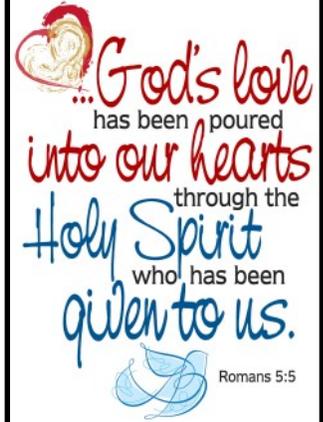




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A Word From Pastor Jack...

LENDING TO THE LORD

The pandemic has affected many people's lives beyond illness. Due to the rise in unemployment, and the challenge to small businesses, the number of people going hungry is rising. According to the census bureau, the number of homes that report not having enough food has gone up from 3.4% in 2019 to 14% in 2020. These numbers are disproportionately higher in minority populations.

Something that was true in Solomon's day was also true in Jesus' day and is still true in our day. There will always be people with needs. There will always be hungry people. There will always be homeless people. There will always be poor people. No matter the number of government programs, charities and ministries, Jesus says, "the poor will always be with you." If we were honest, we would confess that we don't always treat disadvantaged people with respect. We have a tendency to shame them and blame them for their situation. They need to get a job. They need to spend more responsibly. They need to get out of debt. They need to provide for their own family. But the truth is, many have no control over their situation.

And when we come across a person with their hand out asking for help, we often examine them closely before we reach in our pocket. We work hard for our money. We ask... How will this be used? Will this even help? Is this person worthy of my gift? Will they ever be able to repay? Solomon turns that type of thinking on its head when he says, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." (Proverbs 19:17)

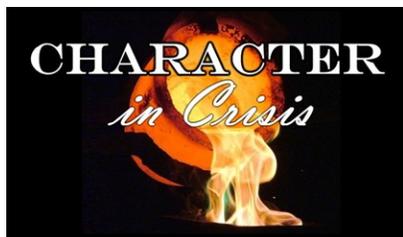
The proverb teaches us that whenever we give to the needy, we are in effect lending to the Lord. It's actually comical if you think about it. Everything we have comes from the Lord. And there He stands with his hand out asking for a loan. While we should give without ever expecting anything back, we know that if we are lending to the Lord - He is good for it. Jesus said something similar. He said, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

What if it were the Lord himself with his hand out asking for help? Would that change our perspective? When we feed the needy and provide shelter for the homeless, we are satisfying God's hunger and putting a roof over God's head. And He pays back with eternal interest.

I encourage you to be a part of the solution. Make a donation to one of our local rescue missions. Purchase some extra canned goods or bag up some unused clothing and deliver it to King Outreach Ministry or East Stokes Outreach to be sold in the thrift shop. Or take some unwanted furniture to the Habitat ReStore. Everything these organizations earn from donations goes directly to the needy. If you have a crisis, please let us know so we can help. Giving to the needy is the Lord's work. Let's never forget it.



Upcoming Sermons



Sermon Series: Character in Crisis

February 7*	"Remain Calm"	Luke 8:22-25
February 14	"Stay Positive"	Psalm 27:1-3
February 21	"Take Courage"	Joshua 1:8-9
February 28	"Show Wisdom"	James 3:13-18

*We will be Observing The Lord's Supper on February 7th



The Power of Love

By comparing love to everything from oxygen and fire to wind and war, songs and poetry emphasize its immense power – for good or for ill. Christian author Patrick Morley uses metaphors that focus on love’s practicality in everyday life: “Love is the glue that holds us together and the oil that keeps us from rubbing each other the wrong way.” He also calls love “the WD-40 of relationships” because it “can seep into tight places where logic, threats and even promises just can’t seem to penetrate.”

St. Augustine, who predated WD-40 by centuries, knew that love not only eases friction in personal interactions but, with God’s help, can change hearts and lives. “Love all [people], even your enemies,” he advises. “Love them, not because they are your brothers, but that they may become your brothers. Thus you will ever burn with fraternal love, both for him who is already your brother and for your enemy, that he may by loving become your brother.”

