



The-Voice-of-the-People

The Story is a systematic reading through of the Bible. It is not an exhaustive reading. Rather, it is designed to give the reader the “big picture” of the overriding message of the Bible. That message, as we have spoken of it in worship, is that God is *with* us. From Old to New Testament, we notice God being highly involved in creation and in human lives. Such involvement is intended to be of comfort. We are not on our own. We are not supposed to come up with all the answers. We are to be in relationship with God and to respond to God in faith. Jesus lays that out with utmost clarity.

Because God is involved, God has no small part in the “conversation.” God hears the voice-of-the-people. God also knows that the people are often misguided in what they want. Samuel comes to that realization the hard way; and yet, God never seeks to silence the people. As wrong or as misguided as we may be at times, God never takes away our voice. Even when we are heading in the wrong direction, as the Israelites were in wanting a king other than God, God is willing to let us have our way. The lesson here is frightfully obvious: we *will* learn from our mistakes, especially the mistake of not trusting ultimately in God.

The voice-of-the-people can sound so persuasive. At times, the voice-of-the-people can sound as if we know what we are talking about. The-voice-of-the-people can convince us into action, *even* authoritative action. Yet, the-voice-of-the-people can be so *very* mistaken. In time, the people do get a King, then one born in Bethlehem, a King Who would go on to listen to the voice-of-the-people call for His death, but a King Who would respond with forgiveness.

It is human nature to make sure we are not ignored. We have an opinion that is worth something. We have a desire, and we will seek to have it fulfilled. While we are doing all the talking, God is waiting *patiently* to speak. When the time was right, when we paused to catch our precious breath, God spoke a Word, and that Word became flesh.

If nothing else, *The Story* will prove to be a vivid reminder that people of faith need to do less talking and more praying/listening. Around the corner comes the season of Advent. How convenient! Advent is a time to wonder in silence if we have anything earth-shaking to tell God; or, if it might be high time to listen to what God has to say. God won't say it, but I will: only then will the voice of the people be worth listening to.

Faithfully,
Gus Succop, Pastor

Hangings of the Greens/Covered Dish Dinner — December 1, 5:30 p.m.
Live Nativity — December 14 & 15, 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship — December 24, 5:30 p.m.



News,
Events,
& Happenings
in and around
Quail Holla



November 2013



Church School

We are continuing our journey through *The Story!* Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am as we go deeper into the stories that we'll hear more about in worship and in our own reading. If you want to follow along at home, here's our schedule:

- November 3 - "The Battle Begins" (Joshua)
- November 10 - "A Few Good Men . . . And Women" (Judges)
- November 17 - "The Faith of a Foreign Woman" (Ruth)
- November 24 - "Standing Tall, Falling Hard" (Saul)

Small Group

Our goal for November is the same as last month: to notice God more! We've done that by focusing on the ideas of noticing, unplugging, receiving, and yielding. This month we'll take on ideas of losing and being made new. Don't forget: this great introduction to how to pray doesn't have to be just in Small Group: there are guides for you to notice God more on your own and with your family that go with our weekly theme. Just ask and they can be yours!

Also, don't forget about After School and Oasis dinner! These are fun ways to be part of our Quail Holla and Quail Hollow communities. Join us!

Youth Group

We will be wrapping up *Shipwrecks*, our fall theme, this month! Youth Group meets on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6 pm. Here's what we'll be covering:

- November 3 - Real life shipwrecks: It's time to hear some incredible true stories of people who experienced shipwrecks and experienced God's goodness in the midst of them.
- November 10 - More real life shipwrecks
- November 17 - No YG (Fall Retreat)
- November 24 - We'll be joining up with other churches doing *Shipwrecks* to wrap everything up together.

The Fall Retreat: November 15-17

We will be returning to Cedar Grove Retreat Center in Kannapolis, NC the weekend of November 15-17 for the annual Quail Holla Fall Retreat! We'll be joined by our friends from Carmel Presbyterian's youth ministry.

Everyone who goes will have the chance to either climb the high ropes course or play some rounds of paintballing. In addition to that, we'll be doing some *Shipwrecks* stuff, relaxing, and worshipping together. Don't miss it!

Cost is \$50 and will include all the fun, food, and transportation for the weekend. Any parents who would like to join us are welcome!

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Our Quail Hollow Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, November 12th. The Morning Circle meets at 10:00 am and the Evening Circle at 7:00 pm. Both Circles meet in the Betty Lambeth Parlor.

This month, the PW will continue collecting designated items for the Dove's Nest bags. Also, we will receive the *Thank Offering*. The *Thank Offering* is an annual offering which funds projects that meet the needs of people who are aging, disabled, homeless or displaced, as well as children, youth, and women, through educational, health, peace, and justice programs. At least 40% of the Offering will fund hospitals and health ministries.

