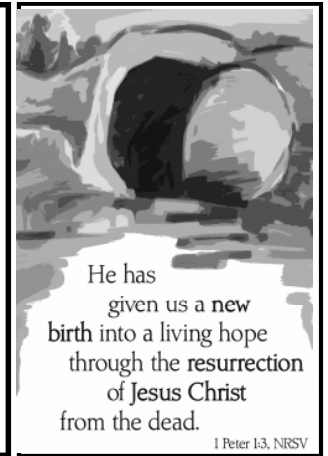


# THE MESSENGER

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR JACK...

### THE REPURCUSSIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

*Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made both earth and skies;  
Who died to save the world He made, and rose triumphant from the dead;  
He rose, the Prince of life and peace, and stamped the day forever His.*

-Charles Wesley 1707-1788

As we step forward toward the celebration of another Resurrection Sunday, consider the startling impact the events of a few days in human history have had on us all. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ were not localized occurrences, but cataclysmic incidents sending shockwaves throughout all heaven and earth over all time. The repercussions of the resurrection bring hope to the world – even our modern world wrestling with political upheavals and natural disasters. And hope is available for you, wherever you are, whatever your struggle.

In case you haven't noticed, this world is broken. Human systems of government are breaking down. Economies are breaking down. Family relationships are breaking down. Sin is running rampant, destroying the lives of everyone in its wake. The world seriously needs the hope that only the Risen Savior can bring. Perhaps your private world is a reflection of the world's mess. If that is the case, you need the hope of Christ renewed in your heart. For your meditation and reflection I offer these foundational, life-giving truths from the word of God...

- 1) Christ's death is for everyone. The benefit of his death is available to anyone who will put his or her faith in Him. *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." (Hebrews 2:9)*
- 2) Christ's resurrection is the beginning of the resurrection for all who believe. *"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." (1 Corinthians 15:20)*
- 3) Those who put their faith in Jesus Christ share in his resurrection victory. *"Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19)*
- 4) The resurrection secures hope and life for now and all eternity. *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you." (1 Peter 1:3-4)*

If only the world would turn to Jesus, there would be hope, healing, and life in the place of brokenness and despair. Let's live, breathe, and walk in the power of the resurrection so that we might personally experience this hope and in turn be agents of Christ's hope to the world.

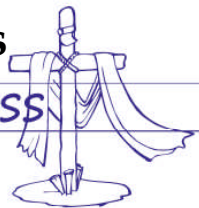


We welcome the following new members into the fellowship of our church:

<b>Cirstin Calloway</b>	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism
<b>Rachael Delcamp</b>	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism
<b>Bethany Lowe</b>	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism
<b>Garrett Lowe</b>	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism
<b>Ella McKinney</b>	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism
<b>Jackson Stover</b>	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism
<b>Jayden Weavil</b>	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism

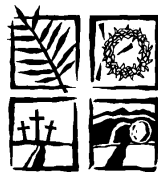
### Sermon Series

#### BLUEPRINTS OF THE CROSS



Date	Title	Text
*April 3, 2011	"A Blueprint of Suffering"	Psalms 22:1-18
April 10, 2011	"A Blueprint of Sacrifice"	Isaiah 53
Date	Title	Text
April 17, 2011	"Worthy is the Lamb"	Worship Team
April 24, 2011	"Glimpses of Glory"	Revelation 4-5

\* The Lord's Supper



### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Easter is one of the most exciting times of the year for a Christian! Our Holy Week celebration begins on Sunday morning, April 17<sup>th</sup> as our choir leads us in a time of worship. We will not have Wednesday night service during Holy Week to give you time to prepare and to underscore the importance of our Good Friday Meal and Service. It will be here that we remember the death of our Savior and His sacrifice for us. We will return with the rising of the sun on Easter morning ready for celebration and continue the celebration into our morning worship time. Make plans to join us for our Easter services and activities.