Quaker Gap Baptist Church Financial Summary

January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Variance
Church Offering	\$284,707	\$314,548	\$(29,841)
Specific Purpose Funds*	\$ 34,179	—	
Total Receipts	\$318,886		
Expenses*	\$268,887	\$314,548	\$(45,661)

Receipts Over Expenses \$ 49,999

Checking/MM/CD Account Balances as of December 31, 2020

General Fund	\$ 169,108
Building Fund	\$ 107,291
Cemetery Fund	\$ 32,458

Building Fund Expenses \$ 322



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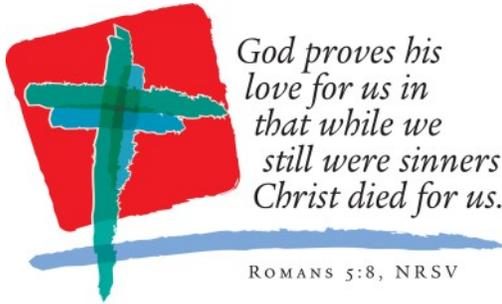


- 1 Alayna Davis
- Janet Long
- 2 Mike Embree
- 4 Joseph Bellenger
- Wayne Wilkins
- 5 Jack Darida
- 6 Chad Hill
- 7 Angie Pugh
- 8 Jonathan James
- 9 Frank Brown
- Ashley Weldner
- 11 Tonya Fowler
- Aristea Gaudet de Lestard
- 13 Mark Smith
- 14 Alyssa Davis
- Eddie Long
- Christopher Owen
- 15 Benny Hill
- 16 Taylor George
- 17 Richie Young
- 18 Leroy Carroll
- 19 Melinda Ross
- 21 J. C. Holt
- Gemma Kreeger
- Matthew Manley
- 22 Kevin Sands
- Mark Wood
- 23 Emily Covington
- Clint Hartgrove
- 24 Chuck Moser
- 25 Carol Barber
- Roland Marsh
- Karen Young
- 26 Dean Slate
- 27 Darrell Boles
- 28 Benji Curry
- Ann Walton
- Tommy George
- Kim Hicks

James' Lagniappe 

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

“God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!” Romans 5:8



Imagine with me hundreds of teens gathered together for worship and praise. Lyrics are repeated and the music grows louder and stronger as youth all over the south join together in singing about God's great love for us, how Christ laid aside his crown for us, how millions join together in song, singing to the lamb, and how we'll be singing of His love through eternity. If you guessed that I'm describing a concert with Chris Tomlin or Casting Crowns or maybe Lauren Daigle, then you would be off by about 210 years.

Camp Meetings of the Second Great Awakening (1790's to 1830's) brought together rural communities for evangelistic preaching and passionate singing. One of the songs that was sung was *What Wondrous Love Is This* (*Baptist Hymnal 1991, #143*) which was first published in 1811 in a camp meeting songbook. Although the author of the tune and text are unknown, some researchers attribute the melody to the 1701 English song, "Ballad of Captain Kidd." Robert Kidd was a pirate who was executed in 1701. This Christian folk hymn was also included in the 1952 folk opera *Singin' Billy*. So what do operas and pirates and pre-1900's youth concerts have to do with this hymn? It tells us that this great hymn about God's love for us has an eclectic (wide-ranging) history!

The real story behind this hymn though is the text that describes the profound wonder of the love of Christ for all humanity. The first verse has the singer wondering about how could the Lord bear the curse for our soul.

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for
my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

The second verse describes the singer sinking down and unable to bear God's righteousness but Christ laying His crown aside for our souls.

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for
my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*

The third verse has the singer joining millions in singing praise to the Lamb who is the great "I Am."

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to
the Lamb, Who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While mil-
lions join the theme, I will sing.*

And the fourth verse describes how when death comes, we will be free to sing for eternity.

