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A Word From *Pastor Jack...*

THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHURCH

Church can be uncomfortable. I'm not talking about the pews. You see, hearing the word of God is not always a comforting experience. Sometimes it can get under your skin and aggravate you. The New Testament encourages believers to "...spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24). The word for "spur" includes the root of the word "sharp." We need to be sharp with one another, at times, if we are going to grow. It shouldn't surprise us, then, that the word of God is portrayed as a sword. Imagine coming to church expecting the preacher to pass out pillows and blankets, and instead he wields a sword. Likewise, Jesus could be gentle with the worst of sinners, but harsh with the religious people who should have known better.

C.S. Lewis wrote, "I didn't go to religion to make me 'happy.' I always knew a bottle of port would do that. If you want religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity."

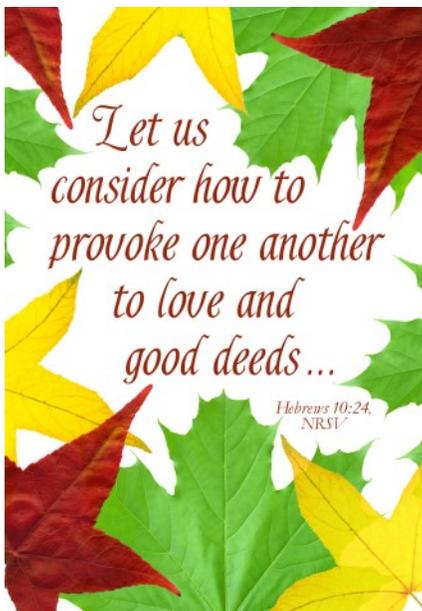
There are days when we need to hear the soothing voice of Jesus rebuke the waves and restore peace. But, if we were honest about what we truly need, Jesus also delivers words as sharp as a sword—delivering wounds designed to prune and stimulate growth. Some days we need to experience the brutality Christ faced on the cross and be reminded it was our sin for which he suffered.

That can be uncomfortable.

Among Solomon's greatest hits is this piece of wisdom: "Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses." (Proverbs 27:6)

A true friend, Solomon teaches, is one who is not afraid to hurt in order to help. Someone unwilling to ever say anything critical is not a true friend. What if you were to walk around all day with broccoli stuck between your teeth? Who is your true friend, the one who hands you a toothpick or the one who never says a word?

Now, please understand. Church shouldn't be a dysfunctional family raising voices at one another. You shouldn't be required to wear a helmet. Church should, however, be a caring family where it's possible to talk about the hard things in a healing way. Allowing the word of God to perform surgical incisions intended for healing. When you walk away uncomfortable, the Spirit is at work. And that's a good thing!



Upcoming Sermons



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|----------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| *Sept. 5 | "Walking in the Spirit" | Galatians 5:16-26 |
| Sept. 12 | "Growing Together" | Ephesians 4:11-15 |
| Sept. 19 | "Reaching Out" | 1 Peter 2:9-12 |
| Sept. 26 | Undecided | |
| Oct. 3 | Undecided | |

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

Learn from the Leaves



As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Firestone

Quaker Gap Baptist Church Financial Summary

January 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021

| General Fund | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Church Offering | \$181,917 | \$185,551 | \$ (3,634) |
| Specific Purpose Funds | \$ 27,576 | — | |
| Total Receipts | \$209,493 | | |
| Expenses | \$158,357 | \$185,551 | \$ (27,194) |
| Receipts Over Expenses | \$ 51,136 | | |

Checking/MM/CD Account Balances as of July 31, 2021

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund | \$ 213,609 |
| Building Fund | \$ 118,162 |
| Cemetery Fund | \$ 33,664 |
| Building Fund Expenses | \$ 0 |