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)**

- 10:30 AM Worship Team Cantata "Worthy is the Lamb"
- 6:00 PM Living Parables / Finger Food & Dessert Fellowship

**Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Good Friday)**

- 6:00 PM Good Friday Meal
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Service

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday)**

- 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service at Picnic Shelter
- 7:00 AM Youth Sponsored Fellowship Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Easter Morning Worship Service  
(No Evening Service or Activities)

### Birthday Blessings to...

- 1 Stephanie Bowling
- 2 Jonathan Allen  
Billy Cox
- 3 Derek Burge  
Thomas Hooks  
John McGhee  
Steve Ragan  
Shannon Rose  
Kendall Royal
- 4 Lindsay Bowman  
Wesley Forbus
- 5 Caitlin Buchanan  
Ally Culler  
Tori Dew  
Jonathan Stanley  
Jayden Weavil
- 7 Kathleen Tedder
- 9 Leila Mayes  
Kim Wilkinson
- 10 Rikki Brannock  
David Weavil
- 11 Lester Bennett
- 12 Cindy Boles  
Pam Byrd  
Avery Darida  
Mitchell Lancaster
- 13 Terry Boles  
Grace Lineberry  
Matilda McGhee  
Gay Ray  
Jacob White
- 14 Ryan Anderson  
Ken Martin
- 15 Cameron Heath
- 16 Lynae Bowman  
Justin Dillon  
Katelyn Veler
- 17 Ricky Joyce
- 18 Robert Gordon  
Martin Hicks
- 19 JoAnn Baker  
Chad Bowman
- 21 Robin Work
- 22 Scott Hinson  
Andy Moore
- 23 Ella-Grace Allen  
Daniel Miller
- 24 Jacob Stultz
- 25 Josh McClamrock
- 26 April Bowman  
Cody Hicks  
Debbie Joyner  
Gareath Meadows
- 27 Karen Linville  
Nicholas Weavil
- 30 Terry Baker  
Wayne Delapp  
Scotty Sands



## Darshan's Soul Notes...



*Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? Isaiah 43:19*

God must love new things! Recently, while visiting the Biltmore estate in Asheville, Clint reminded me to look for the new growth in plants as we toured the grounds. Even though it was February, the promise and hope of all the beautiful blooms to come were popping up in the garden beds. Tiny green buds were waiting expectantly to burst into color on the trees. The gardeners were working to place pine needles and mulch to show off the spectacular views to come. Even though it was still considered "winter", everything was lining up to welcome the beginning of spring...all of God's new creation waiting to blossom.

I believe God works the same way in the lives of His children. From the time that God gives us new birth through His Son, Jesus Christ, He constantly works in our lives to do something new! His Word promises that we should expect to be new creations with new hearts, new names, and a new covenant! He tells us to look forward to a time when we will sing a new song in a new Jerusalem with a new heaven and a new earth. Because of this, I believe we should not always look for Him to do in our lives what He has done before. Because we serve a God who assures us of new beginnings and new things, we should learn to expect the unexpected. The remainder of verse nineteen of Isaiah 43 says: "I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert!" We serve a God who can and will do "exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think." Shall we not know it? I would like to encourage all of us to open our eyes and look around and see what God is doing that may be new! I am sure that there will be things "springing" up that He would like for us to not only see but engage in as He does a new work in our midst. Because we serve an awesome God, we can be sure that there will be unexpected joys beyond our imagination. I look forward to the new things that God has prepared for us here at Quaker Gap.



Let me make you aware of some new opportunities that await us just around the bend. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>! This will be a special day at Quaker Gap that you will not want to miss. Our worship team will be presenting "Worthy is the Lamb of God" in the morning worship service. My life has been blessed already just listening as they prepare. On that evening at 6:00 PM, the "Living Parables" will be coming to present a program. Please plan to join us and stay afterwards for a time of food and fellowship. Also, we will be sharing a light meal together in our fellowship hall on Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, followed by a Good Friday service in the sanctuary. We will be preparing our hearts in music and prayer as we look forward to the celebration of our Savior's resurrection on Easter Sunday! Let's know that God is always doing a new thing "to give drink to My people, My chosen." Let us drink and know that He has formed us for Himself that we may declare His praise! (Isaiah 43: 20-21).

