



9/22 Ella Grace Zachary  
9/22 Jan Dough

9/22 Will Beeson III  
9/24 Don Farlow  
9/24 Lauren O'Brien

9/25 Gary Dodson  
9/26 Sherry Hylton



9/22 Dan & Denise Warren  
9/22 John & Tracie Lambe  
9/24 Terry & Donna Jackson

9/28 Bob & Janice Pugh  
9/28 Connor & Trista Pratt

**Weekly Worship Attendance**  
**Sunday September 7th, 2025**

10:30 Worship – Inside – 106 Children's Church – 6 Nursery – 4  
Youth Worship/Refuel – 10 Drive-in/Cars Outside – 4  
Total for Worship = 130

**Stewardship**

Totals for Sun. Sept, 14th - \$2,157  
YTD - \$191,620 (+\$10,135)  
2025 Weekly Budget Required - \$ 4,904.64  
2025 Annual Budget Required - \$255,041.00

**Cemetery Endowment Donations**

Total donated to date is \$ 43,500.00  
(Goal: \$50,000.00 that will be matched up to \$50,000.00)

**Welcome to Marlboro Friends Meeting!**

**Wi-Fi: MFM-guest Password: welcometomfm!**  
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## Sunday, September 21st, 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 Verse: Mark 8: 29

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

**Marlboro Friends Meeting**  
**Order of Worship for Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**Welcome to Friend Day 2025**

**Worship Theme 2025:** "Acknowledging Jesus as Our Savior and Lord"

**Theme Verse:** Mark 8: 29 - 'But What About You?', Jesus asked. 'Who Do You Say That I Am?'

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

**Drive – In Worship** - Please tune your radio to **94.3** for the worship service.

**Scripture and Opening Prayer**

*John 15: 14 – You are my friends if you do what I command.*

**Prelude** "Holy Spirit, Come - Medley" Kathy Walden

**Call to Worship** "Enthroned" Marlboro Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** Ministry & Counsel

**Congregational Hymn # 353** "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

**Friendly Communion**

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

**Offertory** "The Prayer" Kimberly Farlow and Kathy Walden

**Praises and Prayers**

**Special Music** "You Are My All in All" Marlboro Choir

**Open Worship**

**Scripture** John 15: 12 – 17, John 1: 17, Romans 5: 8 & Matthew 9: 9 – 13

**Message** "Jesus is a Friend that Offers Grace"

**Congregation Hymn # 473** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**Closing Prayer**

**Postlude** "Change My Heart, O God" Kathy Walden

*Enter Prepared to Worship. Leave Prepared to Serve.*

**Scriptures for Today**

**John 15: 12 – 17**

*12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command.*

*15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.*

**John 1: 17**

*For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

**Romans 5: 8**

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Matthew 9: 9 – 13**

**The Calling of Matthew**

*9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.*

*10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"*

*12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.*

*13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

**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. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Philippians 2: 5 – 10

**Tues. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Isaiah 42: 1 – 7

**Wed. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 2: 25 – 31

**Thurs. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 13: 44 – 49

**Fri. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** – Psalm 84

**Sat. Sept 27<sup>th</sup>** – Isaiah 50: 4 – 9

**Sun. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** – Isaiah 53: 1 – 7



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

**Homebound Members:**

|                     |                        |               |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Byron Farlow        | Eloise & Carmen Farlow | Joann Hancock |
| Elmer & Adis Beeson | Jewel Farlow           | Marie Pugh    |

**Members & Attenders of Marlboro:**

|                      |                   |                |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Bruce Hunt           | Elizabeth Spencer | Mary Rich      |
| Cassidy Sharpe       | Evelyn Warren     | Michael Farlow |
| Diane Pugh           | Jesse Davis       | Mickey Johnson |
| Donna Jackson        | Mae Hill          | Tommy Hayes    |
| Edwin & Marie Beeson |                   | Wayne Fogleman |

**Family & Friends:**

|                                     |                                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Alexis Power (Sandy Rich)           | Jill Goode                             |
| Amber Marlowe                       | Jonathan Stout (Mae Hill)              |
| Andrea, Jake & baby Abel Mills      | Joretta Hunt (Brad Walden)             |
| Angie Elias                         | Joyce Wolford                          |
| Ann McDonald (Mandy Hinshaw)        | Kris Ferris                            |
| Barbara Goodpasture                 | Lavonne Oakley                         |
| Bill Sharpe (Sandy & Brian Sharpe)  | Libby Hyatt (Mary Rich)                |
| Billy Cunningham                    | Mike Craven (Joanne Farlow)            |
| Blake Strickland                    | Mike Crotts                            |
| Carolyn Brown (Sandy Rich)          | Missy Lawrence (Bob Spencer)           |
| Charlie Barker                      | Ophie Timmons (Coach Timmons)          |
| Christy Welborn (Joanne Farlow)     | Randy & Vicki Floss (Bob Spencer)      |
| Clayton McManus                     | Russell Yow (Bob Spencer)              |
| David Jackson                       | Sam Gainey (Terrie Grooms)             |
| Deb Stein (Jonathon Farlow)         | Sharon Clark (Sherry Hylton)           |
| Denise Chriscoe (Mae Hill)          | Sherry Cole (Evelyn Warren)            |
| Dennis York (Sandy Rich)            | Susan Lambeth (Bob Spencer)            |
| Emily Mulane                        | Susan Pugh (Craig, Jan, Debbie & Lisa) |
| Emma Church (Missy Walden)          | Tammy White                            |
| Gerry Zachary (Janice Zachary')     | Tanya H. Trogdon (Ben & Linda Hurley') |
| Glenda & Doug Swails                | Tommy McDonald (Mandy Hinshaw)         |
| Ina Mae Pearce Bates (Kevin Farlow) | Tony Long                              |
| Jeritta Zachary (Janice Zachary)    | Willis Bonkemeyer (Sandy Sharpe)       |

**Missionaries & Outreach:**

Caleb & Mandy Crotts Family (Missionaries in Nigeria)  
Gary Dodson & the NC Friends Disaster Service Team  
Whitney Bradshaw & the Costa Rica Medical Mission Team

**Today at Marlboro Friends**

**Today – Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> – Friend Day for Marlboro**

9:30am Sunday School for pre-school and elementary children will be held in the Family Life Center on the stage. All youth will meet in the youth suite for Sunday School. The adults will meet in the Pathfinders Classroom.