- 1 Garrett Lowe
- 2 Paul Pugh
- 3 Ava Davis
- Richard Johnson
- Anessa McKinney
- 5 Lee Satterfield
- Jennifer Todd
- Cheeri Worrell
- 7 Kathy Largen
- 8 Zane McKinney
- 9 Zach Holsclaw
- Camden Van Meter (2 yrs. old)
- 10 Kelley Delcamp
- Judy Goff
- Philip Gosselin
- Joyce Proctor
- 11 Jonathan Weavil
- 12 Tracie Hale
- 13 David Collier
- Evelyn Murphy
- 14 Rex Samuels
- 15 Keith Decker
- Larry Lancaster
- 19 Laine Samuels
- 20 Paisley Allen
- James Calloway
- Greg Manley
- John Sells
- 21 Buddy Spalding
- Darrell Weavil
- 22 Rachel Delcamp
- Jeffrey Hughes
- 23 Jan Taylor
- 24 Kristy Dew
- 25 Lacey Lineberry
- Nick Shaw
- Max Snow
- 26 Cailee James
- Carolyn Redding
- Kelsey White
- 28 Kenzley Christopherson
- (4 yrs. old)
- Steve Hall
- 29 Brody Collins
- 30 Gina Brown
- Ronda Davis

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

Sing to the LORD a New Song!

*Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
 Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.
 Declare His glory among the nations, His deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96: 1-3*

Why we “Sing to the LORD a new song!” PART 2: Last month I looked at a few reasons why we might “Sing to the LORD a new song! We have examples throughout the Bible of those who sang songs of praise including Moses, David, Solomon, Jesus, and Paul and Silas. The Bible encourages singing and making music, and we sing to praise the LORD and to encourage one another. That means that we are singing to both God and to people. The challenge is keeping them both in mind as we choose songs and when we sing. Music is a powerful medium that can capture words and plant them in your mind. Advertisers have known this for years. You only have to sing a bar or two of “I’d like to teach the world to sing” and most will finish the phrase that made Coca Cola a world-wide brand.

The danger is that the wrong words can be harmful. But the right words can change our lives. Gordan Wenham writes in *The Psalter Reclaimed: The words hymn writers and liturgists put on our lips in worship affect us profoundly: they teach us what to think and feel, the more effectively as they are put to music so we can hum them to ourselves whenever we are inclined.* We cannot underestimate the influence of the songs we sing which means that we need to be careful with the songs we choose. A noted theologian wrote “Show me a church’s songs and I’ll show you their theology.”

There are four questions you should ask about the songs we sing. **Are they true?** Is the song faithful to scripture and what do they teach? Lyrics from the Bible and from the Psalms can provide rich resources. **Are they God-focused?** When we focus on God, we are encouraged. Focusing on ourselves or our feelings of devotion to God, will not sustain us. Feelings come and go, but the truth never changes. **Are they clear?** Sometimes imagery can be confusing and leaves us wondering what we were just singing about. Imagery and metaphor are fine as long as it provides clarity to the truth that we sing about. **Are they unselfish?** Sometimes I want to sing my favorite song. Unselfishness compels me to select that song that will edify the whole. Love should be the controlling influence.

I love how Vaughn Roberts described good song selection: “It is a good sign if the older people in a fellowship are often saying: “Let’s have more modern songs for the youngsters” and if the younger ones are saying: “Let’s have more hymns for the older folk.” When that happens, we will all be singing praises to God and encouraging one another!

Soli Deo gloria,
 (Glory to God alone)

James



YOUTH

- ✦ Beginning **Wednesday, September 1st**, our **Salt-Teens Youth Group** will start back with our regular youth group meetings on **Wednesday nights from 7-8:00 PM.**
- ✦ There will also be an **Induction Event** for our **rising 7th Graders** on **Saturday, September 25th**, beginning at **4:00 PM.**
- ✦ **More weekly and event information** will be sent out by our **Remind App** and **announced at church.**

Women Warriors



Our first **Women Warriors meeting** will be **Thursday, September 9th**, at the **home of Beth James** (128 Whispering Creek Rd, King) at **6:30 PM.** Women

Warriors will provide dinner. You need bring only yourself (and a friend)!

This year we will be discussing different women of the Bible. One woman each month! This is going to be an exciting year!



August 22, 2021

Quaker Gap Baptist Church
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Dear Congregation,

We want to thank you for your gift of \$50 to our Center in loving memory of Brice Gause. We were so saddened to hear of this loss. Your donation will be used towards our greatest needs.