Singing His Praises,  
*Darshan*

## Living Parables Come to Quaker Gap

Plan to join us on Sunday night, **April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00**, as the Living Parables lead us in a unique worship experience. Please bring a finger food or dessert to share with them in fellowship after the service.

Formed by Wake Forest University students more than nine years ago, Living Parables is a Christian drama troupe that continues to be student led and directed. Each semester they write, rehearse, and perform all-original pieces that depict the power of God's love through a specific theme (past themes have included transformation, healing, and giving). They serve as a ministry to local church congregations, community organizations, and on-campus ministries. Above all, their desire is to use their acting talents to serve our Lord and show others His love for them.

### Living Parables Belief Statement:

- God is love
- All people are born into sin and have separated themselves from God. It is only through His grace that we are reconciled to Him.
- Because of God's love for us, He took on human form and sacrificed Himself as Jesus Christ on the cross. He was buried and rose from the dead on the third day and ascended into heaven.
- If we believe in Christ Jesus and realize that only through Him can we receive eternal life, peace, and joy, we will enter into a relationship with Him that, through none of our own doing, delivers just that.
- The Bible is divinely inspired and has relevance to our lives today.



## The U In JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,  
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,  
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,  
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.  
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand  
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,  
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,  
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

'Go into the world and tell them it's true  
That I love them all - Just like I love U.'

So many great people are spelled with a U,  
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,  
He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.

– Anonymous

## Volunteer Drivers Needed for Home Delivered Meals Program

Immediate need for drivers in the King area.

Older adults are depending on us to help them stay at home. Please consider volunteering for this cause.

Flexible schedule and  
mileage reimbursement

Contact Stokes County  
Senior Services  
at 593-8156



## Worship Services on CD

If you would like to receive a CD copy of any of our worship services, please contact J. C. Holt or the church office (994-2117).

You may listen to the sermons from the media link on our church website: [www.quakergap.info](http://www.quakergap.info).



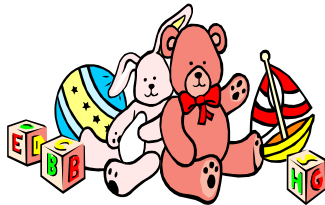
### Infants & Ones

- 4/3 M/M Terry Baker  
& Erica  
4/10 M/M David Weavil  
4/17 M/M Andy Moore  
& Mary Austin  
4/24 M/M Ken Self  
5/1 M/M Richard Henry  
& Lizzy



### Twos

- 4/3 M/M Zane McKinney  
4/10 Sarah Allen  
Reba Mankins  
4/17 Jana Elliott  
Shirley Samuels  
4/24 M/M Keith Ford  
5/1 M/M David Lee



### Wee Worship (Threes & Fours)

- 4/3 M/M Jeremy Borders  
4/10 M/M Larry Lancaster  
& Madison  
4/17 M/M John McGhee  
4/24 M/M Chris Stover  
5/1 M/M Cory Snow



### Wednesday Evening Nursery

- 4/6 Clint Hartgrove  
Jeri Darida  
4/13 Lorri Dodson  
Casey Proctor  
4/20 **No Service**  
4/27 Dennis Ruff  
Joyce Proctor  
5/4 Kathy Ford  
Jana Elliott



### Nursery Contact

Natalie Borders will be the nursery contact person through April. If you have nursery questions or scheduling issues that you cannot work out, please contact Natalie at 922-4466.



