

THE MESSENGER

of Quaker Gap Baptist Church King, NC



Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children
Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

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A WORD FROM PASTOR JACK...

Beginning at the End



Sometimes lifeguards let potential drowning victims flail about and nearly drown. They don't do it out of spite or neglect, but for an important reason. If a lifeguard approaches a swimmer who is struggling in the water, the swimmer is likely to pull himself and the lifeguard under. Expertly trained ocean lifeguards know that when the swimmer comes to the end of his own strength, he is more likely to accept assistance from the rescuer.

When it comes to your Christian life it is also true that you are primed for salvation when you come to the end of your own strength. The place to begin is at the end. You begin the Christian life by coming to the end of yourself. You continue the Christian life by daily denying yourself and following Jesus. You pass on to eternity so full of worship for God that you completely forget yourself. You must come to the end of yourself if you will ever grow in the Christian faith.

When you take yourself too seriously the problems start. You become defensive. You compete for attention and resources. You compare yourself with others. You lose your ability to tell the truth, preferring to save face instead. Ultimately, you forget to worship God because you are too busy seeking your own worshippers. You turn away from the Savior while desperately trying to save yourself. You thrash and struggle, desperate to keep your head above the waves.

Your lifeguard, Jesus, waits for you to come to the end of your strength. He anticipates the moment you stop struggling. He reaches out his hand and lifts you from the waves as He did with Peter on the Sea of Galilee. He restores your spirit by speaking to you in His still small voice as He did with Elijah. He reminds you that your weakness reveals His strength, as He did with Paul. He waits for you to surrender.

So cherish the struggle that ends in surrender - for that is the beginning of rescue. In its editorial sections, a British newspaper once asked for readers to respond to the question, "What's wrong with the world?" G. K. Chesterton replied to the newspaper, "Dear Sir: Regarding your article 'What's Wrong with the World?' I am. Yours truly, G. K. Chesterton." When you come to the end of yourself, God is there to provide rescue, healing, strength, and answers.

For I, the Lord your God, am grasping your right hand. I am the one saying to you, "Do not be afraid for I myself will help you." Isaiah 41:13

Upcoming Sermons

Date	Title	Text
June 5	“Successful Steps” (Graduation Sunday)	Joshua 1:6-9
June 12	“God is Here”	Psalm 46
June 19	“Chips Off the Old Block” (Father’s Day)	Jeremiah 35
June 26	“God Knows”	Psalm 139:1-6
July 3	“A Lamp Lifted High”	Matthew 11:28-30



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

*Celebration on June 4th 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 4th 2011.*



Church Wide Ice Cream Social

On **Thursday, June 16 at 6 PM** everyone is invited to join us as we wrap up our week of VBS. So bring a freezer full of your favorite homemade ice cream recipe to share. The Youth Leadership Team will provide drinks, and all the toppings. Please join us for a fun time of fellowship with our children.

Sunday Night Singing & Worship Service

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 26th at 6:00 PM** for a special evening of worship and music. We will be looking at God as Jehovah, I AM, in this evening service. If you could sing a song or play an instrument, please let Darshan know ASAP. We will be worshipping through prayer, scripture, and song. Let’s come and praise God for who He is!

Afterwards, we will all enjoy a summer fruit fellowship at the picnic shelter. Bring your favorite summer fruit to share.



Birthday Blessings to...

- 3 Peggy Kiser
- 4 Linda Boles
Vicky Bottoms
Lilly Nelson
- 5 Haley Bennett
- 6 Tracy Ray
Jennifer Utley
- 7 Peggy Adams
Toby Bennett
John Scoville
Emily Wilkins
- 8 Jean Carol Delapp
Terry Goff
June Tedder
- 9 Cole & Conner Bunn
- 10 Wes Byrd
Lisa Dillon
- 11 Verna Lea Allen
Danny Bowman
- 12 Keith Ford
Dustin Forkel
Jeanette Robertson
- 13 Mallory Darida
Mitchell Foy
Angela Lawson
John Little
- 14 Chris Clark
- 15 Spencer Davis
Stephen Michael
Athena Weavil
- 16 Forrest Foster
Mason Lindgren
- 17 Chris Dodson
Carolyn S. Tedder
- 18 Ben Gatewood
Erlene Priddy
- 19 Shirley Samuels
- 20 John Hanes
- 21 Kayli Hinson
- 22 Josh Elliott
Marty Whitaker
- 23 Luke Poole
Darin Young
- 24 Franklin Baker
- 25 Charlie McGhee
- 26 Julie Allen
- 27 Kim-Elyse Gentry
- 28 Lorri Dodson
Deanna Joyce
Jim Walton
- 29 Katie Gordon
Will Holt
Donna Tedder



Darshan's Soul Notes...

