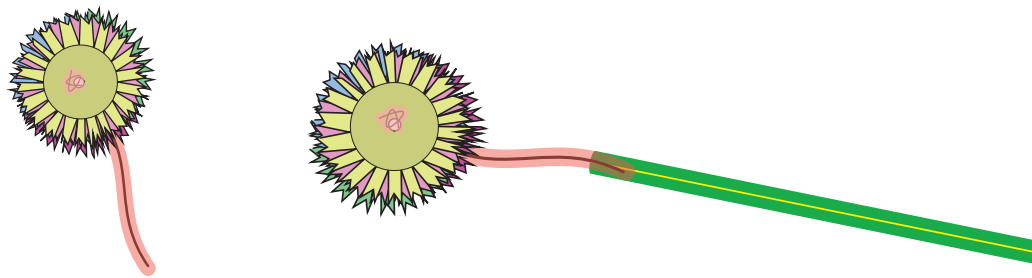
Cupcake Paper Flower

You Will Need: Cupcake paper cups, pipe cleaner, drinking straw, and scissors.

1) Start by cutting, with scissors, the cupcake paper cups (fringe the edges). **REMEMBER!** *Any time a child uses scissors, there must be an adult present.* Then, put all the fringed cupcake paper cups together and make a hole through the middle of each paper.



2) Next, thread the pipe cleaner through the papers and crunch one end so the papers do not fall off the pipe cleaner. Take the opposite end of the pipe cleaner and thread it through the drinking straw. Once it is threaded through, clamp off that opposite end.



3) Finally, enjoy the paper flower, or repeat the process to make a bouquet.



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