### Sanctuary Flowers

- 4/3 M/M Terry Bowman  
Alta Alley  
4/10 June Tedder  
M/M Dennis Ruff  
4/17 M/M Terry Boles  
4/24 Michelle McClamrock  
5/1 M/M Steve Hall

### Ushers

- 4/3 James Calloway  
Zane McKinney  
4/10 John Clark  
Rodney Proctor  
4/17 Mark Dodson  
Dennis Ruff  
4/24 Mike Gordon  
Mike Sands  
5/1 Steve Hall  
Max Snow

### Deacon of the Week

- 4/3 Mike Sands  
James Calloway  
4/10 Dennis Ruff  
David Delcamp  
4/17 Steve Ragan  
Brian Dillon  
4/24 Rodney Proctor  
Mark Dodson  
5/1 Dan Nance  
John Elliot

## HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

#### What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

#### What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!

### The Salt Box



Dear Quaker Gap Baptist Church,

I wanted to take time to thank you as a church for everything that you do for our young people. I am constantly reminded of what an amazing church family we have here at the Gap. You are always willing to go out of your way to help reach young people, and love them for who they are. There is a person in our church that brings teens to youth group every Wednesday night, just so they can learn more about God. They do this because they love young people and see the potential in our young people. Another person in our church takes youth out to lunch on Sunday afternoons to feed them physically, but also to get to know them better. Finally, a lot of you are constantly praying for our young people daily.

Over the years you have always been willing to help our young people earn and raise the funds needed for them to be able to go on their summer mission trips. This year has been no different; from the corn hole tournaments, flocking of yards, and donations, you have shown our young people that you believe in them and it is so inspirational to see and be a part of such a caring and supportive church.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> 2011, we are going to be running a free car wash for everyone and anyone that wants to come have their car washed by the Salt-Teens youth group. We will be washing cars from 9 AM – 2 PM at Advance Auto Parts in King, and yes it is FREE! If you have a car or two... and need them washed... or just want to come by and let us wash your car, please feel FREE to swing on by and let us serve and bless you by washing your car, for FREE!

Serving Him ,  
*Daniel Parker*

## FROM THE HEART



*Come Fellowship with Us  
the Marriage of James & Amy*

*Celebration on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2011  
2-4 pm at  
Calvary Baptist Church  
314 South Franklin Road  
Mt. Airy, NC 27030*

*A small, private wedding ceremony will be held in May 2011.  
Please be in prayer for the blessing of their marriage!  
EVERYONE is invited to the celebration gathering on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2011.*

*Thanks to everyone...  
That was so nice of all of you!*

*This "Thank You!" is long overdue, but we would like to sincerely thank everyone for being there for us with your prayers, support, and kindness during our time of sorrow.*

*Love,  
Mark Holt & family*



Hope Through Research • Education • Advocacy

February 28, 2011

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$40 to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation received on 1/28/2011. This gift was in memory of Keith L. Snyder.

This contribution will be used to support educational programs and research of the highest caliber to find the cause (s) of and a cure for Parkinson's disease... Since our founding in 1957, PDF has funded over \$85 million worth of scientific research in Parkinson's disease, supporting the work of leading scientists throughout the world. Your contribution helps us continue this work.







Sincerely yours,  
Robin Anthony Elliott, Executive Director



Thank you for your donations for King Outreach Ministry. Last month we collected 19 jars of peanut butter, 3 jars of jelly, 18 cans of beans, and 13 toothbrushes. Quaker Gap's items to collect are canned beans (all kinds), peanut butter, and jelly. Please remember that this is an ongoing mission project. Donations are taken to KOM after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

# SALT-TEENS

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 5 PM Dry run-through for Car Wash! 6-7 PM Bible Study	4	5	6 5-6:00 PM Worship Team Practice 7-8:30 PM Youth Group	7	 6:45 AM Prayer Breakfast	9 AM-2 PM FREE 
10 6-7 PM Sunday Night Bible Study	11	12	13 5-6:00 PM Worship Team Practice 7-8:30 PM Youth Group	14	 6:45 AM Prayer Breakfast	16
17 6:00 PM The Living Parables	18	19	20 5-6:00 PM Worship Team Practice 7-8:30 PM Youth Group	21	6 PM 22 Good Friday Meal 7 PM Good Friday Service	23
EASTER 24  No PM Activities	25 April 24 @ 6:30 AM- The Youth will be Sponsoring our Easter Sunrise Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall	26	27 5-6:00 PM Worship Team Practice 7-8:30 PM Youth Group	28	 6:45 AM Prayer Breakfast 7-10 PM NERF	30

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**—We will be having a test run for our car wash. ALL youth going on a summer mission trip are asked to be here for this event.

