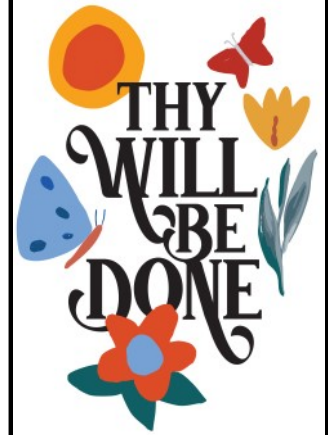




# THE MESSENGER

of Quaker Gap Baptist Church - King, NC



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A Word From *Pastor Jack...*

## Come Out Wherever You Are

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." - Hebrews 10:24-25*

In the suburban New Jersey neighborhood where I grew up there were several children my age. We played games together, like Red Light-Green Light, SPUD, and Tag. One game we enjoyed was Hide and Seek. I can remember a time when I found the most incredible hiding spot. I crouched into a ball and hid inside a small bush. The hiding spot was so successful that nobody could find me. I stayed in that bush and hid for an unusually long time, knowing that friends were walking by me without noticing. Finally, I grew tired of crouching into a ball. I unfolded myself and came up out of the shrubs, victoriously making my way back to home base. I looked around for the other hiders and seekers. Nobody was there. As it turns out, I had been so well hidden for so long that the game was over. Everybody else had returned home. I reached the ultimate success of hide and seek, and nobody was there to congratulate me. What I discovered that day is that a game like hide and seek is only fun when there is interaction between players. I may have won the game, but I lost out on the enjoyment of it.

You can read the Bible alone. You can listen to Christian music on the radio, and watch sermons on the internet. You can worship God in the solitude and beauty of His creation. But God designed you for fellowship. If you don't join with the church family, you are missing out. The New Testament is filled with instructions for how we are to live. Many of these instructions include the words "one another." Like hide and seek, church is meant to be enjoyed corporately, not individually. I know some precious people who would love to be here on Sundays but can't make it because of physical limitations. Each one tells me how much they miss being with the family of God. Togetherness is one of God's greatest reasons for saving us. He adopted us and placed us in his family so that we can worship Him and grow together in fellowship. This is where the true joy of worship is found, in the community of God's children. So, get out of the bushes and meet us back at home base.



UPCOMING SERMONS

SERMON SERIES: THY KINGDOM COME



*May 4	"Loving Citizens"	Matthew 5:38-48
May 11	MOTHER'S DAY "#1 Mom"	Genesis 4:1-2
May 18	GRADUATE SUNDAY "Disciplined Citizens"	Matthew 6:1-8; 16-18
May 25	Guest Speaker	
*Jun 1	"Satisfied Citizens"	Matthew 6:19-34

\* We will be Observing **The Lord's Supper** on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** and **June 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Church-wide Mission Trip*

The Quaker Gap Missions Committee is planning a Missions Trip to Western North Carolina this summer (July 14-18) for anyone ages 12 and up.



We would love to see some of our youth involved in this opportunity! We will join the Baptists on Mission to provide relief for families as they rebuild from Hurricane Helene. To gauge interest, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall. Once we gather names we will call a meeting to

share the details. Pray and sign up!

**Quaker Gap Baptist Church Financial Summary**

January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Variance
Church Offering	\$ 86,031	\$ 87,528	\$ (1,497)
Special Purpose Funds	\$ 7,031	0	\$ 7,031
Total Receipts	\$ 93,062	\$ 87,528	\$ 5,534
Expenses	\$ 91,677	\$ 87,528	\$ 4,149
<b>Receipts Over Expenses</b>	<b>(\$ 1,385)</b>		

**Checking/MM/CD Account Balances as of March 31, 2025**

General Fund	\$3461,373*
Building Fund	\$195,603
Cemetery Fund	\$ 32,338 **

\* \$27,164 in Money Market

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



- 1 Nathan Strom
- 2 Mary Moser
- 4 Phillip McDaniel
- 5 Molly Bowman
- 7 Stephanie Henry  
Nathan Kreeger  
Dan Nance
- 8 Jeremy Borders  
Mike James
- 13 Robert Lawson  
Larry Mankins  
Mary Austin Moore  
Jackson Stover
- 14 Reba Mankins  
Caleb Samuels  
Lizzy Shaw
- 16 Matt Walton
- 18 Bill Webster, Sr.
- 20 Donna Burge  
Caroline Gordon
- 21 Dalton Boles  
Monya Fain
- 24 Charley Moser  
Jacob Sullivan
- 26 Cadee Carroll  
Dennis Gause  
Susan Kelly
- 27 Weston Stover  
Alyssa Strom
- 28 Anna Williams
- 30 Nate Bowman  
Steven Calloway