10:30am Drive-in and In Person Worship. All adults will meet in the Worship room for the service. Refuel Youth Worship will be held in the youth suite. Children's Church will be held in the Youth Game Area due to the lunch being held in Family Life Center. Infant Care is available in the nursery.

11:45am Carry-In Meal will take place in the Family Life Center.

**Note:** Marlboro Youth will not be meeting tonight.. Marlboro Messengers and the Choir will not rehearse this evening.

**Services/Meetings/Events This Week**

**Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am See You At The Pole Prayer Event at Local Schools

9:30am Monthly Program Staff Meeting in the Copy Room

6:00pm Fall Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew in the Blanche Farlow Classroom.

6:30pm Youth Bible Study for the fall will be held in the youth suite. Bring your friends.

**Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Fall Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew in the Blanche Farlow Classroom.

**Next Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Sunday School for pre-school and elementary children will be held in the Family Life Center. All youth will meet in the youth suite for Sunday School. The adults will meet in the Pathfinders Classroom.

10:30am Drive-in and In Person Worship. All adults will meet in the Worship room for the service. Children's Church will not be held today but Terry and Paige will be leading a Children's Message followed by a time of activity with the older youth in the Family Life Center. Infant Care is available in the nursery.

4:00pm Marlboro Messengers will rehearse in the worship room.

5:00pm Marlboro Choir will rehearse in the choir room.

6:30pm Youth Group Game night along with Ice Cream in the Youth Suite.

**Note:** Marlboro Youth will not be meeting tonight.

### Schedule for Upcoming Services and Announcements

**Weekly Adult Bible Study** – Ray started a weekly Bible Study on the book of Matthew on Wednesday evenings at 6pm and Thursday mornings at 9am in the Blanche Farlow Classroom. Everyone interested is invited to join us for this time of growth and study.

**Friend Day – Sunday September 21st** – We welcome everyone to our Friend Day service today. We invite everyone to stay after the worship service today for a carry-in meal in the Family Life Center around 11:45. We also want to ask every family visiting today to pick up a special treat as you leave the service today to thank you for attending. Thanks to everyone who brought Friends today and we hope you will return to worship with us again.

**Southern Quarter Visitation Program** – The ten Friends Meetings that make up Southern Quarter approved to begin a program of visitation to develop friendships and to support one another during our worship services on a monthly basis. This program will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month. This month, the Ministry and Counsel will be sending a representative from Marlboro to Archdale Friends Meeting on Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this new program in your prayers.

**Quaker Men's Fall Gathering – Monday September 29<sup>th</sup>** – The fall gathering will be held at Springfield Friends Meeting in High Point starting at 5:59pm with a meal and a music and devotional program to following led by their pastor Josh Brown. Also, the Museum of Domestic Life at Springfield will be open from 5pm to 6pm for anyone interested in touring the facility. The meal cost is \$15 per person at the door. To assist the Circle that is planning the meal, they are requesting a head count be given to David Hobson by Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**October is "Pastor Appreciation Month." - Sunday, October 19**, following our worship service, everyone is invited to join in a carry-in meal and time of fellowship in the Family Life Center in appreciation for the service and commitment of our ministry team. Please acknowledge the contributions of our entire ministry team --- Ray Luther, Terry and Paige Linthicum, Bob Spencer, and Kathy Walden --- over the coming weeks.

### Missions and Outreach Announcements

**Belize Mission Support** – Our Meeting is supporting mission work by Friends in the Central American country of Belize. Our focus is supporting 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 it directly to **Friends United Meeting, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond Indiana 57374**. Please keep the ministry in Belize in your thoughts and prayers.

**Friends in Motion** have small bottles of flavoring for sale \$4.00 each, Almond, Lemon and Vanilla. Please see Teresa Hayes to get your bottles.

**The Flower Committee is making plans to provide flowers in the meeting room for the rest of the year.** If you would like to help contribute flowers or a display, please contact Teresa Hayes. It would be greatly appreciated!

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to Operation Christmas Child this year! We are blessed to have everything that we need to pack 275 shoe-boxes. For the months of September and October, we are collecting **"WOW items,"** including small baby dolls, matchbox cars, small balls or deflated soccer balls with pumps, jump ropes, marbles, Slinky's, jacks, yo-yo's, musical instruments, sunglasses, and happy meal toys. Thank you!



### **Operation Christmas Child Trip to Boone Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Touring Samaritans Purse International Headquarters and the warehouse in North Wilkesboro. If you are interested in going, please contact Teresa Hayes by September 28th



Quaker Lake Pumpkin Festival

October 18th, 2025

2pm - 6:30pm

\$5.00 Admission - Fun and activities for all ages.

OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT FALL FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD

OCTOBER 26TH

BETWEEN 5 PM AND 7:30 PM

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!



**September Elders and Ushers**

**Presiding Elder** - Steve Grooms

**Greeting Elder** - Kyle Roberts

**Ushers** - Tommy Hylton and Nick Hylton

**Nursery Attendants**

**September 21st** Shelley Dodson Bailey Toomes