"Good Grief"

(Part Two)

Last month, we talked about the fact that God's holy presence and ministry within each believer causes us to pursue holiness, and at times to even grieve over our lack of it! We looked at how God uses the disciplines like Bible study and prayer to stoke our spiritual fires and ignite us for His use. The more we seek intimacy with Christ, the more we fall in love with Him and desire to be like Him. The channels of communion with Christ known as the spiritual disciplines help sustain our growth in Him. However, there are dangers that have been associated with the disciplines. The Pharisees of Jesus' day were known for intense devotion to spiritual disciplines. They fasted twice a week, said long prayers, and spent years memorizing the Scriptures. They did this while hating the Son of God! The disciplines are not tools that make us more like Jesus if we just use them. The disciplines can only transform us through God's grace working in those who practice them with faith in Christ. So, the spiritual disciplines are not the marks of Christlikeness, they are the means that God uses to lead to it.

Another danger is imbalance. We are called to engage in both personal and corporate spiritual disciplines. These are disciplines practiced in private and in community with the church body. Sometimes, we can get so busy engaging in church activities that we have very little time to practice personal devotion to prayer, God's word, or even recognizing Him! Do we realize that working for Christ in a way that leaves insufficient time to be alone with Him and His Word is unhealthy? If we have genuine worship on Sunday morning with our Savior, how can we be content with that one experience when the Holy Spirit wants to kindle the flame of our love for God in private worship all throughout the week?

On the other hand, we can submerge ourselves in "private devotions" and miss out on the joys found in sharing life in public worship. We grow in our love for the Lord when we hear God's word preached, fellowship in song, and share communion with the saints around the Lord's supper.

So, what should we do? Where is the balance? I agree with the author, Donald Whitney, who offers the following suggestions for balancing our spiritual disciplines. First, we need to devote our time to the "enjoyment of God and to the pursuit of Christlikeness" more than the completion of to-do lists. What good is accomplishing more and more for God if we don't grow deeper in love with Him? We don't want to become "increasingly efficient at leading meaningless lives." Second, resist the temptation to believe in "microwave spirituality or shortcut Christlikeness." In the instant gratification world we live in, we must remember there are no quick and easy paths to spiritual maturity. The soul that craves a deeper level of maturity in the Lord must expect time and effort in the process. He is worth it all!!! Lastly, let's determine to "stoke our spiritual life with at least one perceptible poke." A good nudge with one of the spiritual disciplines will reignite the fire of our soul's growth. The goal is to position ourselves for falling in love with Christ and enjoying His presence each and every day- not just on Sunday morning. May we continually burn with passion for our Savior.



Singing His Praises,
Darshan





Please join us in congratulating our 2010-2011 graduates in our Graduate Recognition Service on June 5th. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the next important step in their life.

Christopher Hill will be graduating from South Stokes High School. He plans to attend Haywood Community College in Clyde, NC where he will pursue an associate degree in Fish & Wildlife Management and Natural Resources.

Ryon Anderson, Dylan Barber, Morgan Nance, Dwight Shelton, and Caleb Todd will be graduating from West Stokes High School. Their plans after graduation are unknown at this time.

Kassie Brown will be graduating from West Stokes High School. She plans to attend Surry Community College to get her nursing degree through W-S Sate University.

Ashley Spalding graduated from Appalachian State University with a BS in Exercise Science (pre-professional) and minors in Biology and Psychology. She will be marrying Jordan Mitchell on June 18th. They will be living in Cary where Ashley is seeking employment.

Jessica Hall graduated from UNC Charlotte with a BS in Marketing and a minor in Economics. She will be seeking her Masters degree in Business Administration at UNCC while working as a Graduate Assistant with Recreation Services on campus.

Julie Hall graduated from UNC Charlotte with a BS degree in Exercise Science. She is certified as an American College of Sports Medicine Health and Fitness Specialist and is seeking her Masters degree in Occupational Therapy at Winston-Salem State University.

Lacey Lineberry graduated from UNC Charlotte with a BA degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. Lacey is currently employed at Temporary Resources.

Nikki Pruitt graduated from UNC Charlotte with a BS degree in Exercise Science. She is certified as an American College of Sports Medicine Health and Fitness Specialist. Nikki is currently employed at CVS in Stanleyville, and is seeking employment in her field of study.

Congratulations Graduates (continued)

Justin Dillon graduated from UNC Wilmington in December with a BA degree in Communications and a minor in Political Science. He is currently seeking employment in the Wilmington area.

