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of Quaker Gap Baptist Church - King, NC

WALKING THE WALK TALKING THE TALK

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A Word From *Pastor Jack*…

Joy in the Unpredictable

We experienced some unseasonably warm weather at the end of February, which sparked some typical conversations about expectations for at least one more blast of winter in March. Having lived in Texas, Florida, and North Carolina, I've heard many quaint sayings. For example, "If you wear boots and flip flops in the same week… you must live in Texas." "If you don't like the weather in Texas… just blink." "If it's sunny out your front window and stormy out back, you must be in Florida." "Floridians are more afraid of their AC going down than a Category 4 blowing in." "Is it going to be hot or cold today?... North Carolinians: Yes." A warm North Carolina day in March is followed by, "Better hang on to your sweater, it might could be fixin' to snow." Of course, a snow day during the ACC Tournament wouldn't be the worst thing in the world.

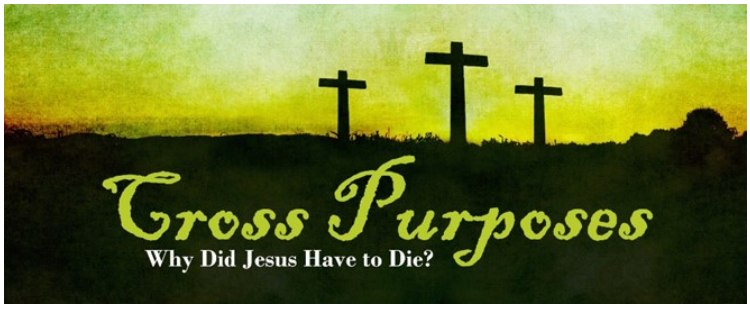
No matter where you live the weather is a constant source of conversation. We observe weather. We predict weather. We consult our weather app on our smart phones. But the one thing we cannot do is control the weather. Complain all you like, it might make you feel better, but it won't change a thing. We must learn to live with changing conditions.

If only weather were the solitary issue outside our control. The truth is that all of life is filled with unpredictability. There is a commonly quoted prayer that has come to be known as the "Serenity Prayer." It goes like this… "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." While I think this is a beautiful prayer, Scripture takes us beyond acceptance to rejoicing. When we learn to not only accept whatever we face, but rejoice in it, we find peace. In three quick verses Paul sums up God's will for us when it comes to the unpredictable moments of life, *"Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

Wind, snow, rain, sun, and more, whatever March brings, we rejoice in it. Sadness, pain, crisis, happiness, and more, whatever life brings, we rejoice in it. Because we know the One who is in control, and we know He loves us.

Walking in sunlight all of my journey;
over the mountains, through the deep vale;
Jesus has said, I'll never forsake thee, promise divine that never can fail.
Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine:
Hallelujah, I am rejoicing, singing His praises, Jesus is mine.

Upcoming Sermons

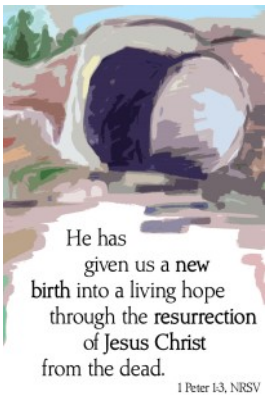


SERMON SERIES: CROSS PURPOSES
Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

*Mar. 5	"The Love Purpose"	Romans 5:8 / Galatians 2:20
Mar. 12	"The Wrath Purpose"	1 John 4:10
Mar. 19	"The Curse Purpose"	Galatians 3:14
Mar. 26	"The Peace Purpose"	Romans 5:10
Apr. 2	Living Hop	Quaker Gap Adult Choir & Worship Band

* We will be Observing **The Lord's Supper** on **March 5th**

Living Hope



Living Hope, a musical for Easter, will be presented by the Adult Choir and the Worship Band on **Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 10:30** AM. This Easter musical, created by Dennis and Nan Allen, will guide the congregation and choir through narration, and musical selections to rediscover the true source of hope as according to *1 Peter 1:3, "He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." CSB*. Join us at Quaker Gap Baptist Church on Palm Sunday, April 2 during the morning worship as we worship the risen Christ, our living hope!

Quaker Gap Baptist Church Financial Summary
January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023

General Fund	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Variance**
Church Offering	$ 22,384	$ 25,863	$ (3,479)
Special Purpose Funds	$ 2,488		
Total Receipts	$ 24,872		
Expenses	$ 26,440	$ 25,863	$ 577
Expenses Over Receipts	$ (1,568)		

Checking/MM/CD Account Balances as of January 31, 2023

General Fund	$252,092
Building Fund	$150,747
Cemetery Fund	$ 27,019
Building Fund Expenses	$ 0
Cemetery Fund Expenses	$ 0

