



# THE MESSENGER

of Quaker Gap Baptist Church - King, NC



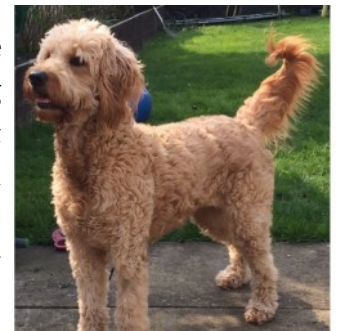
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A Word From *Pastor Jack...*

## SPIRITUAL SENSITIVITY

Our Goldendoodle, Clover, is extremely sensitive to noise outside the home. She will begin barking whenever anyone stops in the church parking lot to make a call on their cell phone. Sometimes she will bark ferociously at the door, and upon inspection, I will see a deer on the other side of the road in the grass next to the church annex. Other times I will look outside and see nothing. Whatever it is, she heard it, and it is long gone. Dogs have a very strong sense of hearing and smell, well beyond what we can register.



It is incredible to watch as she goes from fast asleep on the sofa to freaking out by the window in less than one second. I imagine it can be both a blessing and a curse to be able to hear and smell everything out of the ordinary, and to constantly be on full alert for changes.

**BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.**  
1 CORINTHIANS 2:16

The Bible has something to say about our sensitivity as people. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, "The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, 'Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ." -1 Corinthians 2:14-16

Believers in Christ, who are filled with the Holy Spirit, have spiritual sensitivity. We have the sensitivity to hear the voice of the Lord and sense His leading. We have the sensitivity to discover the needs of others. The more we walk with the Lord and keep in step with the Spirit, the more we have the mind of Christ. The key to Christian living, however, is not just sensing a move of the Spirit - but responding appropriately. When He leads, we follow. When someone has a need, we love. If only our ears would perk up as quickly as our canine friends. Let's tune our ear to sense the moving of God's Spirit and join Him in His work of redeeming the world.

UPCOMING SERMONS

SERMON SERIES: FULLY ALIVE



*Feb 2	The Source of Life	John 15:1-8
Feb. 9	The Spirit of Life	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Feb. 16	The Abundance of Life	John 10:1-10
Feb 23		
*Mar 2		

\* We will be Observing **The Lord's Supper** on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

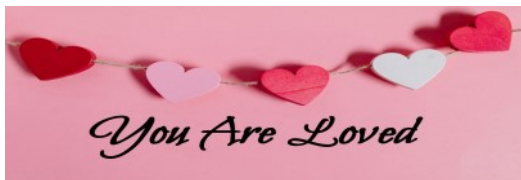
Sweetheart Banquet

Our Baptist Men will be hosting our annual **Sweetheart Banquet** at **6:00 PM on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**, in the church Fellowship Hall. A menu of your choice of prime rib, steak, or grilled chicken breast, salad,



**SWEETHEART BANQUET**

baked potato, and dessert has been planned. The cost of \$15.00/person or \$30/couple (given to Dennis Ruff) includes this delicious menu and some of the finest entertainment around! If you would like to join the fun, please sign up on the sheets in one of the entrances. Deadlines for sign-ups is **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Childcare will be provided; if you need this service, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet.



Quaker Gap Baptist Church Financial Summary

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Variance
Church Offering	\$384,196	\$325,340	\$ 58,856
Special Purpose Funds	\$49,971	0	\$ 49,971
Total Receipts	\$434,167	\$325,340	\$108,827
Expenses	\$357,898	\$325,340	\$ 32,558
<b>Receipts Over Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 76,269</b>		

Checking/MM/CD Account Balances as of December 31, 2024

General Fund	\$359,551 *
Building Fund	\$188,882
Cemetery Fund	\$ 30,293 **

\* \$27,181 in Money Market

\*\*\$ 9,220 in Cemetery CD



- 1 Alayna Davis  
Janet Long
- 2 Mike Embree
- 4 Wayne Wilkins
- 5 Jack Darida
- 7 Angie Pugh
- 8 Jonathan James  
Jim Stanley
- 9 Ashley Weldner
- 11 Tonya Fowler
- 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  
Janet Simmons
- 21 Gemma Kreeger  
Matthew Manley
- 22 Kevin Sands  
Mark Wood
- 23 Emily Covington  
Clint Hartgrove
- 24 Chuck Moser
- 25 Roland Marsh  
Karen Young
- 26 Dean Slate
- 27 Darrell Boles
- 28 Benji Curry  
Nicholas Gatewood  
Ann Walton
- 29 Susan Hairston

