



Friends and Neighbors

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Following the Life of Christ

Now that we are a few weeks into our "Following the Life of Christ" series, I want to clue each of you into the where and why. Every year I take some time to discern the direction of the teaching, the theme, and this year I am sensing the underlying theme will be "Intentional Faith". Why? Because it is important that we are not just doing things at the church, not just teaching, not just having regular meetings, even though those are good elements. My prayer is that we will all notice where we started and how we moved the needle in our discipleship journey.

As we study the life of Christ, my hope is two-fold: that we would all grow more aware and confident of what Christ did for us and that when we say we believe, it actually means something. We don't just attend church to check off the sermon box each week. We don't just attend for our sticker. We come because we need to worship God corporately. We attend because we are needed and wanted as soon as we walk in the door. Our spiritual and relational tanks are fuller as a result of being together. We come so our children are inspired and feel loved by people and by God. We come to learn how to love people and show them who Jesus is because of the time we have spent in church.

Let's be intentional in our church attendance and how we show up. If we want to see our faith grow, then join me in praying that our faith in Jesus would grow. There will always be easy bunny trails to chase, but the trail that follows Jesus is beautiful. My hope is that each of us will sense we are paying attention to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I want each of you to take a moment and pray a prayer alongside me. "Lord, what would you have us do as a church? Jesus, what would you have me do?" It is a beautiful and challenging prayer for sure! Please don't pray it unless you are ready to consider some adjustments in your life. What if God told you to serve? What if God asked you to move? What if God said it was time for you to volunteer in children's church or teach a Christian Education class? What if God said, "Thank you for asking," and revealed to you places that would greatly benefit from your skillsets? I don't know what tomorrow holds for any of us, but I am certain that God is asking us to step out in faith, be obedient, and be ready. Ok, so are you ready to pray?

Keith Reeser, Senior Pastor

The spring yard sale is THIS Saturday! Spring is a great time to clean out your closets and donate items for the Quaker Chicks Yard Sale this Saturday, May 20. It will help if you can price your items (with a garage sale price). Books and clothes do not need to be priced. We cannot accept stuffed furniture, mattresses, televisions, or computer monitors. All proceeds go towards missions.

If you have a junior camper who missed the Pie Social and would like to earn money towards camp, they can work at the yard sale this Saturday, May 20 in the DFC parking lot. Please contact Karen Burgi.

The Friends Women Bake Sale is THIS Saturday, May 20 during the yard sale. If you would like to contribute baked goods, please have them at the sale by 9:00 AM. All proceeds go towards missions.

Friends Women will have a short meeting during the yard and bake sale on May 20. We will work it in between slow times of the sale.

Need lunch during the yard and bake sale? Come to the DFC Spring Yard and Bake Sale THIS Saturday, May 20 and buy lunch from the Men's Ministry group. They will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, etc. to raise money for Fx Camp scholarships.

Everyone is invited to Teagan Quinby's graduation party THIS Sunday, May 21. Come congratulate her on a job well done.

The Denver Friends Church Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23. A light dinner will be served at 6:00 PM with the meeting beginning at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to join in the business of the church.

Movie Night at the church on Friday, May 26 at 6:00 PM. Bring your favorite stuffed animal or blanket! The movie will be *Prince of Egypt*.

Men's Ministry Breakfast will be meeting for a time of food, fellowship and prayer on Saturday, May 27 at 8:30 AM in the church parlor. All men are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Phil Burgi.

You are invited to a graduation party on May 28 at 1:00 PM for **Katie Whorton**. The party will be held at the Whorton home. Congratulations, Katie!

What Sup with Thai-O's? Rob and Dawn Orwiler are missionaries with Ethnos 360 in Thailand. Catch up with their ministry on Tuesday evening, June 6, 6:30-8:00 PM. Chuck and Vicky Orwiler's home. Salad and finger food provided. RSVP appreciated.

Please join us May 19-21 for a fun-filled volunteer weekend at Quaker Ridge Camp in Woodland Park, CO!! We need help getting the camp ready for summer. We have so many projects, big and small, that need finished. All skill levels welcome! We have all the dorms available and we can feed you meals! Please let us know when you are coming and what meals you will need. Please contact Jason at 719-651-3126 or director@quakerridgecamp.org or Jessica at jessica@quakerridgecamp.org.

Evangelical Friends Mission is looking for someone to help with childcare the week of the Future Missionary Retreat at Quaker Ridge Camp in Woodland Park, CO. Childcare is needed the evening of Monday, May 29 through Friday afternoon, June 2. They will provide a small stipend for this service. Anyone interested may contact Christy Neifert or Matt Macy (<https://friendsmission.com/contact-matt-macy>).

Graduates (high school, college, and grad school)! Please send Jan in the office your graduation information so we can add you to our Rally Day celebration on June 4. She will need a photo as well as the name of the school you are graduating from and what your future plans might be. You may email this info to firstdenverfrie1@qwestoffice.net.

Upcoming Youth Events

- **May 26—EVERYONE** Movie night. Bring your favorite stuffy or blanket and join us for the movie, Prince of Egypt.
- **June 9—YOUTH** Tie Dye Party in the gym! Pizza! Games! Tie dye! Bring anything you want to tie dye.
- **June 12—YOUTH AND their PARENTS** are invited to Film on the Rocks! Come with us to watch *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* at Red Rocks! Youth and their parents who want to participate, please let Cassi know ASAP so she can purchase tickets. Last day to RSVP to Cassi will be this Sunday, May 21!! Tickets are \$10/person. Carpool from the church at 6:00 PM or park on your own at Red Rocks.
- June 24—**YOUTH** at Elitch Gardens! Let's spend all day having fun! Tickets are \$10. Please let Cassi know ASAP if you plan to attend so she can purchase tickets. Adults are needed to volunteer for the day's events. Please let Cassi know if you are willing and able!
- July 10-15—**YOUTH** Fx Camps at Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, CO
- July 21—**EVERYONE** is invited to a Drive-In Movie Night at Denver Friends. This will also be an outreach to the community.
- July 29—**YOUTH** game day, all day! Board games! Video Games! Pizza!
- August 3-5—**EVERYONE** is invited to Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of Friends Summer Gathering at Quaker Ridge. This year, there will be specific things for kids and youth as well as adults.
- August 11—**YOUTH** Lock-In! Youth, invite your friends! See your friends from Fx Camps! Stay up all night! 7:00 PM Friday to 7:00 AM Saturday.

Remember, you can donate online at 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 faithful giving.

Upcoming Events

Quaker Ridge Workdays—May 19-21
Spring Yard and Bake Sale—May 20
Friends Women Meeting—May 20
Men's Ministry Grill Station—May 20
Teagan Quinby Graduation Celebration - May 21, 1:00 PM at the Quinby/Keith home
Volleyball—May 22, 6:45 PM
DFC Business Meeting—May 23, 6:00 PM
All Church Movie Night—May 26, 6:00 PM
Men's Ministry Breakfast—May 27, 8:30 AM
Katie Whorton Graduation Party—May 28, 1:00 PM at the Whorton home
Rally Day and Rally Day Picnic—June 4
What Sup with Thai-O's? - June 6, 6:30 PM at the Orwiler's
Youth Tie Dye Party—June 9
Film on the Rocks—June 12
Youth to Elitch Gardens—June 24
Fx Camps—July 10-15
Summer Gathering—August 3-6
Women's Retreat—September 15-17

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