



Joyce Fogleman 03/17 Tommy Hayes 03/18  
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No Anniversaries This Week

### Weekly Worship Attendance

#### **Sunday March 9th, 2025**

10:30 Worship – Inside – 102 Children's Church – 11 Nursery – 2  
 Youth Worship/Refuel – 10 Drive-in/Cars Outside – 9  
**Total for Worship = 134**

### Stewardship

Totals for Sun. March 9th - \$7,261  
 YTD - \$64,696 (+\$15,646)  
 2025 Weekly Budget Required - \$ 4,904.64  
 2025 Annual Budget Required - \$255,041.00

### Cemetery Endowment Donations

Total donated to date is \$33,355  
 (Goal: \$50,000.00 that will be matched up to \$50,000.00.)

### **Welcome to Marlboro Friends Meeting!**

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## **Sunday, March 16th, 2025**

2668 Marlboro Church Rd.

Sophia, NC 27350

**Christ is at the center of  
 Marlboro Friends Meeting  
 Directing our members to grow in the Spirit,  
 To worship Him through our lives,  
 And to set an example  
 By ministering to the needs of those  
 We meet in our daily walk.**

Worship Theme 2025:

“Acknowledging Jesus as Our Savior and Lord”

Theme Verses: Mark 8: 29

‘But What About You?’, Jesus asked. ‘Who Do You Say That I Am?’

## Marlboro Friends Meeting Sunday, March 16th, 2025

**10:00 - 10:30am**      **Greeting Time - for all attending the Drive-in Service**

Please tune your radio to **94.3** for the worship service.

**Scripture and Opening Prayer**      **Ray Luther**

***Luke 23: 43***

*43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

**Prelude**      "Lamb of Glory"      **Kathy Walden**

**Call to Worship**      "Surely The Presence"      **Marlboro Choir**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Congregational Hymn # 253**      "Lead Me to Calvary"

**Friendly Communion** - Greet One Another with the Grace and Peace of Christ.

*Psalm 122:1 - I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'*

**Offertory**      "I Am His and He Is Mine"      **Kathy Walden**

**Praises and Prayers**

**Special Music**      "I Can Only Imagine"      **Ray Luther**

**Open Worship**

**Scripture Readings** - Luke 23: 38-43, Revelation 2: 7, John 3: 16-17 & Ephesians 2: 8-10

**Easter Sermon Series: The 7 Last Words of Christ**

**Message**      "A Word About Salvation"      **Ray Luther**

**Congregational Hymn # 255**      "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

**Closing Prayer**      **Ray Luther**

**Postlude**      "Faith Unlocks the Door"      **Kathy Walden**

## **Easter Events Calendar for Marlboro Friends Meeting**

**Sunday March 9th** - Sermon Series based upon *'The 7 last words of Christ'* will be part of the 10:30am worship service each week. 1st Sermon Title - "A Word About Forgiveness" Key passage being Luke 23:24 - Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

**Sunday March 16th** - 2nd Sermon Title - "A Word About Salvation" Key passage Luke 23: 43 - Jesus replied, 'Today, you will be with me in paradise.'

**Sunday March 23rd** - 3rd Sermon Title - "A Word About Relationships" Key passage John 19: 25 - 27 - Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, behold your son.' and to his disciple, 'Behold your mother.'

**Sunday Evening Sing!** - An evening of music and fellowship with Friends from Southern Quarter at 6:00pm at Marlboro.

**Sunday March 30th** - 4th Sermon Title - "A Word About Distress" Key passage John 19: 28 - Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.'

**Sunday April 6th** - 5th Sermon Title - "A Word About Abandonment" Key passage Mark 15: 34 - Jesus cried out, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

**Sunday April 13th** - Secret Saint Breakfast and Recognition at 9am followed by the Easter Music and Scripture Program during worship hour at 10:30am.

