



# February

2018  
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Month

## Friends at the Spring

Ronald and Ellen Osborne are Worship leaders this month.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>
Feb 4th	Ronald and Ellen	Betsy Blake	Ronald and Ellen as needed.
Feb 11th	Ronald and Ellen	Open Worship	"
Feb 18th	Ronald and Ellen	Glenna Osborne	"
Feb 25th	Ronald and Ellen	QLSP	"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monthly meeting for business will be  
Feb. 18th at 9:30 a.m.  
Bring a breakfast item to share.



*A Quaker Art Show will be held at Pendle Hill in PA. Any painters here at Spring are invited to submit work for it, and they are looking for young artists, too.*

*The deadline for submissions is Feb. 15, 2018. Submissions are by sending photos of the work to: [white@pendlehill.org](mailto:white@pendlehill.org). (It is co-sponsored by the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts, the umbrella group for our art event last spring.*

*Submitted by Chuck Fager*

*Join FCNS for a 3 day training in policy and advocacy skills followed by a lobby day on Capitol hill on March 17-20, 2018. For questions contact Katie Breslin, Your Adult Programs Manager, [katie@fcno.org](mailto:katie@fcno.org).*

**Quaker House Update:** In January, Kindra, brought Greetings from Quaker House on Behalf of the Faith Community during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast in Fayetteville which had approximately 1,400 people in attendance. Please look for announcements of a play we are hosting that depicts the experiences of an English WWI conscientious objector **March 16 at Guilford College**. This production is on tour from England and has received excellent reviews.



**This Evil Thing:** Quaker House is hosting this well-reviewed play in collaboration with the Center on Conscience and War. It is on tour from England and portrays the experiences of an English WWI conscientious objector.

Date: March 16, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Sternberger Auditorium, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC

Cost: Free. Donations accepted at the door.

It will be helpful for us to keep track of numbers planning to attend. Your free ticket is available on [Eventbrite](#) or please simply contact Quaker House to RSVP by emailing [qpr@quaker.org](mailto:qpr@quaker.org) or calling (910-323-3912).

We hope to see you there!



***Many Blessings to Friends with a  
Birthday and Anniversary***

*Happy Birthday*

*Eric Smith 28*

*Happy Anniversary*

*Larry and Sheila Wilson 29*



*May you have all the joy your heart can hold,  
All the smiles a day can bring  
And all the Blessings a life can unfold.*



*From Chuck Fager:*

Here's an event description for the newsletter, with some graphics to go with it.

On Saturday Feb. 24, starting at 10 AM, there will be an extended "Book Club" discussion at Spring Meeting, featuring two authors.

Scot Miller is the newbie, from north central Michigan. He's a hybrid Quaker and Brethren minister, who farms, works with people in Flint, Michigan (who still don't have safe water), theologizes & organizes. In his new book, ***Gospel of the Absurd***, he argues for Friends (especially liberals) and others who seek radical change and justice, to turn their standards ideas for doing that upside down (make them "absurd").

Rather than focus on & lobbying the people (especially in Washington or Raleigh) who are deemed "powerful" by worldly standards, Scot calls on Friends and others to look down to the poor and the oppressed, and to work with them from the bottom up, following the example of Jesus, in communal groups which are strong on Bible study and sacrificial work, like farming. (But no, he's not a fundamentalist.) That's upside down for sure, from the perspective of most liberal Quakes I know.

The book I'll talk about is called ***Meetings***, which is called the beginning of a "religious autobiography," which takes me through a Catholic boyhood, leaving that and then the first decade of my time among Friends. It's pointed me in some different directions from Scot, tho not entirely.

So we'll talk, discuss, have questions and comments, break for lunch (probably talk while eating), then talk some more. I expect it to be a high-powered intellectual and spiritual exercise, probably presenting some perspectives and ideas that many might not have heard before.

Lynette, this is kind of a lot for the newsletter, but I figure there's space, and I hope it may be intriguing to some.