MARCH Birthdays

2 Landon Darida
Ashlee Hooks
Dianne Johnson
3 Casey Christopherson
Matt Gordon
5 Colton Carroll
Julius Tingen
6 Donna Clark
Waylon Lampky
Tyler Van Meter
Doug Wall
7 Pam Moore
8 Katie Lawson
9 David Lee
Lucas McKinney
Jeff Work
10 Nich Boles
Debbie Hicks
Mark Holt
11 Janet Holsclaw
12 Linda Rogers
13 Michelle Tedder-Smith
14 Ryan Ragan
Renée Stowers
15 Sarah Rice
16 Chad McKinney
Phillip Vance
17 Madelyn McKinney
18 Zach Boles
Kathy Hartung
Jennifer Walton
19 Peggy Boles
22 Jennifer Benfield
23 Carrie Gaudet de Lestard
Carol Heflin
Jamie Strom
"Nubbin" Greene, Jr.
25 Joey Bottoms
26 Natalie Border
Donna Wood
27 Brian Carder
Alivia Gordon
Reagan Lee
Scottie Rogers
28 Michael Miller
Jonathan Rose
29 Michael Castellucci
Melinda Gibson
Suzannah Hale
Diane Scoville
30 Kay Hightower
31 John Henry Boles

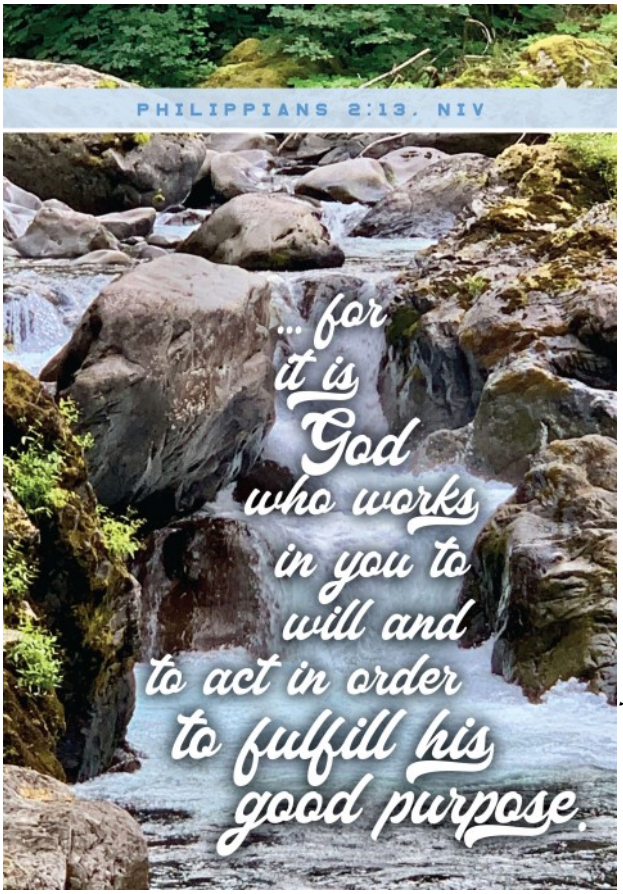
James' Lagniappe

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

17"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

I've always had a fascination with the Old Testament, specifically the foreshadowing and the anticipation of Christ's coming, His life, death, and His resurrection which was described in the New Testament. Turns out that there may have been at least one good reason why. The Gallop Organization, known for their polls, also developed a performance-based tool called the *CliftonStrengths* that builds self-awareness and strength. It turns out that my number one strength is **Context** to which the assessment says *"People exceptionally talented in the context theme enjoy thinking about the past. They understand the present by researching its history."* So, I look back because that is where the answers lie. *I look back to understand the present.* Go figure!

The Old Testament points to Christ's coming. We see direct prophecies of Jesus in several books such as **Isaiah 9:6** that speaks ***of a child who will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*** It also points to Jesus' life in subtle, indirect ways such as Abraham's sacrifice of his son Isaac in **Genesis 22** which points to the sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God. And we know that the Old Testament is full of wise sayings, principles, and commands. But we can never fully understand how to apply them to our lives until we read them through the lens of Jesus' life and teaching! *We look back to understand the present!*



So, no matter which Old Testament command or principle we are working on to apply to our lives, it should always be in light of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It is the power of the gospel which shapes and empowers our obedience. The apostle Paul wrote about this very thing in **Philippians 2:13-14** when he said: ***12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.*** When we view the Old Testament through the lens of the gospel, our faith is strengthened, our hope grows, and our love flows freely. In truth, grace abounds.

Soli Deo gloria, (Glory to God alone)

James

James Byrd

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers and love shown to our family during this difficult time. The meals, cards and beautiful flowers were greatly appreciated. The visits especially meant so much to us.

Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

Much Love,

The Delapp Family

Women Warriors

All ladies are invited to join our Women Warriors group on **Thursday, March 2nd, at 6:30 PM** at the **home of Beth James** (128 Whispering Creek Rd., King). We will continue our study on women of the Bible by discussing Rachel. The leadership team will provide an Irish potato bar with all the fixin's to enjoy. Bring a friend and come join us!

New Sunday Morning Prayer Group

Jim and Jan Morton will be leading a new Sunday morning prayer group beginning at 9:15 AM every Sunday morning in what was the 4Gs Sunday School Class room. This will be an intimate time of prayer for our pastors, teachers, members, children, and any other needs in the church led by the Holy Spirit asking Him to work in the body of our church and community. Anyone is invited to attend this time of prayer. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there..." (*Matthew 18:20 NIV*)

Wee Worship

We are still in need of some adults to help with our children's Wee Worship program for 2-4 yr. olds during our Morning Worship Service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping to serve on a rotation, please contact Merideth Van Meter at 336-413-8155 or Suzanne O'Neal at 336-409-1770.