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

## Refreshment From God

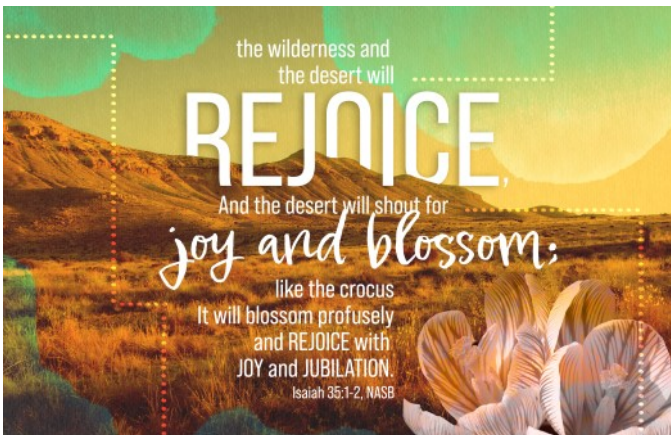
*<sup>1</sup>The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup>it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy... they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.*

Isaiah 35:1-2 NIV

Several years ago, Uncle Sam sent me to the Mojave Desert to see how well I could function in sand, sun, and no beach. I saw a rattlesnake with more than a few scorpions, lots of cactuses (or is that cacti?) and I experienced firsthand how precious a canteen of water tasted. One afternoon, as we were finishing a training mission, it started raining. Rain in the Mojave Desert is not unusual in the springtime. What I did not expect were all the desert flowers that sprang out of the ground literally overnight! Some scientists call it a super bloom. I called it a miracle. Though memories fade, I can remember feeling tired from lack of sleep, dusty and dirty, and my boots and uniform were likely full of sand. But overcoming all of that, I remember the joy of seeing all those flowers! It made me glad.

The world we are navigating can be tough. Sometimes we don't get enough sleep, and we feel dusty and dirty from the dry ground we work in. And I've seen my share of business 'rattlesnakes and scorpions' striking with discouragement. I've been tempted by the mirage of opportunity that was outside God's will for my life. Those are the moments that the desert is about to consume you. But, for the rain.

When the Holy Spirit washes over you like springtime rain, then, *the desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup>it will burst into bloom;*



*it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.* In those moments, we can rejoice in God's provision for our lives. He desires His very best for us and yet, He is molding us, refining us in the desert sun of adversity; adversity that is defined as trials, tribulations, sickness, bosses with personalities that only their mother could love, diagnosis, treatments, in a word, life. In those moments, pray for rain; expect it. And when you feel His drops of refreshment on your brow, then you *will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.*

Soli Deo gloria, (Glory to God alone)

*James*

James Byrd

Dear Church family

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, texts, food, calls, and mowing for us during the aftermath of Rex's accident. We praise God that he is doing much better. We are so thankful to be part of such a wonderful and loving church family.

Much Love,  
Shirley & Rex Samuels

Thank you, church, for your love and care through our time of grief. The food after the funeral was a wonderful blessing and the warmth of the the people a big encouragement.

We are most grateful.

The family of Richard Moore  
(father of Alison de Lestard)

### Graduate Recognition Sunday

We would like to celebrate all our graduates during our Graduate Recognition Service on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit 3 pictures (a baby, child, and current or graduation) to Pastor Jack or the church office by **Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. You may also email your photos to the church office at (office@QuakerGap.org). If you have graduated from high school, technical training, college/university, masters or doctoral programs since June 2024, please call the church office at 336-994-2117. We want to recognize all of our graduates, and don't want to miss anyone.



### Pine Needles

If you need pine needles, we still have some left for \$6/bale. Please call the church office to set up a time to pick them up.

### Outreach Ministry Donations



This month, we collected 4 bags of popcorn, 8 bars of soap, 2 hand creams, 1 body lotion, 1 box of Cream of Rice, and 1 box of Cream of Wheat. 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.