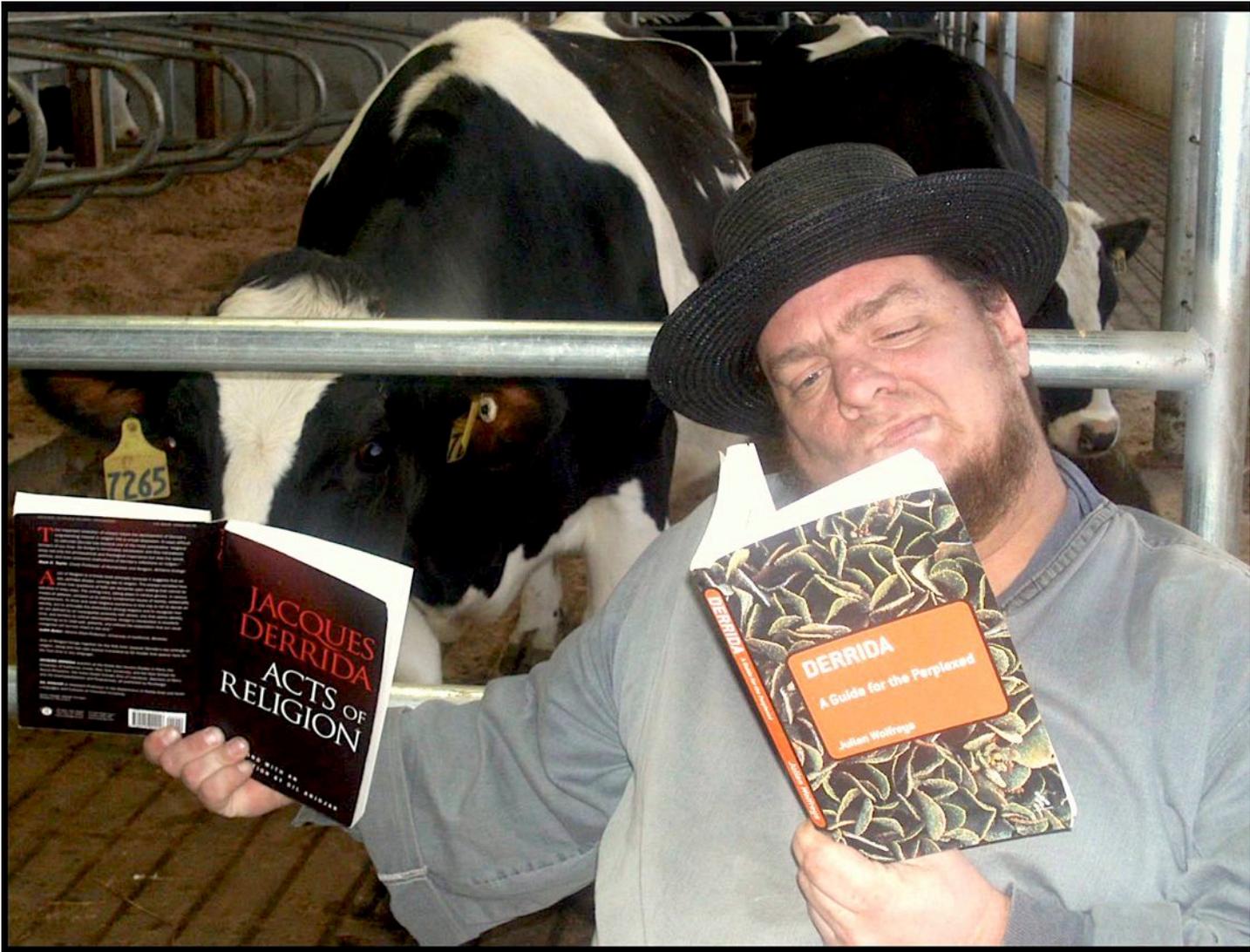
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