To date, we have saved over 650 animals. We will continue to do our best for the abused and neglected animals of our county. Your donation means a lot to us and we thank you for your support.

The family of Brice will be informed of your gift.

Sincerely,

Jan Spencer
Jan Spencer &
The FOSS Board



Thank you for your donations to King Outreach Ministry. Last month we collected 12 bottles of body wash/shampoo, 5 packages of feminine hygiene pads, 2 packages of toilet tissue, 2 bottles of dish detergent, 1 package of diapers, 1 package of baby wipes, 1 bottle of moisturizer, 1 bottle of shampoo, 4 tubes of toothpaste, and 3 packages of toothbrushes. 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 on Sunday mornings. Please remember that this in an ongoing ministry.

Promises on Hand



Audrey Penn's book, *The Kissing Hand*, features a young raccoon who's nervous about the first day of school. Mom consoles him by kissing his palm, signifying her presence with him. The youngster can simply put his hand to his face any time he needs a kiss from her. If that isn't tear-jerking enough, as the raccoon scampers to school, he returns to kiss Mom's hand so she'll have a Kissing Hand too.

That story reminds me of Matthew 28:20, when Jesus promises to be with us always, and of Psalm 23:4, which says, "I will fear no evil; for thou art with me" (KJV). God gives us a Kissing Hand through baptism, sealing us forever with the Holy Spirit and the mark of the cross of Christ.

Just as the raccoons cherish their kissing hands, may we cherish the promise of our Father's eternal presence. Thanks be to God, whose "goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life" (Psalm 23:6).

Julie Lee

Worship Schedule

Sunday

10:30 AM Worship Service
Children's Church

Wednesday

5-6:30 PM Drive-Thru/Eat-in Meals—FH
6-7:00 PM Devotion & Prayer Meeting
Worship Team Practice
Salt-Teens Youth Group
8:15 PM Worship Band Practice

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Quaker Gap Baptist Church Activities

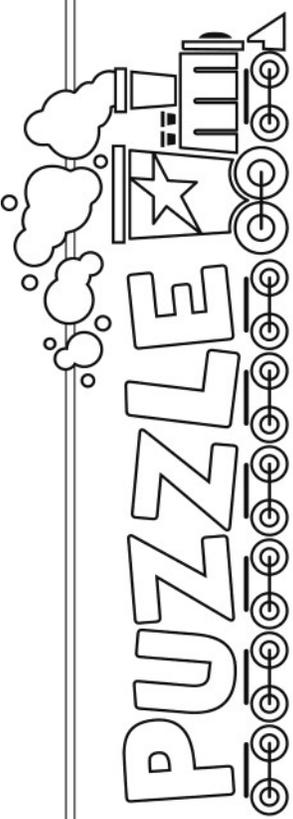


| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | 7-8:00 PM SALTTEENS Youth Group 7:00 PM Online Bible Study Worship Team Practice 8:15 PM Worship Band Practice | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Children's Church |  Church Office Closed | |  5-6:30 Drive Thru/Eat In Meals @ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Devotion & Prayer Meeting SALTTEENS Youth Group Worship Team Practice 8:15 PM Worship Band Practice | | |  |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Children's Church  | | |  5-6:30 Drive Thru/Eat In Meals @ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Devotion & Prayer Meeting Worship Team Practice SALTTEENS Youth Group 8:15 PM Worship Band Practice | | Deadline for October Newsletter Submissions | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Children's Church |  10:30 AM Friendly Club Departs for ACTS Fall Luncheon at Golden Corral in Mt. Airy | |  5-6:30 Drive Thru/Eat In Meals @ Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Devotion & Prayer Meeting Worship Team Practice SALTTEENS Youth Group 8:15 PM Worship Band Practice | | | 4:00 Youth Induction Event for 7 th Graders |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
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PUZZLE

Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = ___ _ _ _ _ (v. 3)

drab + e = ___ _ _ _ _ (v. 5)

rod + o = ___ _ _ _ _ (v. 7)

bask - b = ___ _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

keeps - p = ___ _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

define - ee = ___ _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

shift - t = ___ _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = ___ _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sift + g = ___ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?
 _____ (v. 13)