Amanda Allan received her M.D. degree in May from the Brody School of Medicine of East Carolina University. She plans to marry Corey VanDlac on June 11th. They will be living in Portland, Oregon where she will complete her residency as a urology surgeon at Oregon Health & Science University Hospital.

April Bowman graduated in December from NCSU with her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, Youth Development Leadership. With this degree she will be able to apply for a title promotion to move from an Assistant Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development to an Associate Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development in January.

Jack Darida graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary with his Doctorate in Ministry. He plans to continue as Senior Pastor of Quaker Gap Baptist Church where he can use the information obtained from his degree to build up, encourage, and inspire the Body of Christ.

Graduate Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please bless these graduates as they go out into the world to make it a better place. While they pursue their dreams, gently guide them, lead them, show them Your way to success and happiness through service to others, as they maximize their own potential. Fill them with joy when they reach their goals. Strengthen them, as they deal with life's obstacles, and show them that every challenge is a path to character development. Give them the intelligence to make a plan for their future. Give them the patience and persistence to pursue their ambitions. Most of all, give them caring hearts to look for ways to help the people they meet on their life's journey. Encourage them and lift them up now, as they spread their wings into a clear sky of limitless opportunity. Let each and every graduate here be wrapped in the warmth of Your infinite love, and let Your wisdom show them the way to make the most of their lives.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

~ Joanna Fuchs



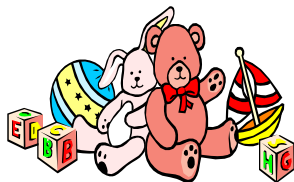
Infants & Ones

- 6/5 M/M David Weavil & Kayleigh
- 6/12 M/M Andy Moore & Mary Austin
- 6/19 M/M Ken Self
- 6/26 M/M Rich Henry & Lizzy Shaw
- 7/3 M/M David Burge



Twos

- 6/5 Jana Elliott
Shirley Samuels
- 6/12 M/M Keith Ford
- 6/19 M/M David Lee
- 6/26 M/M Brian Walton
- 7/3 Dennis Ruff & Katie Poole



**Wee Worship
(Threes & Fours)**

- 6/5 M/M Chris Stover
- 6/12 M/M John Clark
- 6/19 M/M Cory Snow
- 6/26 M/M Jeremy Borders
- 7/3 M/M Larry Lancaster & Madison



**Wednesday
Evening Nursery**

- 6/1 Lorri Dodson
Casey Proctor
- 6/8 Dennis Ruff
Joyce Proctor
- 6/15 Kathy Ford
Jana Elliott
- 6/22 Angie Pugh
Beth James
- 6/29 M/M John Clark
- 7/6 Clint Hartgrove
Jeri Darida



Nursery Contact

Emily C. Snow will be the nursery contact person through June. If you have nursery questions or scheduling issues that you cannot work out, please contact Emily at 994-8435.



*Sanctuary
Flowers*

- 6/5 Kathleen Tedder
- 6/12 M/M Doug Rose
- 6/19 Linda Holt
- 6/26 M/M Kenneth Poole
- 7/3 M/M J. C. Holt

Ushers

- 6/5 Terry Boles
Larry Mankins
- 6/12 Jeremy Borders
Chad McKinney
- 6/19 James Calloway
Zane McKinney
- 6/26 Dennis Ruff
Rodney Proctor
- 7/3 Mark Dodson
John Clark

Deacon of the Week

- 6/5 Larry Lancaster
Scott Hinson
- 6/12 Mark Holt
J. C. Holt
- 6/19 Lloyd Allan
Tip Wood
- 6/26 L. C. Allen
David Weavil
- 7/3 Franklin Baker
Jim Walton

**Puzzle
BROOCH**

Make this keepsake to let your mom, grandma or aunt know that you wouldn't be complete without her!

What you need:

- Several old puzzle pieces
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue
- Sequins or small buttons
- Metal jewelry safety pin (flat on the bottom)

What you do:

1. Paint the puzzle pieces and let them dry.
2. Come up with a design; for example, place two pieces on the bottom and one on top.
3. Glue the pieces in place so they form one brooch. Decorate by gluing on sequins or buttons.
4. When the brooch is completely dry, glue a jewelry safety pin on the bottom.
5. Give the gift on Mother's Day!





The Salt Box Trash & Treasures



What is Junk?

The dictionary will tell us that Junk is... "Old or discarded articles that are considered useless or of little value." But it is interesting to take a moment to sit back and think about how your junk could possibly be someone else's treasure. But, what is treasure then? Treasure according to the dictionary is... "Accumulated or stored wealth in the form of money, jewels, or other valuables." So, how can one man's old discarded articles that are considered by that man to be useless or of little value be another man's treasure or thing that is of value to him?