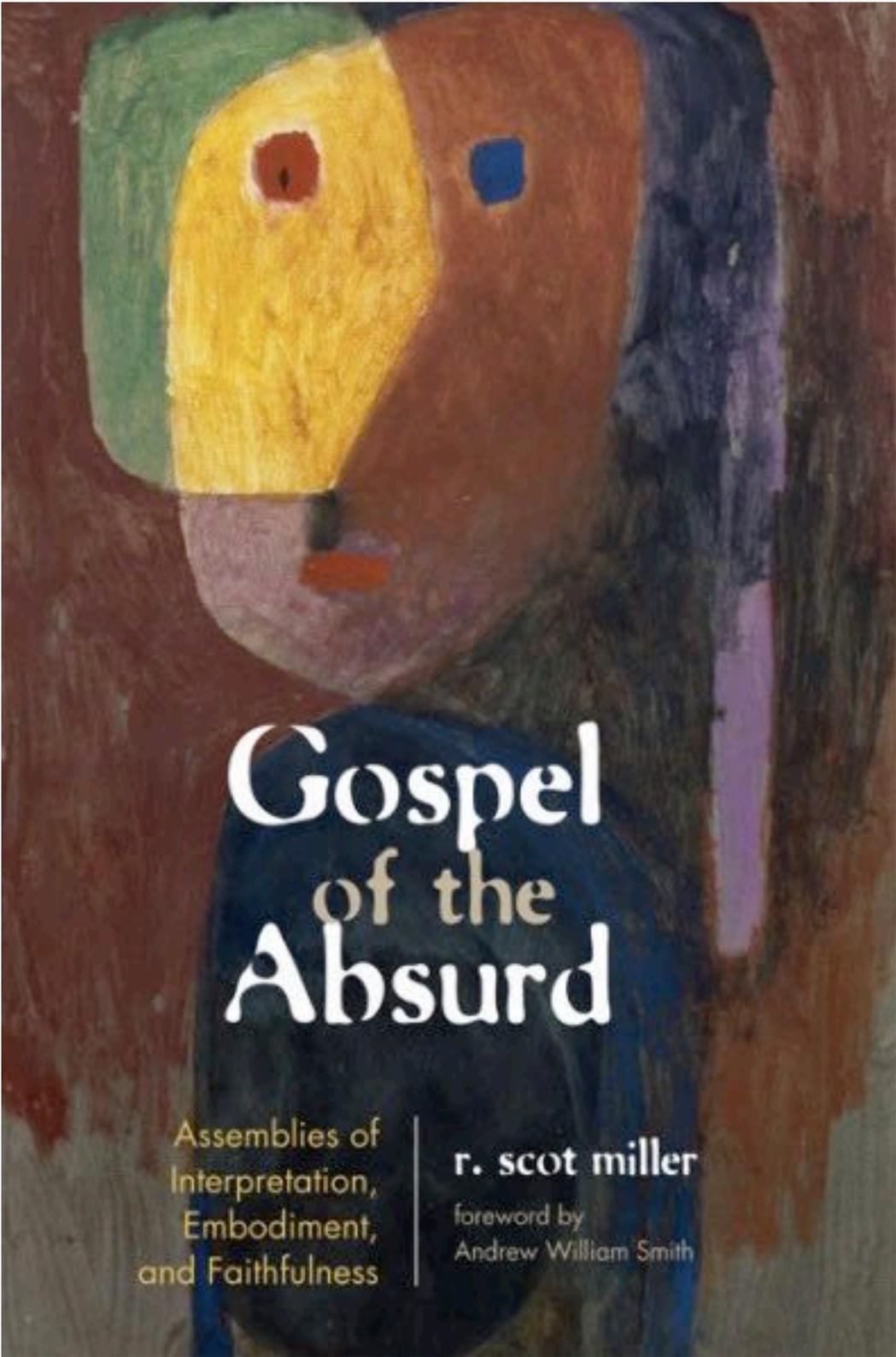
# **Meetings**