Ladies - Save the Date: Joy Gift Luncheon - December 7th

The annual Joy Gift Luncheon & Silent Auction will take place on Saturday, December 7th in the Belle Johnston Fellowship Hall. Bring a salad to share. Drinks and desserts will be provided. All ladies are invited and encouraged to bring a guest! Look for more details in the December newsletter.



Ladies Lunch Out

Yes, it is time *again* for “Ladies Lunch Out.” Please mark your calendars for November 19 at 11:30 a.m. We welcome any new members of our congregation to join us. Meet us at Wan Fu for a tasty lunch outing.

Make your reservation by calling Carol Crumbley (704-542-6273) or Nancy Smith (704-552-1568) by November 15th. We look forward to seeing each of you.

November Scripture Lessons

The Bible is alive -- it speaks to me; it has feet – it runs after me; it has hands – it lays hold on me.
 (Martin Luther)

November 3, 24th Sunday in Pentecost: Joshua 24: 14-28

Pastor Succop preaching: Joshua — *The Best of Intentions*

November 10, 25th Sunday in Pentecost: Judges 2: 1-15

Pastor Succop preaching: Joshua — *The Next Generation*

November 17, 26th Sunday in Pentecost: Ruth 1: 1-22

Pastor Succop preaching: Ruth — *The Outsider*

November 24, Christ the King (last Sunday in Pentecost): I Samuel 8: 1-22

Pastor Succop preaching: Samuel — *The Voice of the People*

Word Search Puzzle

Ephesians 6:13-17

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Word List

RIGHTEOUSNESS BREASTPLATE EVERYTHING WITHSTAND
 THEREFORE SALVATION EPHESIANS WHATEVER PROCLAIM
 FLAMING SPIRIT SHIELD QUENCH HELMET HAVING GOSPEL
 FASTEN ARROWS AROUND WHOLE WHICH WAIST TRUTH
 THESE SWORD SHOES READY PEACE FAITH ARMOR YOUR
 WILL THAT TAKE NRSV MAKE FIRM FEET EVIL DONE BELT
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It's Shoebox Time Again!

Yes, it's time to start thinking about filling shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child!** As in past years, QHPC and the Preschool will be filling shoeboxes to send to needy children around the world. OCC is an annual ministry of Samaritan's Purse. It offers a shoebox filled with gifts as a tangible expression of God's love. Along with the shoebox, the children participate in a series of lessons telling of the meaning of Christianity.



How can you help? You can fill a shoebox, bring some things for us to fill a shoe box for you, donate money toward this effort, and/or donate your empty shoeboxes. With what do we fill shoeboxes? School supplies (paper, pens & pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, etc.), personal care items (toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, washcloths, combs and brushes), small toys (small puzzles, crayons, yo-yos, dolls, cars, and other items flashlights with extra batteries, hard candy, t-shirts, small books, hair bows, caps, etc.). Items **NOT** to include: used items, war related items, including camo items, liquids of any kind, chocolate and other perishable foods including breakables.

Last year we provided 198 shoeboxes! QHPC touched the lives of 198 children! Amazing! Can we exceed last year's goal in 2013? Might we go over the 200 mark? Start filling your boxes now! As always, the Tuesday Night Women's Group will be handing out shoeboxes along with a brochure containing the details. We will be collecting boxes starting Nov 17. They will be dedicated on Sunday, Nov 24. Between the 17 and the 24, the Preschool will provide lessons to the children about helping other children and how that reveals God's love.

We can do this! Let's get started! This is a ministry for *everyone!* No one is too young or too old! Questions? Contact Stephanie Burns at [704-552-9598](tel:704-552-9598) or orstefburns@carolina.rr.com.



Many thanks to all who set up, baked, shopped, and cleaned up for our fall craft fair! We had a successful day. \$1441 was raised for the Live Nativity! The vendors love our church, and they are eager to return year after year. BSA Troop 256 raised nearly \$700 at their car wash and lunch sales. Thank you all for supporting them, as well.

Save the Date ... April 5 will be the Spring Craft Fair!

The Angels Are Coming!

The Christmas season seems to be right around the corner. While we are reminded of our many blessings this time of the year — our health, loving families, supportive friends — for the kids of Alexander Youth Network the holiday season can feel lonely and hopeless. As a faith community, we are called to help those in need, especially the children.

Your generosity last year was appreciated by the children and staff at Alexander's. We hope you were blessed in your role by helping the children. We ask for your support again this year. Now is the time to prepare to reach out.

Be on the lookout for our beautiful *Angel Tree* standing strikingly in the Narthex. From the tree, you may choose an Angel, purchase your gift, and return it to the tree *unwrapped* on Sunday, December 8. Toys, games, and books are commonly requested by the children. Gifts of necessities such as winter pants, boots, and sweaters are also needed.