**Palm Sunday Evening Worship** - 6:00pm with Friends from Cedar Square and other Friends Meetings in our area.

**Sunday April 20th** - Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast at 6:00am with breakfast at 7:00am, Sunday School at 9:30 am and Worship at 10:30

Sunrise - 6th Sermon Title - "A Word About Triumph" Key passage John 19: 30 - Jesus said, 'It is finished.'

Worship - 7th Sermon Title - "A Word About Reunion" Key passage Luke 23: 46 - Jesus cried out, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

**Join us to celebrate the Easter Story  
and the hope we have in the Risen Lord!**

**Quaker Lake Camp Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt**

Join the fun at Quaker Lake Camp by bringing your children who are K—5th Grade age to the annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 5th from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Register online at [quakerlakecamp.org](http://quakerlakecamp.org)  
The cost is \$18.

## Scriptures for Today's Service

### **Luke 23: 38 - 43**

**38** There was a written notice above him, which read:

*This is the king of the Jews.*

**39** One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

**40** But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? **41** We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

**42** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**43** Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

### **Revelation 2: 7**

**7** Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

### **John 3: 16 & 17**

**16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

### **Ephesians 2: 8 – 10**

**8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### **Daily Scripture Readings for The Week**

To enhance our spiritual growth, we will be sharing daily passages from the International Sunday School lessons to read and study to grow your faith as you spend time with the Lord.

**Mon. March 17th** – 1st Peter 2:1-5

**Tues. March 18th** – Psalm 141

**Wed. March 19th** – 2nd Corinthians 2: 12-17

**Thurs. March 20th** – Zephaniah 3: 14-20

**Fri. March 21st** – Romans 12: 1-8

**Sat. March 22nd** – Romans 12: 9-21

**Sunday March 23rd** – Leviticus 1: 3-17

## Today at Marlboro Friends

### Today - Sunday March 16th

**9:30am**

Sunday School for pre-school and elementary children will be held in the Family Life Center. All youth will meet with the adults for Sunday School. The adults will meet in the Pathfinders Classroom. Ray will also be leading a Membership Class on Quaker Faith and Practice in the Blanche Farlow Classroom each Sunday during March.

**10:30am**

Drive-in and In Person Worship. Children's Church will be meeting in the Family Life Center. The Youth will meet for Refuel Worship in the youth suite. Infant Care is available in the nursery.

**4:00pm**

Marlboro Messengers will meet in the Worship room.

**5:00pm**

Marlboro Choir will rehearse in the Choir room

**Note:**

Youth Group will not meet tonight.

## Looking Ahead

### Tuesday March 18th

**7:00pm**

Ministry & Counsel will meet in the parlor for their monthly meeting.

### Wednesday March 19th

**6:00pm**

Pickleball **will not meet** this week in the Family Life Center

**6:00pm**

Adult Bible Study will be held this week in the Blanche Farlow Classroom for the Gospel of Mark—Part 2—Chapter 14.

**6:30pm**

Youth Bible Study in the Youth Suite.

**6:45pm**

Friends in Motion will meet in the FLC. Service Project is items for Cancer patients.

### Thursday March 20th

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**Note:**

Marlboro Messengers, Choir and Youth Group will not meet tonight.

## Nursery Attendants

**March 16th** Shelley Dodson Bailey Toomes

**March 23rd** Karen Hinshaw Janice Zachary

## Elders For March

**Presiding Elder** – Lisa Hamilton **Greeting Elder** – Jonathan Farlow

## Up Coming Events

**Friends Membership Class** - Starting last Sunday March 2nd and continuing through Sunday March 30th, Ray will be leading a class on Friends Faith and Practice in the Blanche Farlow Classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. If you are interested in learning more about Friends beliefs or in joining the Meeting as member, please join us for this time of study and sharing.

### **Winter Bible Study – Gospel of Mark – Part 2**

You are invited to attend the Bible Study on the gospel of Mark which is being offered on Wednesday evenings at 6pm and on Thursday mornings at 9am in the Blanche Farlow Classroom. The study will be held weekly through April 2nd and 3rd. Please plan to join us for this study and time of fellowship and growth with other members of the Meeting.