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> FREE Car Wash!**—Our youth will be providing a FREE car wash for any and every one. Please plan on coming by to get your car washed. After all...**It is FREE!!!**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>—NERF** The last Friday of every month is our NERF night. This month we will be playing NERF on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Plan on joining us for a good fun time. **EVERYONE** is welcomed to play!



## Congratulations to...

**Jacob Stultz** for placing first in 1st Year Unarmed representing South Stokes MCJROTC at the Winter Classic 2011 Drill competition held in Rutherfordton, NC.

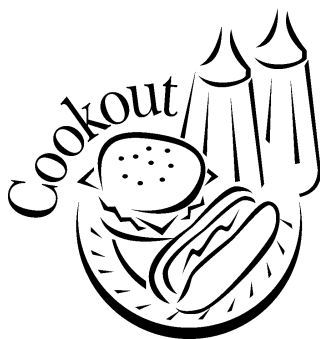
**Phillip Fedorchak** for placing third in 1st Year Armed representing South Stokes MCJROTC at the winter Classic 2011 Drill Competition held in Rutherfordton, NC

The **South Stokes MCJROTC** for placing third overall at the Winter Classic 2011 Drill Competition in Rutherfordton, NC.



## Ladies Ministry & Missions

All ladies are invited to join the Ladies Ministry/Missions Team at the home of Diana Allan (1025 Old Chimney Lane -off of Friendship Road) at **6:30 PM**, on Thursday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, for a hotdog and hamburger cookout. Ladies are asked to bring a side dish (salad, baked beans, potato salad, chips, dessert, etc.)



to accompany the meal. Our mission focus this month is to supply breakfast items for our SaltTeens Youth Group Prayer Breakfast. Please come prepared to give a monetary offering to help purchase breakfast for our amazing teens.

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

All children 1 year-5th grade are invited to the Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Quaker Gap Community Building on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 2-4:00 PM. There will be games, Easter activities, and prizes!



## Pork Butt Sale



**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Pick up at 5 PM in the church Fellowship Hall.  
To order: Sign up in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall.

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Morning Worship Service  
6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

### Wednesday

6:15 PM Fellowship Meal  
7-8:00 PM Adult Bible Study  
KidZone (for Children K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Preschool Program (for ages 3-5)  
7-8:30 PM SaltTeens Youth Group

## Children's Family Picnic

Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss it! Plan to join The Children's Ministry Team for a family picnic on **May 15<sup>th</sup>**, following the morning worship service. The picnic will be a potluck lunch at Horizon's Park for all children (K-6th grade) and their families. Watch for more details closer to the picnic date.



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# SEEDS OF HOPE DAY CAMP

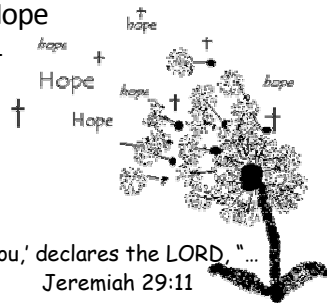


**2011 BENEFIT BIKE RIDE**  
**APRIL 30, 2011**

RAIN DATE: MAY 7, 2011

Join the Seeds of Hope ministry as they raise funds to host the 2nd annual Seeds of Hope Day Camp, a camp for children 1-8<sup>th</sup> grades who are in need, are adopted, or are in foster care in Stokes County. This camp is intended to be free of charge to the children and the families that we serve. You may minister to these children and their families in several ways:

