



# Friends and Neighbors

## Denver Friends Church

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### *Renewal: Meditation*

#### **Bible Reading: Luke 8:15**

This verse is the tail end of the parable of the soils. The entire parable is worthy of considerable attention, however let's just focus on this single sentence. The statement should be of interest to all those of noble and good heart. (All who are reading this, I'm sure!) Such folks are called to do these four things: Hear the word, Retain it, Persevere, and Produce a good crop. An argument could be made that the fourth point would be the result of success in the first three.

How does one do that? Christian meditation is about hearing, retaining, and persevering. Those who have integrated such meditation into their ordinary lives can expect productive ministries. I know a wonderful technique that is marvelously helpful in this area. Do you want to know? It is knowing Scripture by heart.

One's ability or inability to memorize is beside the point. The number of verses one memorizes is beside the point. The point is hearing, retaining and persevering. Meditation is accomplished in the process. Success is immediate. Take a single passage of Scripture and write it out during your devotional time. Read it every day. Begin praying it every day. Pray it for a friend every day. Do this for several days and the truth of the passage will begin to color your heart. One day, you will discover you are praying it without reading it. You will know it by heart.

**Hymn:** They Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

**Prayer:** Lord, I pray that I may be of noble and good heart, hearing the word, retaining it, and by persevering, produce a good crop.

Chuck Orwiler

Rest, Renewal Refocus; Devotions for July, August, September, 1998  
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#### ***RMYM Friends Women Retreat,***

Strength To Overcome, THIS weekend, September 16-18 at Quaker Ridge Camp. There are still rooms available but you need to act fast! Contact Judy Van Meter to reserve your room!

***Saturday Micro-Workday,*** THIS Saturday, September 17, 10:00 AM (or earlier)—12:00 PM. We could really use some hands to move stuff, clean a small room, install outlets, plus this and that.

***Have you wanted to find out more*** about how some churches involve and retain young people? Join us in reading, *Growing Young!* The adult CE classes on Sundays at 11:00 AM (except Friendship class) are doing a study of this book to start these conversations.

***Prayer time with the staff—***We have had some great prayer times on Mondays at 9:00 AM in the church annex. YOU are invited to join us as we pray for our staff,

congregation prayer requests, each other, and the Connect Card requests!

***Awana is happening on Wednesdays*** at 6:00 PM—There are classes for 3 year-olds through 5th grade. If you know of any children in this age group, encourage them to attend. Or better yet, bring them yourself!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Heather Carlson.

***Youth Group has begun*** on Wednesdays from 6:00—8:30 PM. All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to join in the fun, fellowship, and Bible study.

***Men's Ministry Breakfast*** will be held on Saturday, September 24 at 8:30 AM in the church parlor. All men are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Phil Burgi if you plan to attend.

***Volleyball*** is played on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month in the church

gym. Anyone high school age or older is welcome to join us for a few games. We will be playing again September 26 at 6:45 PM.

***DFC Business Meeting*** will be held on Tuesday, September 27. A light dinner will begin at 6:00 and the meeting at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to join in the business of the church.

***The DFC Library is in need of children's books!*** They are looking for Christian books, history, or nature type books. If you have some you can donate, please bring them to the church library. If you have questions, you may contact Suzanne Holcombe.

**Quaker Chicks and Friends Women Yard and Bake Sale**, Saturday, October 1! Begin now to put aside your unwanted items that you could donate to the sale. Remember...“your trash is someone else’s treasure”!

Friends Women would gladly accept donations of baked goods to sell during the yard sale.

Friends Men will be set-up with a grill to provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats for sale.

Remember, all proceeds go towards missions.

**Cans for camp**—Friends Women continue to collect empty cans for camp scholarships. There is a large trash can between the two double doors of the foyer for your donations. Thank you.

**Al-Anon**—If you know of anyone who struggles with another person’s drinking or drugs, please suggest they join us at 7:00 PM in the church parlor on Tuesday nights. Contact Marlene Pittman for more information.

**Celebrate Recovery** is a 12-Step program based on Christian principals. They meet at 6:00 PM on Fridays in the sanctuary. For more information or if you would like to help with this program, please contact Michelle Cordean.

**Community Prayer Stop (CPS) volunteers**—Sign up sheets are on the table in the church foyer if you would like to volunteer for this neighborhood ministry. Speak with Mary Ford if you have any questions or want her to place your name on the list.

**Library Box**—Don’t forget to check the library box on the church fence facing 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. If anyone wants to add books or take some, please do so. Books should have Christian or healthy content representative of our faith.

**Christmas will be here before you know it!** Would you like to help Quaker Ridge Camp with their Christmas Wish List? You can go to <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3FWMMSSQTO229> and see their Christmas List. You don’t have to wait until Christmas to send a gift. You can purchase it now before the Christmas rush! Be sure and send your gift to Quaker Ridge Camp, 30150 Hwy. 67, Woodland Park, CO 80863. Thank you!

**Remember, you can donate online** at [www.denverfriendschurch.com](http://www.denverfriendschurch.com). Click on the “donate” button on the top right of the home page. You can also mail your check to the church office or to our treasurer, Kay Burgi. We thank you so much for your continued giving. You are amazing, Denver Friends Church!

### **Refugees in the Middle East**

Christians in Lebanon are still in need of our aid, especially in this time of COVID-19. Please give your \$1 or desired donation in the black box at the back of the sanctuary next time you are at the church. Thanks for supporting our brothers and sisters with the basics of life.

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