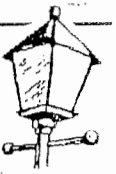


# Lamplighter

Let your light so shine  
before others . . .  
Matthew 5:16



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

DEAR FRIENDS:

PERFECTLY FORGIVEN:

I am reminded of a cartoon where a father turns to his son and asks, *What did you learn today in Sunday School?* The boy looks at his father and then replies, *Hypocrite!* Wow, that insight is both humorous and telling. Frankly, there may be places in our Christian walk that feel a bit hypocritical.

Recently I read an article entitled, *Applying the Old Testament Law Today* by J. Daniel Hays. Hays goes into detail around the thought Jesus expressed about His fulfilling the law, *“(Jesus) did not come to sweep away the righteous demands of the Law, but that He came to fulfill its righteous demands. As the climax of this aspect of salvation history, Jesus fulfilled all the righteous demands and all the prophetic foreshadowing of the Law and of the Prophets.”* (2001). Daniel Hays’ summary is a beautiful explanation of Jesus’ statement, *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them”* (Matthew 5:17, NIV). Jesus fulfills the righteous demands of the Law. I am unable to fulfill all the righteous demands the law stresses. Paul even wrote, *“Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died”* (Romans 7:9, NIV). Jesus, never meant He was going to abolish the law, God still expects me to love my neighbor; not kill or steal; and not commit adultery. On top of what God commanded, Jesus raised the bar; Jesus said, *“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart”* (Matthew 5:28, NIV).

Jesus knew that God’s fallen creation could never fill the righteous demands of the law. Jesus came to do what God’s creation could not do, fill the law’s righteous demands. For all who believe in Christ—Christians, God is counting the law’s righteous demands met in Christ. *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation”* (2 Corinthians 5:17-19, NIV). Knowing what God has done for me, what I could not do for myself, is really good news. I am thankful that Christ has met the law’s righteous demands for me; and should I miss the mark, and I will, when I ask His forgiveness, it’s as if I never missed the mark at all. Christ has met the law’s righteous demands for all time, space, and eternity—praise be to God.

So, the next time you’re feeling hypocritical, remind yourself that Christ has fulfilled the law’s righteous demands for you. Ask God’s forgiveness, and enjoy His ministry of reconciliation. Remember, being a Christ follower does not make one perfect, but it does make one perfectly forgiven.

Blessings, Chuck

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## UP RIVER FRIENDS MEETING’S MISSION STATEMENT:

To know Christ and to make Him known.

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## CONGRATULATIONS:

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Austin and Lacey Winslow on Madelyn Jean (Maddie)’s arrival on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Ashley and David Jethro on the birth of their son Hudson Gray on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER REQUESTS;** World leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders and leadership of our meeting, the victims of the tornados including Kevin and Kristie Stallings Harris' family, Carlton Rountree, Jason Warren, Carolyn Baker, Connie Baker, Tabatha Baker, Dale Hunter, Brandon Price, Melody L. White, Garland Anderson, Lela Bundy, Iona Baker, Ralph Hartley, Peggy Wilcox (Richard's mother), Kathy Stallings, Tommy Chappell, Jackie Wiley, Kathy Turner, Jenna, Ryan and Baby Cash Caldwell, Cody, Lauren Lamb and baby, Reby Stallings, Linda Givens, Judy Phthisic, Sydney Pierce, Pete Mansfield, Tommy Stallings, Jean Pressley (Sonya's mother), Conna Gessler, Alan Corprew, Aubrey Burgess, Sid Stallings, Robert Hall (cousin of Rose Riddick), Kay Boyce, Talynn Gurganus, Denise Dail, Lois Faye, Paul White and family, Mary Frances Twiddy, Chad Winslow, Quincy Riddick, Lewis Stallings, Karen & Freddie Boblit, Beulah Phthisic, Faye Lassiter, Anna Wrae Smith, C. F. Stallings, Virginia Ripperger, Abby Baker, Anna Spivey, Carey Guyer and her best friend Erica, Bill Jones, the families of Kevin Harris' uncle, Naomi Hunter, Steven Toppin, Ethel Baccus Winslow, Eddie Barber and the Raefords, our care-givers, youth, and missionaries. If you know of anyone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pastor Chuck or Catherine. Thank you.

**(Unless we know their needs or you make us aware of their needs, after 30 days the name will rotate off).**

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**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY & WEEKLY SERVICES**

**BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 Nursery and Junior Church  
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 04<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Ministry and Counsel  
 06<sup>th</sup> No activities this evening  
 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Elizabeth White Miss. Circle  
 13<sup>th</sup> **NO** Choir Practice  
 6:30 pm Light Meal  
 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting  
 15<sup>th</sup> **LAMPLIGHTER NEWS** is due – thank you  
 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Choir Practice  
 6:30 pm Light meal  
 7:30 pm Children Time  
 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Choir Practice  
 6:30 pm Light meal  
 7:30 pm Children Time  
 29<sup>th</sup> Homeless Feeding in Elizabeth City

