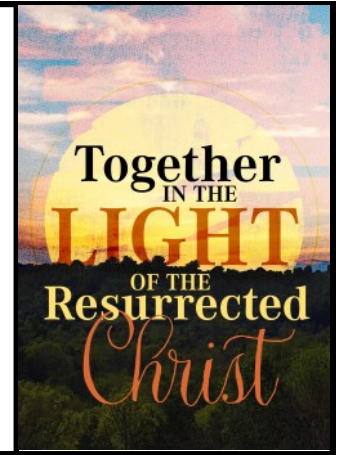




THE MESSENGER

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A Word From *Pastor Jack...*

MYSTERIES



The eternally-existent God, who created the universe, descends from glory to become a child. Jesus lives a perfectly sinless life, teaches awestruck crowds of followers, and performs powerful miracles. Religious leaders arrest him, try him, and execute him on a cross. He is buried in a borrowed tomb. How is it possible for God to die? This is a mystery.

Three days later, women arrive at the tomb to finish the work of embalming his body. The body is missing. Jesus appears to his followers. He speaks with them.

They touch his scars. He eats with them and encourages them. He ascends to heaven. Death is defeated; Jesus is alive. How can this be possible? This is a mystery.

The Holy Spirit fills the followers of Jesus. They become bold and courageous to share the truth about Jesus. Their words and their writings reveal the reason why the Son of God came to be crucified. God so loved the world that he sent his Son to die. How could he love us so? This is a mystery.

Through the word of God, we discover all that Jesus does for us through his death and resurrection. For all who believe there is forgiveness, reconciliation, restoration, and eternal life. How can we grasp such amazing grace? This is a mystery.

The spring months give us an opportunity to once again ponder the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. On the surface the story is simple but look deeper and it is filled with incomprehensible mysteries. One of our praise songs begins with the words "Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?" This is a mystery to be embraced, cherished, and celebrated!

UPCOMING SERMONS

SERMON SERIES: THY KINGDOM COME



*Apr 6	"Pacific Citizens"	Matthew 5:21-26
Apr 13	Adult Choir & Worship Band Present Christus Victor (Christ the Victor)	
April 20	"Peace Be with You"	John 20:19-23
Apr 27	"Principled Citizens"	Matthew 5:27-37
*May 4	"Loving Citizens"	Matthew 5:38-48

* We will be Observing The Lord's Supper on April 6th and May 4th

**Christus Victor
(Christ the Victor)**

The Adult Choir and the Worship Band will present an Easter music program called Christus Victor, which is translated as Christ the Victor. Through music and scripture, Christus Victor gives us a picture of Jesus overcoming sin, death, and defeating satan through his death and resurrection, sealing the victory and breaking the chains of bondage for the whole world. Join us at the Gap as Christus Victor is presented on Sunday, April 13th at 10:30 AM, and as we sing about the victory that Christ has won for all of us!



Quaker Gap Baptist Church Financial Summary

January 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Variance
Church Offering	\$ 47,534	\$ 58,532	\$ (10,818)
Special Purpose Funds	\$ 4,495	0	\$ 4,495
Total Receipts	\$ 52,029	\$ 38,352	\$ (13,677)
Expenses	\$ 67,885	\$ 38,352	\$ 29,533
Receipts Over Expenses	(\$15,856)		

Checking/MM/CD Account Balances as of January 31, 2025

General Fund	\$331,406 *
Building Fund	\$192,718
Cemetery Fund	\$ 31,238 **

* \$27,175 in Money Market

**\$ 9,220 in Cemetery CD



- 1 Debbie Jacobs
- 2 Jonathan Allen
- 3 Steve Ragan
Shannon Rose
- 5 Jayden Weavil
- 6 Parker McKinney
- 8 Stephanie Fisher
- 9 Lily Samuels
- 10 David Weavil
- 12 Cindy Boles
Avery Darida
Mitchell Lancaster, III
- 13 Terry Boles
Grace McParland
- 14 Ken Martin
Chandra Wall
- 16 Lynae Bowman
Stacey Walton
- 17 Ricky Joyce
Camryn Myers
Rex Samuels, III
- 18 Martin Hicks
Lyra Hopkins (4 yrs. old)
- 19 Chad Bowman
- 21 Robin Work
- 22 Scott Hinson
Andy Moore
- 23 Ella-Grace Allen
Daniel Miller
- 25 Kenny Kiser
- 26 April Bowman
Debbie Joyner
Taylor Martin
Gareath Meadows
- 27 Karen Linville
- 29 Greg Walton
- 30 Scotty Sands

James' Lagniappe 

(lan-yap, n. a little something extra)

Peace of God

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

John 14:27 NIV

⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 NIV



I can't explain it. It's just there, enveloping me like a warm blanket on a cold night. It warms me like a fire in the fireplace. It's calming like a hug. It settles me like when I lay back on a pillow for the night. And it is always present, always close, and always within reach even when the world or circumstances pull the blinds over the light to try to shadow over its reality. I'm talking about the peace of God. It's that ever present peace that Jesus provided to His followers. He said *²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.* What a statement for us to embrace!

Jesus encourages us and even compared it to the perceived peace that the world might promise us which is something less than perfect, less than peaceful. But that doesn't keep the world from trying to sell us anything and everything that will give us a little bit of peace and comfort in this world. I even read about a mom of four small children wondering if she could be stranded at the international space station for nine months just to have some peace and quiet. OK, she was probably kidding, but not much! It does make the point that we are all looking for peace!