Through your generosity and kindness, the children of Alexander Youth Network will have reason to smile during the Christmas season and throughout the winter. Please help to make Christmas a celebration they will remember for years to come.

Questions? Speak with Jan Federal

704-544-1625

jgf331@carolina.rr.com



PRESCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe: *we have completed 2 months of Preschool!* We have accomplished so much. Student's have settled into learning, and our 4 year olds and TK have gone on a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch. In October, the children started to participate in enrichment programs. In November, they will start to hear stories about being thankful, begin to learn songs in preparation for the Christmas program, and along the way get those wiggles out during *My Gym*. They will also participate in chapel, which will include character education. October's theme was Creation and being "orderly." November's theme is about Jonah and obeying God. Their enrichment programs are helping us to prepare the children for life long after they leave the halls of QHPS! With the support of our church, teachers, and parents, they will be well prepared!

Erin Gillis
Preschool Director



2014 WOMEN'S RETREAT * May 16-18 * Valle Crucis Conference Center

Speaker and Theme TBA. Transportation to and from the retreat is available as well as to and from meals and speakers. Please join us! Invite your friends and family! Coordinators are Fay Miller and Karolyn Hudson.



OASIS is Back!

Join us each Wednesday at 6 p.m. for dinner followed by small groups for all ages. The Middle and High School groups meet in the youth room. There are 3 adult classes: the ever popular *Bible 101*, *Sunday Sneak Peak Preview* led by Pastor Gus, and *The History of Christianity* facilitated by Grace Mitchell. *Reservations are appreciated.* Call the church office (704-554-5714) or fill out the pew card on Sunday and place it in the Offering Plate. Also, let us know if you plan to attend **OASIS** regularly and when you will NOT be attending. Contact Janet Stephens (jstephens7@carolina.rr.com; 704-643-0644) or Liz in the office (liz@qhpc.org).

Backstage with the Quail Hollow Blue Grass Band



The Quail Hollow Blue Band will be practicing in Johnson Hall on Sunday's 3-5 pm until the end of the year (except for December 1 and December 22).

We extend an invitation to the congregation to stop by our practice sessions and to listen to some cool blue grass music. We will have a few chairs set up, and folks are welcome to come and go as they please. These are casual sessions. The band plays a mix of regular songs, while working on new pieces.

For info or questions feel free to contact Rich Bonnell:
(richbon7044@aol.com)

POINSETTIA SALE

__ I would like to purchase ____ poinsettia(s) at \$12.50 each to be used in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. I have made my check out to QHPC with a note stating "Poinsettia." Turn orders into the church office or place in the offering plate.

__ *Instead of flowers*, I would like to make a monetary donation to the following fund:

- __ General Fund __ Global Mission Fund
- __ Debt Retirement __ Dr. Don Rogers Scholarship Fund
- __ Endowment Fund __ Live Nativity Fund

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

_____ In honor of _____

_____ In memory of _____

_____ To the Glory of God

Given by: _____ Amount paid \$ _____
(names as you wish them to appear in the bulletin)

ORDERS DUE BY November 24th



November Birthdays

Laura Robertson	November 1
Michael Mangum	November 2
Susan Stone	November 2
Gracie Kattenhorn	November 4
Deborah Bergman	November 6
Gale Burke	November 7
Morgan Brimhall	November 8
Reid Johnson	November 8
Bill Navarro	November 10
David Baysinger	November 18
Andy McDaniel-Milliken	November 18
Jim Berryhill	November 21
Nancy Dearman	November 24
Ron Blake	November 26
Steve Pearce	November 26
Betsy Baskwell	November 27
Helen Parker	November 27
Karen Baysinger	November 30



DayLight Savings eNdS Nov. 3



Holy Communion

First Sunday in Advent

December 1

Thank You to our **November Ushers**

**Reid & Le Johnson
Walker & Jeanne Owens
Leslie & Steve Pearce**

Usher Coordinators: Allen Smith & Steve Nelson

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

Please notify Ministry Assistant, Liz Ham-
bly (liz@qhpc.org; 704-554-5714) of your
changes.

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AT
www.qhpc.org**

September 2013 Financial Report

September Tithes and Offerings	\$ 26,229
YTD Tithes and Offerings	\$254,085
YTD Budget for Tithes & Offerings:	\$251,160
YTD Actual Tithes & Offerings vs. Budget	+\$ 2,925

YTD Total Church & Preschool Actual Revenues (offerings
+ other revenues) versus Expenses: + \$36,912

Room in the Inn Dates 2013/14

Jan. 11 & 25
Feb. 8 & 22
March 8 & 22

**December/January
Newsletter
Articles/Information**

Deadline for Articles:
Friday, November 8



Submit your articles to
qhpcnewsletter@gmail.com



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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

Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church (USA)

Learning Hour 9:45 a.m.
11 a.m. Worship

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday: 8:00 to 1:00 p.m.