Children's Church

Our Children's Church will be meeting **all Sundays** throughout the rest of the school year. We welcome anyone who would like to help minister to our kids during this time. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mike Embree at embreema@gmail.com.

KING OUTREACH MINISTRY

Thank you for your donations to King Outreach Ministry. Last month we collected 8 bottles of body wash, 3 tubes of toothpaste, 1 package of 3 toothbrushes, 1 packages of toilet tissue, 1 package of feminine sanitary pads, 1 box of spaghetti noodles, 1 box of Jiffy Cornbread Mix, 4 bags of BBQ Potato Chips, and 1 bottle of spices.

We will continue to collect donations for KOM. Our collections 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.

Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	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 6:00 PM Eat In Meal in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal Youth Group Salteens GapKids 8:15 PM Worship Band Rehearsal	2 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline 6:30 PM Women Warriors Bible Study - Home of Beth James	3	4
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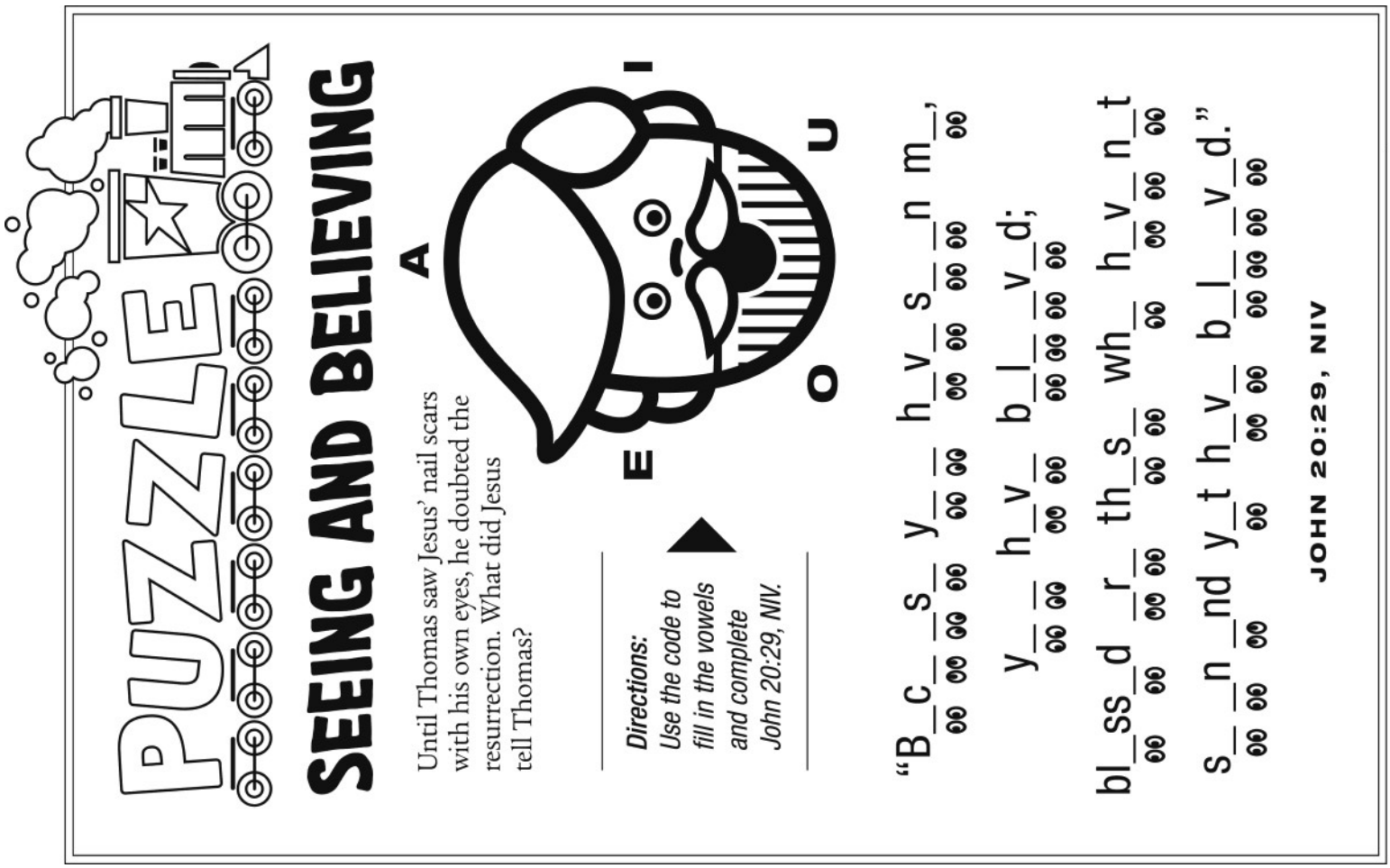
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