01<sup>st</sup> David Jones, Carissa Lynn Baker  
 02<sup>nd</sup> Sonya Hartman  
 03<sup>rd</sup> R. J. Lassiter  
 09<sup>th</sup> Lois Dail  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jewel Winslow, Thomas Crain  
 11<sup>th</sup> Keith Rountree, Kim Harris  
 12<sup>th</sup> Jeffrey Winslow  
 13<sup>th</sup> Masyn Kirby Colson  
 15<sup>th</sup> Victoria (Tori) Jean White  
 21<sup>st</sup> Jett Cagle Winslow  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Susan R. Harris  
 24<sup>th</sup> Clark Baker, Mark Baker,  
 Chris Jones  
 28<sup>th</sup> Lynette T. Baker  
 29<sup>th</sup> Hillary B. Lassiter

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**FLOWERS:**

03<sup>rd</sup> Holly Lassiter; 10<sup>th</sup> Pending; 17<sup>th</sup> Tabatha Baker; 24<sup>th</sup> Crystal Colson

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**COMMUNICATION:**

In hopes of staying better connected, Up River is considering the use of a phone tree service. The phone tree would allow everyone who does not have e-mail to receive, by phone, the information that goes out via e-mail. Also, anyone who currently receives e-mail, and would also like to receive phone or text messages, may also sign up to receive phone messages. If you would like to get phone messages, please provide your name, phone number, and preference of text message, voice message, or both to <pastorchuckhartman@gmail.com> send a message directly through , or leave a message at the church office 252-297-2442.

**NURSERY (Sunday School):**

**First Sunday:** Brenda & Jenna C.

**Second Sunday:** Lois & Faith

**Fifth Sunday:** Lois Dail

**Third Sunday:** Jovan Ward

**Fourth Sunday:** Cheryl & Tiffany

**PRE-SCHOOL (Sunday School):**

**First Sunday:** Kim & Drew

**Second Sunday:** Mike & Jamie

**Fifth Sunday:** Amanda Winslow

**Third Sunday:** Dena Richardson

**Fourth Sunday:** Kim & Drew

**NURSERY (Worship Hour):**

**First Sunday:** Brandon & Nicole

**Second Sunday:** Jason & Caroline

**Fifth Sunday:** Jovan & Cheryl

**Third Sunday:** Chris & Tabatha

**Fourth Sunday:** Jimmy & Tiffany

**TODDLER NURSERY (Worship Hour):**

**First Sunday:** Ashley J. & LouAnn

**Second Sunday:** Lacey & Austin

Scottie & Sonya

**Fifth Sunday:** Rusty & Terry Sweeney

**Third Sunday:** Sydni & Kelly Winslow

**Fourth Sunday:** Brandon & Julane

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH: (GRADES K-5)**

**First Sunday:** Lynette & Tabatha

**Second Sunday:** Josh & Gabby

**Fifth Sunday:** Join Worship

**Third Sunday:** Holly

**Fourth Sunday:** Matt & Amanda

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**UP RIVER MISSIONARY CIRCLE :**

The Elizabeth White Missionary Circle met in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 14th at 2 o’clock. Lois Faye White shared the program *The Stuff of Faith* with scripture taken from Matthew 6:25-34 to the eight members present. We are enjoying our lessons on *Gratitude* shared by Friends here in the United States and other countries. Contributions were sent for FUM Missions in Ramallah, Kenya, and our Native American Center Workers.

North Carolina USFW Spring Conference will be held Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at Quaker Lake.

Our next meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 o’clock in the Fellowship Hall with Judy Parsons bringing the program on *Why Thanks*. Everyone is welcome.

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**ALBEMARLE CHORALE CONCERTS:**

The Albemarle Chorale, under the direction of Lynwood Winslow, will present its spring concerts at 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 24 at Edenton United Methodist Church, and Sunday, May 1 at First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City. The program, entitled “Sacred Spring”, will feature music celebrating God’s creation, as well as selections from the Saint Matthew Passion by J. S Bach, and the Easter portion of G. F. Handel’s Messiah. Admission to the concerts is free, however, donations are greatly appreciated.

*The following was written in January by Dale Graves, Interim Director of Belize Friends Mission and taken from the The ADVOCATE, United Society of Friends Women International.*

### **GUILFORD COLLEGE VISIT:**

Some while ago I received an email from Frank Massey wondering if it would be possible for a group of Guilford College (North Carolina) students to visit Belize. After making contact with Eden in the Friends United Meeting office, we proceeded with plans. The first plan was for the group to be in Belize for 7 days, then fly to Jamaica and be there for 7 days.

We discovered that there is no flight from Belize to Jamaica. Belizeans who want to visit Jamaica fly to Miami, stay overnight, and fly on to Jamaica. Well, that was going to raise the cost of the trip significantly, so we made arrangements for the group to spend the whole 14 days in Belize.