*James' Lagniappe*   
 (lan-yap, n. a little something extra)

## Hear Me When I Pray and Answer Me

*<sup>7</sup>Hear me as I pray, O Lord. Be merciful and answer me! <sup>8</sup>My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."*

Psalm 27:7-8 NLT

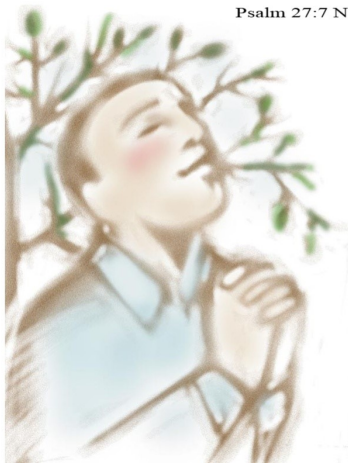
I've been thinking about the ways God speaks to me. It's pretty clear that I talk to God through prayer and in worship. I tell Him about my hurts and misunderstandings. I complain to Him when I don't understand my circumstances and whine "Woe is me," when the consequences fit my actions. And sometimes I think my prayers are not going very far.

David wrote Psalm 27 during a time of terrible distress, possibly when fleeing King Saul who was trying to kill him. First, he calls to God: *<sup>7</sup>Hear me as I pray, O Lord. Be merciful and answer me!* I imagine that David has blocked out all distractions. The world is noisy and easily distracts me pulling my attention to anything and everything except God. In his distress, David has singularly focused on the One who matters, asking for mercy and, most importantly, asking God to answer him. And He does. He always answers. Sometimes I look for God's answers in Scripture, in worship, and in creation. I look for God to speak through His people, His Church, and the Holy Spirit. God does speak to me through all those avenues. And...

And, God speaks quietly. *My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me."* Sitting still.

Hear me as I pray O LORD.  
 Be merciful and answer me!

Psalm 27:7 NLT



No distractions. TV off. Cell silenced. Quietly, in moments of silence, God calls to me. And God answers. Brokenness replaced with comfort. Anxiousness replaced with peace. Questions replaced with grace. Strife replaced with love. God knows everything about me, but He still wants to talk to me. He wants to have a conversation with me and He wants to have a relationship with me. His inaudible words pierce my heart with understanding.

Then David replies. *And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."*

Like David, I want God's peace and I want His protection. I want to understand, and I want to know that everything will be okay. And so I run to Him. Pushing everything aside and burrowing into my quiet corner, I respond to God and His calling in my heart. But it does not end there because His provisions always call us to action. It is our struggle that creates healing medicine that allows us to minister to others. When God provides rescue for us, it transforms into comfort for others.

Soli Deo gloria, (Glory to God alone)

*James*

James Byrd

### Women Warriors Prayer Group



All ladies are invited to join our Women Warriors study group on **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM** at the **home of Beth James** (128 Whispering Creek Rd King). Our Ladies Ministry Team will provide an Italian dinner, and we will discuss, "I am the Resurrection and the Life" from our *Daily Grace "I Am" series*. Make plans now to come and invite a friend. It will be a fun night as we get back into our "I Am," study.



*During a time like this  
we learn how much our friends  
and relatives really mean to us.  
Your expression of sympathy will  
always be treasured.*

*Thank You, Quaker Gap Baptist Church,  
for all the respect you showed for **Carolyn  
Carroll Redding** and our family.*

*Leroy W. Carroll*

### Outreach Ministry Donations



We did not have any donations for our Outreach Ministries in January. Please remember that this is an ongoing ministry.

We will continue to collect donations for KOM and ESOM, rotating between the 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. Please remember that this is an ongoing ministry.

### Habitat BBQ Dinner Tickets for Sale



Make plans now to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Habitat for Stokes "Feed the Faith, Build the Community" BBQ Dinner. This to-go dinner will be held on **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 4-7:00 PM**, at the Quaker Gap Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Dinners are \$10.00 per plate, (includes BBQ with all the fixin's and dessert). Tickets are required, and may be purchased from Tyler Van Meter or Dennis Ruff.

### Eager to Share

When a farmhand named Albert McMakin came to Christ at age 24. He invited friends to go to a revival meeting with him; and one of them did. It was 16-year-old Billy Graham, who went and was converted.

Isn't it encouraging to know that God can use us to do great things when we simply obey His Great Commission and do our part in sharing Christ? One of our tried and true methods is friendship and relational evangelism. Using our natural networks of friendship and associations, we can often come across a moment to share the Gospel.

Think about inviting someone to church, to a Christian concert, or to an evangelistic event. Invite them to attend a Bible study with you. Share a verse of Scripture. Try initiating a Gospel conversation. Say things like, "The Lord bless you today," and, "What a beautiful day God has made!" See if the other person responds. Plant seeds. Share Christian books and magazines. Remember, our labor in the Lord is not in vain!

"No one ever hears the Gospel proclaimed without making some kind of decision. The Spirit of God will go ahead of us when we witness—preparing the way, giving us words, granting us courage." — **Billy Graham**

### Worship Schedule

#### Sunday

9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Worship Service
	Children's Church
5-6:00 PM	Salteens Youth Group

#### Wednesday

7-8:00 PM	Bible Study
	Choir Rehearsal
	GapKids
	Salteens Youth Group
8:15 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal

# Quaker Gap Baptist Church Activities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 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	3	4  6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ PB Clark's, King	5 6:00 PM Eat In Meal in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal GapKids 8:15 PM Worship Band Rehearsal	6 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study - Home of Beth James	7	8  SWEETHEART BANQUET 6:00 PM Sweetheart Banquet in QG Fellowship Hall
9  8:00 AM Men & Boys' Breakfast in FH 9:15 AM Prayer Group 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Children's Church 6:00 PM Youth Super Bowl Party—Location TBD	10	11  6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ PB Clark's, King	12  5-6:30 Drive Thru/Eat In Meals @ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal Youth Group Salteens GapKids 8:15 PM Worship Band	13 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline	14 Deadline for March Newsletter Submissions 	15
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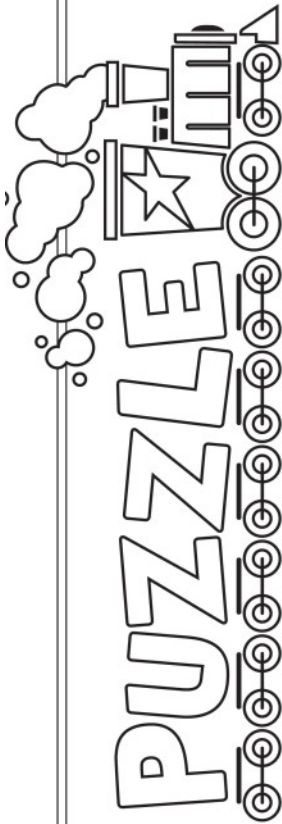
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# PUZZLE

## THE LOVE CYCLE

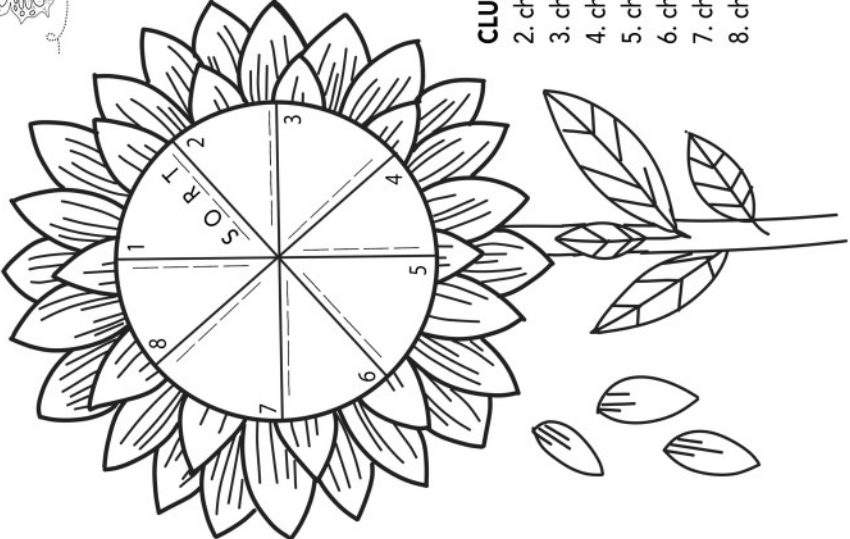
In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

*Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.*



We \_\_\_\_\_ because [God] first \_\_\_\_\_ d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV



**CLUES**

2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this (see 1 John 4:16).