**A Religious  
Autobiography**



**Chuck Fager**





# Gospel of the Absurd

Assemblies of  
Interpretation,  
Embodiment,  
and Faithfulness

r. scot miller

foreword by  
Andrew William Smith

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING  
FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS  
21st day of First Month, 2018**

The Spring Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship With Attention to Business met for breakfast and business at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall on the 21st day of the First Month, 2018. Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk, opened with a reading of Queries on simplicity and integrity from Raleigh Friends' Newsletter.

The minutes of Eleventh Month were read and approved with one small correction. The Recording Clerk thanked Judith Bush for taking the minutes in her absence. There was no monthly meeting in the Twelfth Month. The Treasurer reported on two months of finances, which report is attached.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Elizabeth Osborne reported on the funds allocated for Christmas giving, which was authorized in Eleventh Month's Business Meeting. The Meeting gave a \$50 Food Card, \$50 Gas Card and paid \$410 in rent for a woman under Angie Osborne's care, who is a single mother with a young child and expecting another child soon. She is on bed rest. Elizabeth conveyed how very grateful she is for our assistance.

The Meeting discussed the issue of offering sanctuary. Although we are not ready to accept a person at our Meeting, the American Friends Service Committee has suggestions on supporting others who are offering sanctuary. Elizabeth Osborne offered to reach out to the United Church of Christ to find out more about how they have involved themselves in the assistance to persons seeking and in sanctuary. The Meeting agreed to commit \$250 of the funds not spent on the Christmas family to the cause.

Grim Hobbs presented a revised plan for the proposed addition to the Fellowship Hall to account for the fact that the septic tank is at the East end of the building. This revised plan would take the addition to the South, and Friends were well pleased with the revision. Grim will continue to work on the plan with the contractor and will pursue a more specific location and pumping of the septic tank. There was also briefly discussed a plan for a covering for the Fellowship Hall front door and Meetinghouse door. Grim felt that the Meetinghouse door covering would need study since the building is on the historic registry.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Elizabeth Osborne noted that the Piedmont Friends Fellowship would hold their Quarterly Meeting at Spring on the next First Day, 1-28-2018. The Meeting agreed to provide the Fellowship with a simple lunch, and Elizabeth will be asking members for contributions toward that event.

The Business Meeting welcomed Kindra Bradley, our own member, who is Director of Quaker House in Fayetteville. Quaker House has experienced a leak that has caused damage to the floor, which has been going on for some time, but which is now only become visible. Following the Treasurer's Report and characterizations that we had "right smart" or "a skidoddle" of funding available, the Meeting contributed \$1,000 to the repairs at Quaker House.

Elizabeth Osborne read a beautifully thoughtful letter from Judith Bush to her Meeting in Palo Alto, California asking for transfer of membership to Spring. The Meeting was very pleased and will await word from Palo Alto Meeting.

Chuck Fager proposed an event with the theme “The Art of the Beloved Community” which could add support for the Sword of Peace Drama. There was discussion of the timing and location of such an event to maximize publicity for the Drama, bring awareness of Quaker history and to provide the public insight into the work that goes into the production. Spring Meeting expressed interest in helping to help collaborate and help sponsor such an event. Chuck Fager will take the idea to the Drama Board which meets later in the day.

Chuck Fager renewed discussion of the lynching memorial and a very thorough discussion ensued. Friends felt that including the NAACP and other organizations in our discussion would be prudent. It was expressed that we are sensitive to the idea of a memorial or monument, and that being in relationship with others would be important. This will continue to season.

Deborah Shaw of Guilford College’s Quaker Leadership Scholars Program joined us and announced that she would be completing her 25 year long career at the end of this academic year. We will reduce the QLSP speakers to once a month, as the group dynamic seems to be looking inward more and that several of the upper class-people were studying abroad this semester. The Meeting expressed its deep appreciation for Deborah and her diligent work with QLSP and Spring Friends.

The Meeting adjourned as the Worship Hour approached.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Perry  
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