**You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!**

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

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.  
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Anyone over the age of 40

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- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

If you have questions, contact Amy Byrd at 336-782-7362.

## 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
8:15 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal



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April Ragan, Administrative Assistant

# Quaker Gap Baptist Church Activities



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline <sup>1</sup> 6:30 PM Ladies Garden Party- Home of Beth James National Day of Prayer	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
4 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	<sup>5</sup>	6  6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ PB Clark's, King	7 6:00 PM Eat In Meal in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal GapKids 8:15 PM Worship Band Rehearsal	8 12:00 NOON Bulletin Deadline Fellowship Hall Reserved	<sup>10</sup>
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## THANK YOU NOTES

*Thank you so much for the memorial that Quaker Gap Baptist Church sent to Haw Pond Church in memory of my brother, Buddy Warren. The kindness of others, makes our hearts smile, and leave little butterflies on our heart. God bless!*

*Peggy Kiser & family*

Quaker Gap Baptist Church,

This is to acknowledge and thank you on behalf of Haw Pond Church of Christ and the family of Kenneth "Buddy" Warren (brother of Peggy Kiser), for your memorial donation of \$50.00. The family has been advised of your donation.

Sincerely,  
Vicki P. Hill, Treasurer

Quaker Gap Baptist Church,

On behalf of First Baptist Church of Stanleyville, I want to thank you for your recent donation to our church in memory of Clift Barber (father of Leeann Tucker). We will send a note of acknowledgement to Dora, Leeann, and the family.

Your donation is a thoughtful way to honor Clifton, who worked happily and tirelessly for the Lord. He made a lasting impression on many lives with his loving actions and proclamations of Jesus Christ.

Your prayerful and intentional support helps further our mission to Exalt the Lord, Evangelize the Lost, Equip the Saints, and Encourage One Another.

Onward for Christ,  
Dr. Virgil G. Dwyer, Jr.  
Senior Pastor

Dear Quaker Gap Baptist Church,

We extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation in memory of Jacki Dunman (mother of Kim Lewis) to support our flood relief efforts. Your contribution is making a significant impact, and it is through the kindness of organizations like yours that we are able to provide much needed aid to those affected by this devastating disaster. The funds will directly assist in providing food, and essential supplies to families and communities in urgent need. ...We are incredibly grateful for your support...Thank you once again for your generosity and compassion.

Elizabeth Green, Secretary  
Harmons Branch Church of God

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your incredible gift of \$50 in April 2025 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Robert Looney (father of Jennifer Utley). This generous gift will continue to bring hope to the children of St. Jude—now and in the future.

Though St. Jude is a happy place filled with hope, one terrible thing connects all these precious boys and girls—they are being treated for cancer or another life-threatening disease. These children were referred ... And once here, our doctors place each of them on a special treatment plan to give them hope for second chance.

Because of generosity like your, families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food—so they can focus on helping their child live. ...Your support is truly a gift of hope for thousands of children around the world, just like Alanna, Hazel, and Pablo José. On behalf of the children and families of St. Jude, we thank you for your generosity....

Very truly yours,  
Martin Hand, Chief Donor Officer

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your \$50 gift to AMG International (in memory of Richard Moore, father of Alison de Lestard) in support of Worldwide Ministries.... We are glad to be able to partner with you in ministry. Your financial support is a welcome vote of confidence for which we thank God.

AMG international is a gospel-first global ministry that meets people's deepest needs — spiritual and physical — while inspiring hope, restoring lives, and transforming communities in Jesus' name. For over 80 years, we have leveraged the insights of local leaders and churches that know our communities best to identify the right strategies to meet their deepest needs, Our methods include poverty alleviation, child and youth development, media evangelism, pastor training, church planting, healthcare, and disaster relief.

Thank you again for your prayerful interest and support. May God bless you richly as we Advance the Ministries of the Gospel together for His glory!

Your fellow servant and laborer,  
Anastasios "Tasos" Ioannidis  
President & CEO

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Return Service Requested



*Celebrate years*

We are excited to invite you to join us as we celebrate Jack and Jeri's 20th year of ministry at Quaker Gap!

We will be gathering together for a time of memories, worship and praise.

Please plan on staying after our service for a celebration meal honoring the Darida family.

We look forward to the gift of your presence during this cherished time in the life of our church!

Sunday, June 22 at 10:30  
Quaker Gap Baptist Church

*"From generation to generation"*