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And
when from death I'm free I'll sing His love for me, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.*

What wondrous love, indeed! Seems appropriate for the month of February!

Soli Deo gloria,
(Glory to God alone)

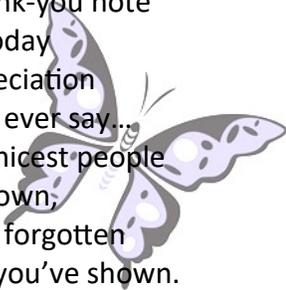
James

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With Special Thanks

This extra-special thank-you note
 Sent to you today
 Holds more appreciation
 Than any words can ever say...
 For you're among the nicest people
 I have ever known,
 And you'll never be forgotten
 For the thoughtfulness you've shown.



Thanks for EVERYTHING

Dear Church Family—

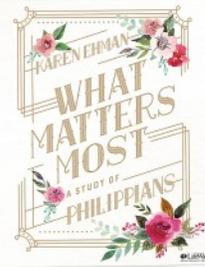
I don't know what we would have done without you these past 2½ years. All the cards, gifts, words of encouragement, and mostly the prayers have been very much appreciated. Jr. loved his church family and loved talking to everyone. Even on his worst days he would tell me, "God had a plan." We know he is in heaven rejoicing now, and is able to be free from the cancer.

There is a huge void left here to fill and we miss him so much. Thank you all for being with us through this journey. Please pray for us as we try to move on. We love you.



Love,
 Kim and Taylor (George)

Ladies Bible Study



Our ladies ministry will be hosting our ladies monthly Bible study and a meal on **Thursday, February 11th**, at **6:30 PM** at the home of Beth James (128 Whispering Creek Rd. King). The Ladies Ministry Team will provide an Italian meal, and ladies are encouraged to bring a dessert to share. We will continue with our *What Matters Most, A Study of Philippians*, and planning our April beach retreat. Please join us, even if you haven't been participating in the Bible study, we would love to have you!

Dear Friends,



Thank you for your recent donation to the American Cancer Society for glioblastoma brain cancer research in memory of **James Thomas George, Jr.**

Your support is needed to fight this relentless disease, and your gift will help fund lifesaving research. Together, we can fight back against cancer and save lives! Thank you.

Brand Woodward
 Executive Vice President
 Southeast Region



Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Service
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Children's Church

Wednesday

5-6:30 PM Drive-Thru Meals
 7:00 PM Online Bible Study
 6-7:00 PM Salt-Teens Youth Group

We are continuing to collect items for King Outreach Ministry during our Wednesday night drive thru meals and on Sunday mornings. Donations may be left outside the front entrance of the fellowship hall. Due to the pandemic, the need in the area has increased.

We are collecting personal care products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) feminine sanitary products, baby diapers, and toddler diaper pull-ups.

We need to step up our efforts; last month we didn't receive anything for King Outreach Ministry. Please remember that this in an ongoing ministry.

Quaker Gap Baptist Church Activities



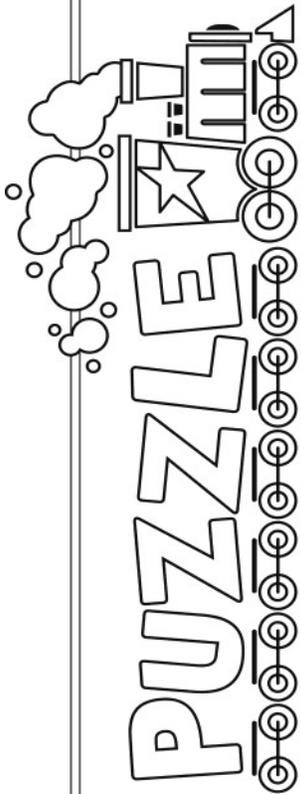
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A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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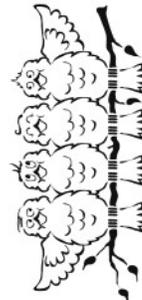
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T O E E O . RUTH 1:16, NIV



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