On May 21st, the youth hosted a yard sale at the American Legion in King. For over 3 months we had accumulated basically, "junk" from different people in our church and community. However, it was interesting to sit back and watch how your "junk" was another person's "treasure". Over the course of the yard sale we were able to raise a little over \$2,500.00 by selling "junk" to people that looked at it as "treasure". (Thank you very much for your many donations and contributions!!)

So, as I sat back and watched things sell that I never thought would have sold, I thought to myself, "The things that I consider 'junk' in my life may be a 'treasure' to someone else." I do not mean simply your possessions... but the gifts and talents that God has given you. You may consider them as "junk" but to someone else they may be a "treasure". Take a look at your life... re-evaluate what you have considered "junk" and put it to good use for the Kingdom of God. And if it's anything like the yard sale that we had... You will be amazed at how valuable the gifts and talents you have are worth to others in our church, community, and world!

Serving Him ,
Daniel Parker



Join us for a
Graduation Celebration
in honor of

Dr. Jack Darida

Graduate from the
Doctor of Ministry program at
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 6:00 PM
Quaker Gap Baptist Church
Picnic Shelter

Please bring finger foods
& desserts to share

Slow Down!

Walk a little slower, Daddy,
said a child so small.
I'm Following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall.
Sometimes your steps are very fast;
sometimes they're hard to see.
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
for you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
you're what I want to be.
Then I will have a little child
who'll want to follow me.
And I would want to lead just right,
and know that I was true;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
for I must follow you.

—Author unknown

An Early
Step Toward
A Godly Walk



SALT-TEENS YOUTH GROUP

JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7-8:30 PM Salt-Teens Youth Group	2	3	4
5 7:00 PM Meet @ QGBC for WS Baccalaureate Service	6	7	8 7-8:30 PM Salt-Teens Youth Group	9	10	11
12 5PM—8PM VBS KICK-OFF	13	14	15	16	17	18
			← 6-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School →			
19 12 PM PR Mission Team Meeting Father's Day (NO PM Youth)	20	21 6-9:00 PM Tour of Pools	No Youth Group	22 7-8:30 PM Salt-Teens Youth Group	23 7-10 PM NERF	24 25
26 6:00 PM Church-wide Singing & Worship Service	27	28 6-9:00 PM Tour of Pools	29 7-8:30 PM Salt-Teens Youth Group	30		

June 19th—The summer PR mission trip team will be meeting twice during the month to discuss and prepare for our PR trip. Sunday June 19th we will be having a cook out/ pool party meeting at the home of Hal and Kim Stultz following our Sunday morning worship service.

June 12th-16th— Our youth will be running the summer VBS for the children of our church and area.

June 24th—NERF night will take place the last Friday of each month at the church from 7pm—10pm.

FROM THE HEART

*Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow
Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will
always be remembered by the family of*

Bonnie D. Harrison

Dear Church family,

Thank you for the delicious meal that was provided on the day of my mother's funeral. It allowed a very special time of rest, reflection, and fellowship for my family. The phone calls, the beautiful cards, the spoken words of understanding and encouragement, and the prayers have helped us through a sad and difficult time.

We are so blessed to be part of a caring community of believers.

Annette, Mark, Jacob
And Bekah Smith

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for the generous gift that you gave to our family at the passing of our dear grandmother, Helen Phillips. This helped us to have a meal and a time of fellowship and reflection with our family. Granny always loved fellowshiping around the table with her family and friends. You came through for us in our time of need even though we were out of town. We are so very blessed to be part of such a loving church family who is always there to lend a helping hand.

Thank you also for the beautiful cards of encouragement, your kind words, and most of all your prayers. Granny was a faithful servant of the Lord who continued to share His love with everyone she met. Thank you for living that love as you continue to be the "hands and feet of Christ" while you minister to others.

With His Great Love,
Steve, April, Ryan, Lauren, Josh &
all the family of Helen Phillips

*With Sincere Appreciation
Thank you so much!*

Dear Quaker Gap Friends,

Words cannot express our sincere thanks for the generous contribution that you gave in memory of my mother, Helen Phillips, also a dear grandmother of Steve, April and family.

Our appreciation for your continuous support and Christ-like spirit along with theirs creates a bond of unending courage and strength. This is especially appreciated since we live away. May God bless each of you!