### **Sunday Evening Sing! - Sunday March 23rd**

Marlboro Friends Meeting will be hosting our third Sunday Evening Sing program on Sunday March 23rd at 6:00pm in the worship room. We have invited other Friends Meetings from Southern Quarter to join us for this evening of music and fellowship. Please invite your family and friends to attend this uplifting time of worship.

### **FCNC Mid Year Gathering**

Friends Church of North Carolina will be meeting for the Mid-Year Gathering at Cane Creek Friends Meeting in Snow Camp, N.C. on Saturday March 29th at 9am for Ministry & Counsel and at 10am for business and worship.

## Mission Projects

**Friends In Motion Mission Projects** – The Mission Circle continues to collect used postage stamps to benefit other mission work. If you have any stamps from letters or cards, please tear them off and give them to a member of the Friends in Motion Circle.

**Belize Mission Support** – Our congregation is supporting the Friends mission work in the Central American country of Belize. Our initial focus is providing support for the Belize Church Food Program. If you want to support this ministry, please make a donation to: Friends United Meeting through Marlboro Friends by earmarking your check/donation to Belize Grocery Bag Project or send your gift directly to Friends United Meeting 101 Quaker Hill Drive Richmond Indiana 57374. Thanks for considering this and please keep these Friends in your prayers.



**Operation Christmas Child Update:** For the month of **March**, we are collecting **Band-Aids and wash clothes**.

Please place any donations in the Operation Christmas Child box located in the vestibule. Thank you!



**As we draw near to God; God will draw near to us!**

**Homebound Members:** Eloise & Carmen Farlow, Byron Farlow, Elmer & Adis Beeson, Marie Pugh, JoAnne Hancock, Jewel Farlow,

**Members & Attenders of Marlboro:** Michael Farlow, Judy Gaster, Evelyn Warren, Diane Pugh, Wayne Fogleman, Barry Zachary, Elaine Wagoner, Elizabeth Spencer, Bruce Hunt, Sue Pugh, Tommy Davis, Ormie Rich, Teresa Hayes, Karen Frazier, Edwin & Marie Beeson, Tommy Hylton, Tommy Hayes and Curtis Lonkert.

**Family & Friends:** Emily Mulane, Jimmy Gatewood, Amber Marlowe, Jill Goode, Angie Ellias, Tony Long, David Frazier (Bob Spencer family & friends), Gerry Zachary (Mother of Barry Zachary), Tammy White, Glenda & Doug Swails, Joyce Wolford, Wendy Varner Jernigan (friend of Terri Grooms), Janie & Ron Mock, Lavonne Oakley, Jonathan Stout (Grandson in law of Mae Hill), Ophie Timmons (daughter of Coach Timmons), Alexis Power (Sandy Rich), Andrea & Jake Mills and baby Abel, Mike Elkins (Brother of Elaine Wagoner), Deb Stein (Friend of Jonathan Farlow), Kris Ferris, Susan Pugh (Wife of Craig Pugh and sister in law of Jan, Debbie and Lisa), Tanya Hurley Trogon (Daughter of Ben & Linda Hurley), Libby Hyatt (sister in law of Mary Rich), Billy Cunningham, Denise Chriscoe (friends of Mae Hill), Otis Patterson (Stepfather of Terrie Grooms), Paisley Chriscoe (Cheryl Pratt), David Jackson, Exodus Yamo (Jonathan Farlow), Mike Crotts, Jillian Tysinger (Granddaughter of Sam & Karen Frazier), Andrew Hockett (Gabe Walden) and all those still struggling in Western NC.

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### **Meeting Secretary Position Is Open**

We are beginning a search to fill the position of Meeting Secretary for Marlboro Friends. The job description has been updated and approved by Monthly Meeting and is available in the foyer for anyone in the Meeting who might be interested in applying for the position or sharing this information with someone that you know. Please keep this need in your prayers as we make this transition. If you have questions or interest in the position, please contact Ray Luther or Tyler Pugh for more information.