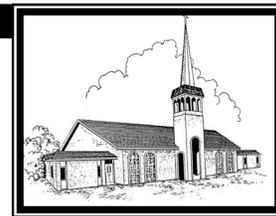


# THE BELL AND THE WELL

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## The Deepening

On Monday, January 7, Nancy & Renny Marshall and I embarked upon our Holy Land pilgrimage. We visited places in Israel and Judah (northern and southern Israel, respectively), and, then, the three of us led a group to Jordan to see one of the Wonders of the World, Petra. We were on a pilgrimage, not a tour, not a vacation, but a pilgrimage. The pilgrimage provided us with a *deepening* experience of our faith. The highlight of the pilgrimage for me was going to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Holy Nativity, the place where Jesus was born. God through Jesus entered the human experience right *there!* Jesus began His pilgrimage, His ministry, His condescension, His incarnation in a grotto, a cave over which has been built a church. In Bethlehem, Jesus began as we are so He might save us from ourselves.

In time, the three of us will make a presentation about our pilgrimage, probably after dinner at **Oasis**. In the meantime, please ask us about our Holy Land experience and how it has deepened our faith, which is the point of what I want to tell you. We all need to have our faith deepened. *How will your faith be deepened in 2013?*

To be sure, one does not have to go to the Holy Land to deepen one's faith. But a deepening does take intentionality. The spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, study and community provide what is needed for one to grow in one's faith, but it does take intentionality.

One event that will be happening at QHPC this spring is a workshop on *Centering Prayer*. On Saturday, March 16, 10-4 p.m., Judy O'Toole and Ann Starrette will introduce us to a method of prayer that opens us up to God. The workshop will include talks on prayer, time for questions, and a lunch. The cost is \$30. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and from the church office. Speak with Arliss Whiteside. He has attended the workshop and is now involved in the continuing sessions provided by the Contemplative Outreach of Charlotte. Avail yourself of the opportunity to *deepen* your faith.

During our pilgrimage and when we would visit a site, we would begin by reading a portion of scripture pertinent to that location. When we visited the Church of the Holy Nativity, we read from Luke's birth narrative and then we sang "Away in the Manger." After we finished singing, a silence fell over us. Each of us knew that not only was Christ born of Mary but Christ was alive, Christ is risen, and Christ was busy *deepening* our faith.

Plans are tentative but there will be another Holy Land pilgrimage in 2015. Might the Lord be calling *you* to participate?

Faithfully,

Gus Succop, Pastor

# Quail Holla Youth Ministries

## Quail Holla in 2013

**We're going to be doing all sorts of great stuff in 2013.  
Here's a sampling of what is to come:**

- **Souper Bowl of Caring**

Quail Holla will be joining youth groups across the country in serving local hunger organizations and a fundraising effort to help fund those organizations. We will be serving at Second Harvest Food Bank and then collecting for them the next day after worship on Super Bowl Sunday.

- **30 Hour Famine**

The 30 Hour Famine is an annual overnigher where youth and leaders fast for 30 hours to experience hunger and learn about this ancient spiritual practice. We will be joining together with Good Shepherd Presbyterian and Sharon United Methodist Churches for this event where we will be putting together ideas about our calling to do Kingdom work that seeks justice in our world. Each church will come up with a project to directly benefit people we have a connection to in our community or help fund an organization or missionary in another part of the world who is helping to share the Gospel through word and deed.

- **High School Mission Trip**

High schoolers and leaders will be returning to Harmons, Jamaica with Won by One, an organization serving the Harmons community. We will be involved with their work to build houses, operate a green house and fishery, and interacting with the kids in the community.

- **Vacation Bible School**

Once again QH youth will be involved in every aspect of VBS to create a great experience for our kids!

- **Middle School Mission Trip**

Middle schoolers and leaders will be traveling to Wilmington, NC where they will be working with Port City Project to do repairs on houses and working in food banks, nursing homes, children's programs, and so on.

- **Quail Hollywood**

We never actually filmed the film we wrote last summer so that will be half of our project for this summer. The other half will be another film in a new genre: documentary! More on that as summer approaches.

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[WWW.QHPC.ORG/YOUTH](http://WWW.QHPC.ORG/YOUTH)

*The Ladies of QHPC  
are cordially  
invited to the*

*6<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Hat Tea & Fashion Show  
Featuring*



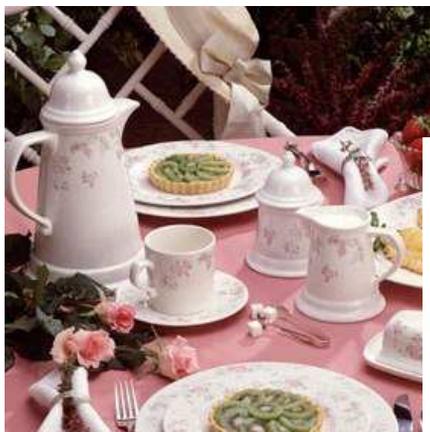
**VERSONA**  
ACCESSORIES

*(A unique new shop at the Arboretum Shopping Center)*

*February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
At Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church  
Cost \$15 per ticket*

*For information: Joan Cobourn, 704-542-0792  
Queen Mother of the QHPC Red Hat Chicks*

*The Red Hat Ladies will be selling tickets beginning  
January 27<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex*



### February Scripture Lessons

*Indeed, the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.*  
(Hebrews 4: 12)

February 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Epiphany: I Corinthians 13: 1-13  
Pastor Succop preaching: *The Bible's Valentine*

February 10, Transfiguration of the LORD: II Corinthians 3: 12-4:2  
Pastor Succop preaching: *20X20 Vision*

February 13, Ash Wednesday (7 p.m.)  
Pastor Succop preaching

February 17, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (Holy Communion): Genesis 41: 46-49; 42: 1-25  
Pastor Succop preaching: The **Tears of Faith** Series: *The Siblings*

February 24, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent: John 11: 1-37  
Pastor Succop preaching: The **Tears of Faith** Series: *The Friend*



**QHPC Live Nativity Angels**

The Session is discerning a leader to provide **leadership to the Worship Committee**. If you believe the Lord is calling you to provide such leadership at this time, please contact Andy McDaniel-Milliken or call the church office (704-554-5714).

### STEWARDSHIP 2013 UPDATE

As of January 22, we had 93 pledges totaling \$261,315. By comparison, in 2012 we received 106 pledges totaling \$287,254.

In order to balance our 2013 budget we need a total of \$290,179 in pledges. **We are \$28,865 short of a balanced budget.** There are still a significant number of members who gave in 2012, but who have yet to return a 2013 Giving Card.

Starting January 20, members of the Stewardship Committee began contacting those members who have yet to return a Giving Card. Let's **all** respond to the Lord's call to be the church at QHPC. The Lord is calling us to a new mission and witness in '13. Let's not disappoint Him. *To God be the glory!*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2012



A big thank you to QHPC and the Preschool! Together we smashed our previous records and delivered 198 shoeboxes to **Operation Christmas Child** this year, sending a box of hope to many who need it. We have learned that at least some of our boxes were sent to Botswana. Other countries mentioned were the Mideast and Kazakhstan. Please keep these countries in your prayers. What a great response! Our sincere thanks to everyone!

The Tuesday Night Ladies Group was also inspired to secure a coveted work night at the distribution center, and they worked on the line the evening of Dec 3. This year **Operation Christmas Child** passed the 100 million mark of distributing boxes since its beginning. That is, 100 million people have received a gift of love! Those boxes are used as a vehicle to spread the message of God's love for them. You have been a big part of that message!

In 2012, we were able to involve more and more our Preschool children by having the boxes available in the church for a week and to have them hear about the boxes through their monthly chapel time with Pastor Gus. He explained to them what the boxes do, and whom they are for. The children also helped collect, pack, and decorate some of the boxes. One little girl was overheard proudly telling her mom that their box was in the "big church." Teachers took their classes into the church during the week for the children to see the results of their work, an important lesson that they will carry with them for a lifetime!

Thanks to you all!

The Women of Tuesday Night Group



ALEXANDER  
YOUTH NETWORK

Thanks for your continued dedication in helping these most challenged youth. Isn't it a blessing to know you have touched the life of even one child? On behalf of these children, we thank you for caring.

### THANKS TO ALL OF YOU ANGELS

Due to the caring and commitment from each QHPC angel, you helped provide a very special holiday by giving 75 Christmas gifts to the children at Alexander Youth Network.

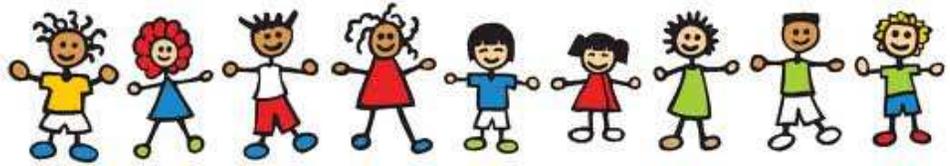


## Preschool News

Erin Gillis, Director

February is the month that reminds most people about love because of Valentine's Day! In the Preschool we prepare for the month by ordering extra pink and red paper and paint. The teachers plan fun art activities and read books about this the holiday, and the children look forward to bringing and sharing Valentine's with their friends. I have been giving many tours lately because we are already in the throws of registering for the 2013-2014 school year. Prospective parents can also see easily the love that our Preschool represents. They can see that our love for children, learning and for each other is an expression of our loving relationship with God! Such expressions makes any Preschool Director's job a "piece of cake." Thankfully we are blessed to have a great network of current Preschool families who spread the word about our fine Preschool. If you know anyone who is interested in considering QHPS for their child please email or call the Preschool office. They may also visit the Preschool website at [www.quailhollowpreschool.org](http://www.quailhollowpreschool.org)

[preschool@qhpc.org](mailto:preschool@qhpc.org)  
704-553-9614



## Presbyterian Women Updates

\$226.00 was received from the Silent Auction at the Joy Gift Luncheon on December 1, 2012. This money was sent to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, and will support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

## Blanket Sunday — February 10th

The funds raised will support disaster victims with various kinds of aid, but focus on immediate needs like blankets and clean water. This is an annual offering the QHPW has supported for many years. A donation of \$25.00 will buy five (5) blankets. Give generously! Questions? Speak with me, Cheryl Mims.



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKETS+**

## GROWING STRONG ROOTS at OASIS



Right now, put down your newsletter or walk away from your computer and get out your Bible. Read Matthew 13:1-52, the Parable of the Sower. Anyone who has grown a plant knows that you have to nurture it with proper food, water and sunlight. My Sunday morning class recently studied these verses and came to the conclusion that as Christians we also need to be nur-

tured to grow strong roots so that when our faith (or roots) are threatened by hard times, disappointments, hardships (drought, strong winds or weeds), we will not be *up-rooted*. Some of the ways we can nurture strong roots are to study the Bible, join a Sunday morning class, join a small group, become active in a ministry or other church activity and/or attending ***our Wednesday Night Oasis***. On Wednesday night you have the opportunity to get to know your church family around a dinner table and you will discover what is happening in their lives. Sometimes these conversations lead you to new friendships and ways that you may help another church member that you wouldn't have known if you had only sat next to them in worship. After dinner you then may join an adult class, help with the youth or children's program, or become a member of the Kitchen Crew. Believe it or not a lot of great conversations and friendships are *grown* in the kitchen. You don't need to commit to coming every week or even joining a class; just come for dinner and then see where it takes you!. To make a reservation either turn in a card found in the pews, call the office or email Janet Stephens at: [jstephens7@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jstephens7@carolina.rr.com). Come and enjoy the fellowship of Oasis and feed your roots and your stomach.

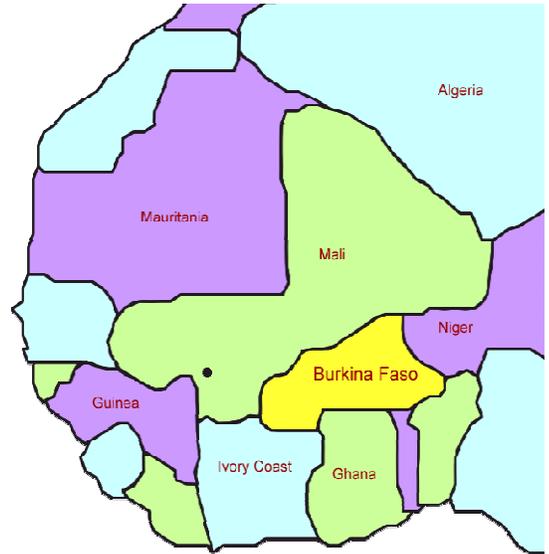
Menu for February:           6 Sloppy Josepchs, French Fries, Salad , Dessert  
   13 no oasis (Ash Wednesday)  
   20 Pizza, Salad, Dessert or Breakfast dinner (too early to tell)  
   27 Taco bar, Spanish rice, refried beans, black beans,  
   dessert (make a salad if you don't like tacos)

# Wednesday Night Oasis

## Join us!

Dear Praying Partners,

Debbie and I pray the Lord's peace and "comfort and joy" of Jesus overwhelm you this Christmas and always. We are so thankful that through your support we have the great privilege of announcing the Glad Tidings in Africa. I am reminded of several reasons this may be the best Christmas ever for all of us. The coming of the Messiah to rule and reign is now nearer than at any time ever! We have more people alive now on the earth than ever to whom we can tell the good news of salvation! We also have more means at our disposal with email, cell phones everywhere, and so on. The song says, "Go tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere..." We don't have mountains in Burkina but thank God for the use of satellites and cell towers.



Go tell it on a mountain! Merry Christmas.

Love,

Steve & Debbie Parker

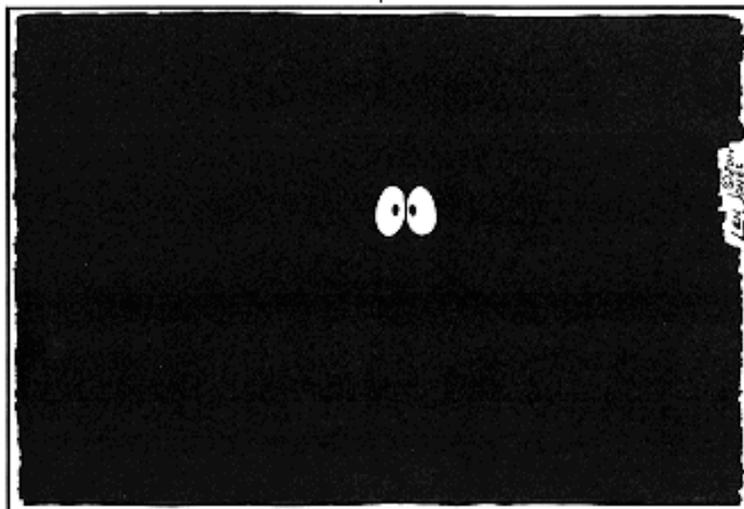


### **Opportunities to See God's Hand in Cuba**

April 12-20 & September 9-17

Meet with leaders and churches of the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba. Visit the Evangelical Seminary at Matanzas--our host while in Cuba. This is a legal trip to Cuba. You will travel under a U. S. government license authorizing travel to Cuba for religious purposes. You will need a passport. The Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church will obtain your Cuba visa. Estimated basic cost is \$1700.00 from Miami. You will need to provide your own transportation to Miami. Due to an early morning departure to Havana, you may need an overnight stay in Miami. *Application deadline and \$150 deposit for the April trip is February 20.* For more information contact Lisa Dill ([lisa@theoutreachfoundation.org](mailto:lisa@theoutreachfoundation.org); 615-778-8881). These trips tend to fill up quite fast so don't wait too long to apply!

## ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"The church board would like to report that we are still just a bit short of our fund raising goal for new sanctuary lighting."

## DOLCE

You are invited to Dolce, a musical variety show and dessert buffet to benefit Metropolitan Music Ministries' Scholarship Fund on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**, from 7-9 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The address is 4921 Randolph Road and the tickets are \$10 per person. Children may attend at no charge. See Nancy Lucas for tickets (704-541-0518).



### Women's Retreat – April 26-28, 2013

The Women of Quail Hollow and their friends are invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat at the Valle Crucis Conference Center. The weekend will be a time for all of us to get away from the hustle and bustle and enjoy the serenity of the North Carolina mountains. The Rev. Carol Hassell is excited to join the Women of Quail Hollow for another year with another thought provoking experience. The Women's Retreat is a special time for the Women of Quail Hollow to enjoy fellowship and relaxation while worshiping together. Look forward to more information...

## February Birthdays



Leslie Pearce	February 4
John Barger	February 5
Sue Hawkins	February 5
Marge Barrie	February 13
Joel Aelick	February 15
Fay Miller	February 15
Beth Counts	February 18
Essie Harley	February 18
Tom Vaden	February 21
Joe Washam	February 22
Jonathan Hearn	February 24
Chris Hitt	February 24
Jim Sheely	February 24
Betty Crowder	February 27

Many thanks for all the prayers, food, cards & phone calls during my convalescence. I feel so blessed to be part of such a loving and caring congregation.

With a grateful heart,

Nancy Dearman



Dear Friends,

We had a scan Tuesday and labs Wednesday (early January), as Mary Ellen completed her chemo session last week. The lab values were good and the scan showed no discernable cancer anywhere. While we are aware that ovarian cancer is famous for repeats, this one was caught fairly early, and we hope for a continued and complete remission. Mary Ellen has surgery next month to remove a sub-dermal port and to let her surgeon (the only person I've met more aggressive than I am) for an exploratory laparoscopy to look for any signs of something that might have been missed.

We are truly grateful to God for this respite and to all those at Quail Hollow who have supported us continually in prayer and have brought food and made life easier in other ways. Mary Ellen took her prayer shawl with her to every chemo session. Thank all of you for the prayer support which I think has kept both of us sane. We shall be forever in your debt.

Earl Taylor

### Holy Communion Celebrations in 2013

<i>Epiphany</i>	January 6
<i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	February 17
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	March 28
(Palm Sunday is March 24; Easter is March 31)	
<i>Pentecost</i>	May 19
<i>Summer Communion</i>	July 14
<i>World Communion Sunday</i>	October 6
<i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	December 1



*Thank You* to our February Ushers!

**Jim & Marybet Hudson and family**  
**Bruce Baysinger**  
**Hong Bae**

### December 2012 Financial Report

December Tithes and Offerings	\$ 39,086
YTD Tithes and Offerings	\$ 330,219
YTD Budget for Tithes & Offerings:	\$ 332,172
YTD Actual Tithes & Offerings vs. Budget	\$ -1953

YTD Total Church & Preschool Actual Revenues (offerings + other revenues) versus Expenses: \$ +24,585

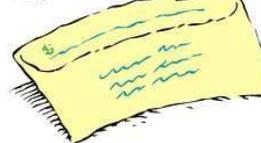


#### "Room in the Inn" Dates

Feb. 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

### Offering Envelopes



If you do not currently have envelopes but would like them, please contact Ruth Falls (704-554-5714 or [ruth@qhpc.org](mailto:ruth@qhpc.org)).

### Scout Sunday February 3

**New email address?**  
**New mailing address?**  
**New phone number?**

Please notify Ministry Assistant, Liz Hambly ([liz@qhpc.org](mailto:liz@qhpc.org); 704-554-5714) of your changes.

### March Newsletter Articles/Information

Deadline for Articles:  
*Friday, February 15*



Submit your articles to  
[qhpcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:qhpcnewsletter@gmail.com).

## Active Elders

### Class of 2013

Mark Bartholomew  
Ron Blake  
Lee Dempsey  
Cheryl Mims

### Class of 2014

Rich Bonnell, clerk  
Reid Johnson  
Waldo Miller  
Bill Navarro  
Janet Stephens

### Class of 2015

Jan Federal  
Sherrie Young  
Stephanie Burns

Moderator: Gus Succop, Pastor

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Friday: 8:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

### Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church (USA)

Learning Hour 9:45 a.m.

11 a.m. Worship

**Church Office: 704-554-5714**

**Preschool: 704-553-9614**

**Office Fax: 704-554-0054**



*Loving God...loving neighbor*