We cast about for ways to be helpful for that period of time. I asked if the group would be willing to do some original research on Quakers in Belize. The Cains, the Barbers, the Stouts, and Judy Lumb still live here; and I thought we could set up some interviews with them as well as with Ms Candi. Frank asked the students and indicated that they were excited about that possibility. The plan also included tutoring in the classroom from the beginning of the school day until the mid-morning snack break and some hands on projects at the school, including giving the exterior paint a good scrubbing.

We scheduled the Barber home for their lodging; but with the addition of the second week, we had to move, in the middle of their stay, to the Belcove hotel, which is downtown next to the river. There were actually some advantages to being downtown, because it was an easy walk to eating places and to school.

We scheduled a little playtime as well, of course, and a trip to Caye Caulker was on the agenda from the start. Then we discovered that the aunt and uncle of one of the Guilford students, Christopher, lived on Ambergris Caye near San Pedro. So some students visited there as well. The students also went on a field trip we already had scheduled for our students to the water treatment plant and to the Museum of Belize.

When it came close to the end of the trip, we began to realize that our students and the Guilford students had formed some friendships; and so a little party on the last day at school was in order, cupcakes and all. On Tuesday before departure on Wednesday, we drove to the St Hermann's Cave/Blue Hole National Park which is staffed by the Audubon Society.

Ms Candi and I took them to the airport on Wednesday and made sure they got through the airport. It must have been a bit of shock to leave Belize City at about 80 degrees and arrive to snow and freezing rain in North Carolina.

I have traveled with college groups. I have heard other hosts talk about the horrors of hosting college groups – and I really must say that they don't come any better than this one. They were respectful of our staff and of our students. They were loving and caring. They were full participants in Sunday morning worship and they always conducted themselves in ways that made me proud. I will probably be spoiled for time immemorial.

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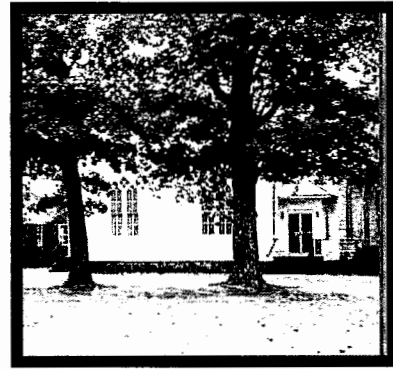
**THE QUERIES:** The following comes from the Faith and Practice (Book of Discipline) of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends under the heading THE QUERIES. *Please take time to consider these thoughts and hopefully our meeting will grow both spiritually and numerically.*

**HOME AND FAMILY:** Do you practice the daily reading of the Scriptures in your families, giving time for reverent meditation? Do you make your home a place of hospitality, friendliness, peace, and Christian fellowship? Do you promote the moral and spiritual life of your children through careful supervision of their education, recreation, and friendships?

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*To each of you who contributed to this newsletter, **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.** If you would like to share in upcoming newsletters, please feel free to do so – just give me a call at 297-2485 or e-mail me at <lcwjr@inteliport.com>. Also if you have a loved one or a friend whom you think would like to receive our newsletter – please let me know; or if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, let me know. Thank you very much. Catherine G. Winslow*

# *“Friends” Helping Friends Scholarship*



Outreach programs have varied from year to year at Up River Friends Meeting. While some outreach programs take place on the premises, others are in conjunction with another community agency, family or even in other countries. In the past and with your support, Up River Friends has provided many services to the community through outreach programs, service projects, food collections, and youth activities and outreach programs like Vacation Bible School to teach the community about salvation through Jesus Christ.

The mission statement for Up River Friends Meeting is **“To Know Christ and to Make Him Known”**. There is no better way to put into effect the mission statement than to get actively involved in outreach programs which will directly touch the lives of needy students in Perquimans County.

Since 2009, Up River Friends Meeting has committed to actively engage in an effort to collect dollars to fund a scholarship program for needy students. The scholarship, **Friends Helping friends Scholarship**, is made available to a needy student or students in Perquimans County and is in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship will be awarded through an application process and will be available to those not associated with Up River Friends Meeting. **This is a genuine outreach program**, targeting individuals who may benefit from the goodwill and outreach of members of Up River Friends. What better way to help spread the word about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

Please join in this ministry by making your contribution towards this outreach program.

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**I hereby demonstrate my support of outreach for a needy student to attend college by contributing to the “Friends” Helping friends Scholarship Program.**

- Simplicity Level \$25 - \$99
- Equality Level \$100 - \$249
- Integrity Level \$250 - \$499
- Peace Level \$500 - \$999
- Inner Light Level \$1000 - \$5000

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# QUERIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

(Prepared by New England Junior Yearly Meeting)

Do you try to be honest and truthful in what you say and do? Do you stand firmly against acts that are sneaky and underhanded? Do you realize we get the greatest enjoyment from the things for which we work, and that trying to get something for nothing seldom brings lasting happiness?

## SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.

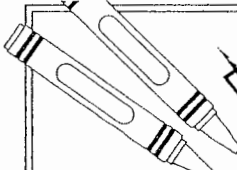


### What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

### What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.




# PUZZLE

## A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

*Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.*

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The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ 24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV



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