A heartfelt of love and prayer,
Jay & Dot Ragan
(and yes, "Granny" thanks you too)



Thank you for your donations for King Outreach Ministry. Last month we collected 15 jars of peanut butter, 2 jars of jelly, 15 cans of beans, and 5 miscellaneous items. 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 3rd Sunday of each month.



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.

Congratulations to...

Alexandria "Alex" Manley who was chosen to be on the J. V. Cheerleading squad at West Stokes High for the 2011-2012 school year.



Children's Church

"Just a Reminder"....Children's Church will break for the summer in June. The final Sunday is **June 12th** with an **End-of-Year Children's Church party** planned! Many thanks to all the parents and children for their support and participation in Children's Church this past year. It has been a great year, and the kids have learned so much! We are so proud of your kids and are already looking forward to the upcoming season with lots more creative teaching, puppetry, and fun outreach.

Moms and dads, if you have been looking for a place to plug in and use your creativity and talents, Children's Church is THE place. We welcome anyone interested. And...for anyone who thinks they don't have talent....let us prove you wrong!!!

Have a Wonderful summer!

Jeanette and the Children's Church Team
(Michelle McClamrock, Dale Davis, John Hanes,
Tiffany Hanes, and Jonathan Weavil)



Be a Hero!
Vacation Bible School
June 12-16
6-8 PM



Kids, you are all invited to this super, awesome event! Vacation Bible School starts on June 12 and we want you here. Once again this year our Salt-Teens Youth Group will be leading our VBS and they are SUPER EXCITED to spend the week with you!

This year we will be talking about what it means to be a real hero. You will learn great stories about some of the most famous and courageous heroes of the Bible. We will also have a lot of fun with skits, crafts, recreation, and of course, snacks. Then bring your parents on Thursday evening when we will wrap up the week up with a home-made ice cream party. See you there!



Worship Schedule

Sunday

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

Wednesday

7-8:00 PM	Adult Bible Study
	KidZone (for Children K-6 th Grade)
	Preschool Program (for ages 3-5)
7-8:30 PM	SaltTeens Youth Group

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QUAKER GAP BAPTIST CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY – JUNE 25TH AT HEMLOCK GOLF COURSE IN WALNUT COVE
Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. Shot gun start 8:00 a.m.

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

Mulligan's and split the pot available at registration

\$500

1st Place

\$300

2nd Place

Prizes for closest to the hole and longest drive

\$60 per player

Meal included

**ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS QUAKER GAP BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH
GROUP MISSION TRIPS TO PUERTO RICO AND KENTUCKY**

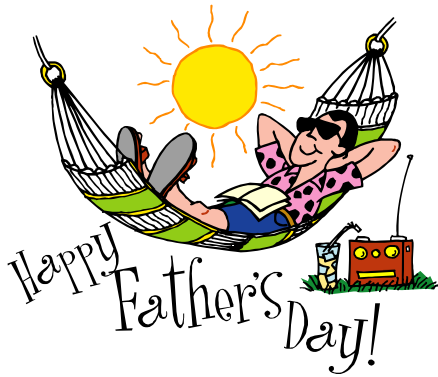
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The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY
 WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.

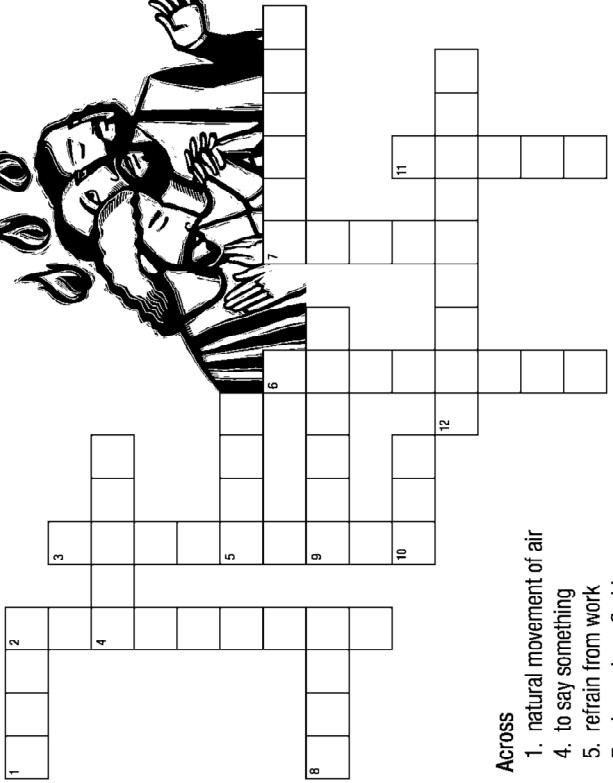


Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air



Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound