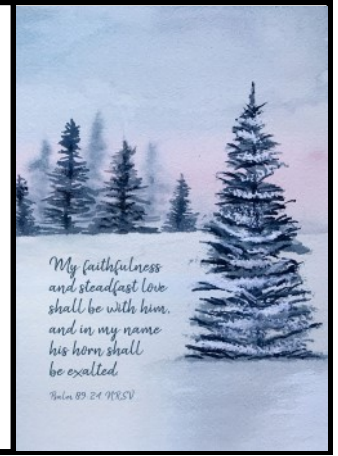




THE MESSENGER

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A Word From *Pastor Jack...*

LET IT SNOW!

We haven't seen much in the way of frozen precipitation (aka snow, sleet, wintry mix) this winter. I guess there's still time. I did see a few flakes this week, but barely enough to count as snow. Barely enough to justify a bread and milk run. Though it was much less than predicted, it got me thinking. Sometimes the weather forecast calls for snow in inches. What they don't specify is whether that means inches that fall from the sky or inches that accumulate on the ground. We all know there is a difference. Sometimes snow falls in blizzard-like proportions, and all we receive on the ground is wet grass. Why is that? It's because the ground temperature is above freezing, and the snow doesn't stand a chance. It melts as soon as it hits the turf. Other times, the snow lightly falls over the course of a few hours, and the ground is covered with white. What's the difference? When snow accumulates, it's because the ground is frozen and ready to receive it. The temperature of the ground determines the amount of accumulation, not the volume that falls from the sky.

I liken this snow situation to the condition of my heart. There are times when I hear God's word, read a good Christian book, or listen to a sermon, that I walk away unaffected. The word falls from the sky but melts on my ear before it can accumulate in my heart. There are other times when I receive the word as it falls, and it makes an impact on my heart. The word begins to accumulate. It reaches me, mind, emotions, and spirit. The difference is found in the condition of my heart. When my heart is prepared to receive the word, and I am in the proper spirit, the truth accumulates.

After preaching full-time for close to three decades, I have seen the word of God fall. Sometimes it falls like snowstorms. Other times it falls in flurries. What I have never been able to predict is the accumulation of the word. I have seen folks come to church with their souls salted and warmed, their arms crossed, and their ears closed to anything God might have to say. On the other hand, I've seen folks come after a snow dance, with their shovels ready, pajamas inside-out, Bibles



opened, prepped with expectation. The impact of the word of God on your life is dependent on the condition of your heart. James writes, "So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls" (1:21). The next time you come to worship, consider confessing your sin, humbling your attitude, and opening your heart. Come expectantly, and the Lord's wisdom will accumulate like snowfall on a frozen field.

Welcome New Members

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

Mike Humphrey	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism
Jo Humphrey	by	Transfer of Letter
Alyssa Davis	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism
Jonathan Rose	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism
Anabeth Rose	by	Profession of Faith & Baptism

Upcoming Sermons



SERMON SERIES: RAISE CHRIST MORE

*Feb. 4	"Brought Near"	Colossians 1:21-23
Feb. 11	"Battle-Tested"	Colossians 1:24-2:5
Feb. 18	"Speaker: James Byrd"	
Feb. 25	"The Triumph of the Cross"	Colossians 2:6-15
*Mar. 3	"Don't Lose Your Head"	Colossians 2:16-23

* We will be Observing **The Lord's Supper** on **February 4th** and **March 3rd**



Our Baptist Men will be hosting our annual **Sweetheart Banquet** at 6:00 PM on **Saturday, February 10th**, in the church Fellowship Hall. A menu of your choice of prime rib, steak, or grilled chicken breast, salad, 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 4th**. 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, 2023 through December 30, 2023

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Variance
Church Offering	\$354,201	\$310,357	\$ 43,844
Special Purpose Funds	\$34,699		
Total Receipts	\$388,900		
Expenses	\$337,012	\$310,357	\$ 26,655
Receipts Over Expenses	\$ 51,888		

Checking/MM/CD Account Balances as of December 30, 2023

General Fund	\$279,040
Building Fund	\$172,890
Cemetery Fund	\$ 40,094
Building Fund Expenses	\$ 0
Cemetery Fund Expenses	\$ 500

Annie Armstrong	\$ 1,355
Lottie Moon	\$ 1,980



**Budget
Info**

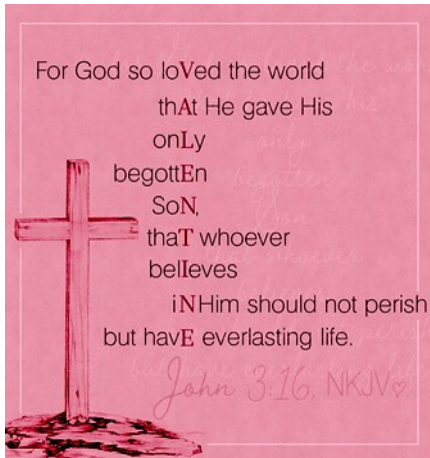


- 1 Alayna Davis
Janet Long
Janice Pierce
- 2 Mike Embree
- 4 Wayne Wilkins
- 5 Jack Darida
- 7 Angie Pugh
- 8 Jonathan James
Jim Stanley
- 9 Ashley Weldner
- 11 Tonya Fowler
- 13 Mark Smith
- 14 Alyssa Davis
Eddie Long
Christopher Owens
- 15 Benny Hill
- 16 Taylor George
- 17 Richie Young
- 18 Leroy 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 Carol Barber
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)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
 that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV*



I have been listening to a number of newer hymns lately. One of those hymns “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” was written and released in 1995 by Stuart Townend. It is a simple expression of our faith, and Townend wanted it that way. At the time of his writing the hymn he discussed the concerns he had with emotionalism in worship. “I was feeling there were lots of songs around, but there wasn’t a lot of content in the songs, and I really wanted to write something that was more hymn-like. I was finding in my own worship leading I was more and more going back to the hymns to introduce content, and I was thinking, “Why is it that we don’t have songs that are full of poetic, powerful language these days?” So I kind of set out to do that. There is a wonderful, omnipotent God who deserves our highest praise, and how we feel about it is in many ways irrelevant! I want to encourage the expression of joy, passion, and adoration, but I want those things to be the by-product of focusing on God – I don’t want them to become the subject matter.”

Townend’s text begins with a reflection of God’s love for us and what it cost Him to give up His Son. The second verse describes how our sin held Him to the cross, and the third verse proclaims that I will not boast in anything except what He has done for me. Musically, the hymn crosses stylistic barriers from more modern contemporary churches to the more traditional churches. Interestingly, this hymn was the key reason that Keith Getty decided to approach Stuart Townend in 2000 for help in writing modern hymns, their first collaboration being “In Christ Alone”.

*How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
 That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
 How great the pain of searing loss -The Father turns His face away,
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
 Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
 It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;
 His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
 Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
 But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.*

Soli Deo gloria, (Glory to God alone)

James

James Byrd

Women Warriors Prayer Group

All ladies are invited to join our Women Warriors group on **Thursday, February 1st, at 6:30 PM** at the **home of Beth James** (128 Whispering Creek Rd King). We will have a meal of soup and bread. Our study focus will be on Hannah. Invite a friend to join us; it will be a fun night as we get back into our study of women of the Bible.

The Friends of the Stokes Shelter
Kindly acknowledges your recent donation.
The FOSS mission is to provide a better future
For homeless pets in Stokes County.
Your donation helps us continue to operate the
FOSS Animal Adoption Center
And accomplish our mission.
Thank you for your support of FOSS!
Sincerely,
Friends of the Stokes Shelter

Thank you so much for your generous donation in memory of Mark Bowman. As you may know, FOSS operates solely on contributions and donations so this was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Wendy, FOSS Volunteer

***"Do all the good you can
 In all the ways you can
 For all the people you can."***

♪Let others See Jesus in You♪

To Members of Quaker Gap Baptist Church,

Thank you for the monetary gift in memory of my brother, J. C. Holt, to Heroes Helping Heroes and Seeds of Hope Summer Camps. J. C. loved his Lord, his church and helping other in any way he could. I'm sure he's looking over us smiling, singing, and reaping the blessings of life lived for our Lord.

Thank you all for loving and sharing in J. C.'s life!

In deep appreciation...
Sue Holt Couch

THANK YOU
 from
Seeds of Hope



Santa and his Seeds of Hope crew hope YOU had a Merry Christmas! Special thanks ALL of our amazing Christmas Angel sponsors for once again supporting Seeds of Hope and the precious kiddos we serve!

We couldn't have done it without you!

Because of YOU, we were able to provide gifts to 84 children in 45 families!

*Quaker Gap,
 Thank you to each and every one of you that took one or more Christmas Angel tags off the tree and bought gifts for our campers! May you all be blessed in 2024!*

Beth & Seeds of Hope Staff



Dear Quaker Gap Family,

Thank you so much for your donation to Heroes Helping Heroes (HHHC) and its Seeds of Hope summer camps (in memory of J. C. Holt), mentorship, and Christmas Angel programs. (J. C. volunteered with our camps and loved our children.) Your participation really matters to us and the children we serve.

In 2023 we again offered three weeks of camp at no charge to participants....

Your donation given on August 7, 2023 in the amount of \$50 in memory of JC Holt, will help us to further our goal of breaking generational patterns of abuse and neglect....

We appreciate you!

Jana Elliott, Executive Director
 Heroes Helping Heroes

PO Box 152 Pinnacle, NC 27043

Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:30 AM
 10:30 AM

Sunday School
 Worship Service
 Children's Church

Wednesday

7-8:00 PM

Bible Study
 Choir Rehearsal
 Salteens Youth Group
 GapKids

8:15 PM

Worship Team Rehearsal





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Quaker Gap Baptist Church Activities



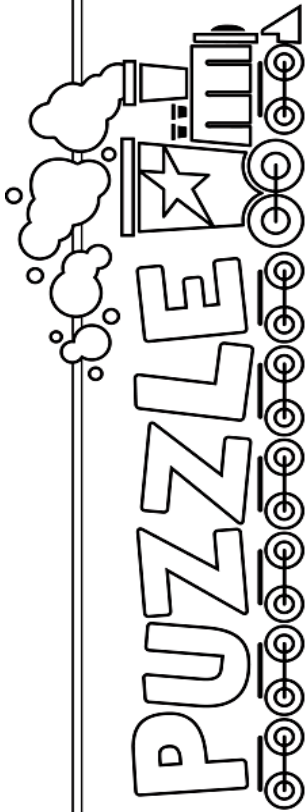
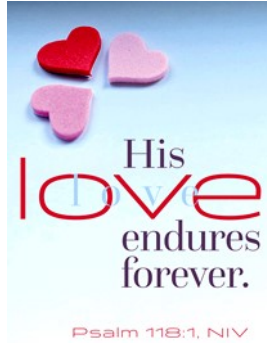
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline 6:30 PM Ladies Ornament Exchange - Home of Beth James	2	3
4 9:15 AM Prayer Group 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Children's Church	5	6	7 6:00 PM Eat In Meal in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal Salteens Youth GapKids 8:15 PM Worship Band Rehearsal	8 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline 4-7:00 PM Habitat BBQ Dinner to Go in QG Fellowship Hall \$10 / Plate "Feed the Faith, Build the Community"	9	10  6:00 PM Sweetheart Banquet in QG Fellowship Hall
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CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love,
which connects us to God and to one another.

Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse
(on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse
(on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| a. We | 1. each other as I have |
| b. Above all, | loved you. John 15:12 |
| c. My command | 2. has no one than this: to |
| is this: | lay down one's life for |
| d. And over all | one's friends. John 15:13 |
| these virtues | 3. But perfect love drives |
| put on | out fear. 1 John 4:18 |
| e. Greater | 4. each other deeply, |
| f. See what | because love covers |
| great | over a multitude of sins. |
| g. There is | 1 Peter 4:8 |
| no fear in | 5. the Father has lavished |
| | on us, that we should |
| | be called children of |
| | God! 1 John 3:1 |
| | 6. because he first loved |
| | us. 1 John 4:19 |
| | 7. which binds them all |
| | together in perfect |
| | unity. Colossians 3:14 |

