



Sunday, January 4th, 2026

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 2026:
“Speak the Truth in Love”

Theme Verse: Ephesian 4: 15 - 16

“15...Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Marlboro Friends Meeting Order of Worship for Sunday January 4th, 2026

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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

Ephesians 4: 15 - ‘...Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.’

Prelude “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Kathy Walden

Call to Worship “Life’s Railway” Marlboro Messengers

Welcome and Announcements Ministry & Counsel

Congregational Hymn # 405 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Friendly Communion

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

Offertory “Break Thou the Bread of Life” Kathy Walden

Praises and Prayers

Special Music “Morning Has Broken” Marlboro Messengers

Open Worship

Scripture Readings Ephesians 4: 1 – 6 and 11 – 16

Message “Speaking Truth in Love” Ray Luther

Congregational Hymn # 132 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Closing Prayer

Postlude “Change My Heart, O God” Kathy Walden

Enter Prepared to Worship. Leave Prepared to Serve.

Scripture for Today

Ephesians 4: 1 – 6 and 11 – 16

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

¹As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

...¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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. January 5th – Ezekiel 18: 20 – 23 & 27 – 32

Tues. January 6th – Isaiah 1: 10 – 21

Wed. January 7th – Mark 2: 1 – 12

Thurs. January 8th – Hebrews 11: 1 – 10

Fri. January 9th – 2nd Chronicles 7: 11 – 22

Sat. January 10th – Acts 2: 32 – 39

Sun. January 11th – Luke 15: 11 – 32



Belize Mission Support

Our Meeting is supporting the mission work of Friends in the Central American country of Belize. Our 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

101 Quaker Hill Drive

Richmond Indiana 57374

Please keep the ministry in Belize in your thoughts and prayers.

Welcome to Marlboro Friends Meeting!

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