I think it should be said that His peace does not remove the problems and circumstances that threaten our peace. *Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* I figure that if Jesus says to not be afraid, then the problems are still there, lurking in the shadows. But you do not have to fear them. And when we have the peace of God, when we rest wholeheartedly in His care, when we place all our worries, concerns, and what-ifs firmly in His nail-pierced hands, He will calm us, assure us, and satisfy us. The apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, that God's peace, which defies all explanations, *will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Jesus has given us His peace and it will never, ever leave us!

Soli Deo gloria, (Glory to God alone)

James

James Byrd

*The family of
Robert "Sonny" Donald Looney
acknowledges with grateful appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy
To all my Church family
from all my family!
Thank you for all your prayers,
cards, and flowers.*

Love,
Jennifer Utle

Thank you, Pastor Jack, for your support.

Women Warriors Prayer Group



All ladies are invited to join our Women Warriors study group on **Thursday, April 3rd, at 6:30 PM** at the home of **Beth James** (128 Whispering Creek Rd, King). Our Ladies Ministry Team will serve hamburgers and hotdogs for dinner, and we will continue our discussion from our *Daily Grace "I Am" series*. Make plans to come and invite a friend!



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: **Quaker Gap Baptist Church**
2265 Flat Shoals Rd
When: July 28th, 2025

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.
Trusted by over 10 million customers.

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Who should attend:
Anyone over the **age of 40**

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Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

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PINE NEEDLES

\$6 a bale


All Proceeds go to Missions
Quaker Gap Baptist Church

PICKUP SATURDAYS IN APRIL

8AM - NOON

Or Call the Church Office to Make Arrangements
(336) 994-2117

Outreach Ministry Donations



This month, we collected 8 toothbrushes, 4 toothpastes, 4 bags of beans, 4 bags of rice, 2 bags of pasta, 4 bars of soap, 6 bottles of shampoo, 3 stick deodorants, 4 hairbrushes, 5 bottles of body wash, 2 cans of shave cream, 2 packs of razors, and 1 bag of feminine sanitary pads. We sent all of these items to the flood victims of WV. Please remember that this an ongoing ministry, and we will continue to collect items for KOM and ESOM each month. Rotating between two.

The most needed items are personal care products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) feminine sanitary products, baby diapers, and toddler diaper pull-ups.

Donations may be left outside the front entrance of the fellowship hall and educational building on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Worship Schedule

Sunday

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- Children's Church
- Salteens Youth Group

Wednesday

- 5-6:00 PM Bible Study
- Choir Rehearsal
- GapKids
- Salteens Youth Group
- 8:15 PM Worship Team Rehearsal








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Quaker Gap Baptist Church Activities



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1  6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ PB Clark's, King	2 6:00 PM Eat In Meal in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal GapKids 8:15 PM Worship Band Rehearsal	3 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study - Home of Beth James	4	5
6 9:15 AM Prayer Group 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Children's Church 5-6:00 PM Salteens Youth Group	7	8  6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ PB Clark's, King	9 NO MEAL 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal GapKids 8:15 PM Worship Band Rehearsal	10 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline	11	12
13 8:00 AM Men & Boys' Breakfast in FH 9:15 AM Prayer Group 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Christus Victor (Christ the Victor) Program Children's Church 5-6:00 PM Salteens Youth Group <i>Palm Sunday</i>	14	15  6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ PB Clark's, King	16 NO MEAL, SERVICE, OR ACTIVITIES	17 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline Deadline for May Newsletter Submissions	18  9:00 AM Youth Hike 6:00 PM Good Friday Meal 7:00 PM Good Friday Service <i>Good Friday</i> (Church Office Closed)	19
20 6:40 AM Sunrise Service 7:30 AM Fellowship Breakfast 9:15 AM Prayer Group 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Children's Church Group <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	21	22  6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ PB Clark's, King	23  5-6:30 Drive Thru /Eat In Meals @ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal GapKids 8:15 PM Worship Band Rehearsal	24 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline	25	26
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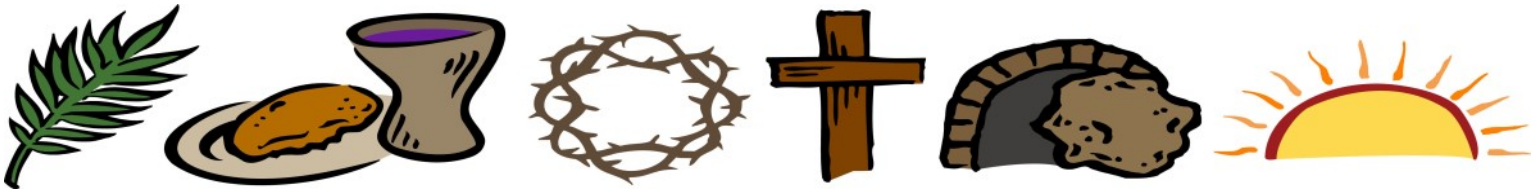
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Passion Week Schedule 2025

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 10:30 AM

CHRISTUS VICTOR

(Christ the Victor)

Presented by the Adult Choir and Worship Band

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES ON April 16th

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

GOOD FRIDAY MEAL 6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:40 AM (Picnic Shelter)

YOUTH-SPONSORED BREAKFAST (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

Message: Peace Be with You