1. Pray for these families and the judicial system that they may be part of
2. Be a mentor to a child considered "at risk," adopted, or in foster care
3. Be a check point church for riders to receive refreshments and encouragement along the ride route, then volunteer to serve
4. Be a rider and pay your entry fee of \$25 per bike  
Registration forms, medical release forms, and the bike route has been posted to our church website [www.quakergap.info](http://www.quakergap.info)
5. Make a donation payable to Quaker Gap Baptist Church with "Seeds of Hope Camp" designated on the memo line and envelope
6. Encourage your friends in other churches to become a partner in the Seeds of Hope Ministry as we seek to surround families engaged in foster care or adoption in Stokes County with a network of support



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "... plans to give you hope & a future." Jeremiah 29:11

## Items for the Homeless



Our RAs are continuing our ministry to the homeless by putting together homeless ministry bags. All Sunday School classes are asked to continue collecting their specified items for these bags. If you don't know what your class should be collecting, please contact J. C. Holt, and he will let you know what is needed.

## Attention: Your Help is Needed

The Seeds of Hope ministry is prayerfully making plans to facilitate the second annual Seeds of Hope Day Camp for children who have been adopted, are in the foster care system, or are considered "at risk". This camp will run July 11th-15th at Mt. Olive Elementary School in King. In an effort to raise funds to insure this camp is completely free of charge to the children and families we serve, the Seeds of Hope team is hosting a benefit motorcycle ride on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (rain date May 7<sup>th</sup>). Please help us make this ride successful by providing gift certificates redeemable for service or goods from your business to provide to the riders as participation incentive. If you or someone you know would like to participate in the ride, please refer to the QG website for more information, rider registration, and release forms:

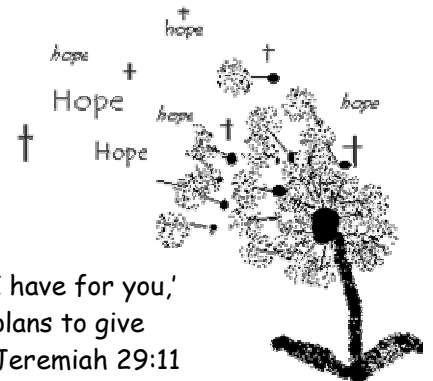
<http://www.quakergap.info/seeds-of-hope.html>

In addition, we will be providing the children with a birthday celebration the last day of camp. Every child will be celebrated and will receive a goody bag. If you are interested in making a donation toward these bags, please contact the camp coordinator, Jana Elliott. We are looking for items appropriate for kids in 1st through 8th grades.

Thank you so much for your consideration.  
 God Bless!

## Seeds of Hope

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## Mission Moments



This month, our church Mission Focus will be on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

### Reaching North America, where to start

Are you ready to take the challenge to "Start Here" by examining your own heart and seeking to align it with God's heart for all people? The North American Mission Board estimates that 259 million people in the U.S., Canada and their territories do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The task to reach them is bigger than us, but not bigger than God. Challenge yourself and others to "Start Here," experiencing personal revival and living that out by engaging through prayer, giving, and going to fulfill the Great Commission, here, there and everywhere.

**Why Give to Annie Armstrong?** Because three of four people in North America are lost. One hundred percent of dollars given to the AAEO go to support over 5,000 missionaries and their ministries in the United States and Canada.

**Week of Prayer:** From April 3-10 our church will join other Southern Baptist churches in praying for North American missionaries. Look for your Week of Prayer guide featuring eight North American missionaries in your bulletin.

**North American Missionaries:** Though their stories and methods are different, they share a common urgency for sharing the gospel throughout the United States and Canada. "Whether it is starting a new church, meeting the needs of the homeless, leading worship at a ski resort, or leading Back Yard Bible clubs, missionaries depend on the faithful prayers and generosity of Southern Baptists. Please pray for our missionaries and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.