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Message from Pastor Mitch

I never have been much of a math guy, but I have always been fascinated with how the numbers play out. One of the ways numbers play out can be found in a mathematical equation called the Pareto Principle. Vilfredo Pareto was an Italian sociologist and economist who calculated that 80% of the land in Italy was owned by 20% of the population. Over the years, the Pareto Principle has been widely used to describe giving and working concepts. For example, 20% of the people give 80% of the funds. 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Why is that? There are many reasons, but one that stands out is in the level of commitment one has to the cause. In our church, those statistics seem to be true, 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Truth be known, we are all called to be and do in the body of Christ. Yet, we often let someone else do the work, lead the ministry, serve someone else, etc. I want to encourage you to change the pattern. Pray and ask God to show you what you need to do. For some reading this, God has called you to a specific ministry within our church. For some, God is calling you to create a new ministry within our church's neighborhood. For some, God is calling you to be involved more in Sunday School, a prayer ministry, or a visitation ministry. CHURCH is not CHURCH without U. You are needed. You are wanted. You are called. The Book of Acts outlines for us how to be the Church. With this in mind, I will begin an extensive study of Acts that will carry us into the Fall. We will look at the highlights of each of the chapters in this great book and more importantly, what it means for us as a church today. Will you join me in prayer as we BE THE CHURCH?

Because He Lives,
Pastor Mitch



New Classes beginning Sunday, April 7 at 9:45 am.



Connections Sunday School Class: Making connections with God's Word to our Daily Living led by Pastor Mitch
Youth/Children Class led by Jay Styles

Connect Church Update: Rooms have been cleared out and the zoning application is before the Town Council.

Women's Bible Study begins **Thursday, April 11**. Please let Karen know if you need a book.

The Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society (WH&FMS) will resume their normal meeting schedule on **Monday, April 1, at 6:30 pm**. Ladies are encouraged to be there for an uplifting program and fellowship.

The Deacon Body will meet Monday, **April 8 at 6:30 pm**.

Trustees will meet Thursday, **April 18 at 6:30 pm**.

Vacation Bible School
June 10-14
6 -8 pm
Classes for everyone



Many volunteers are needed!
Pray for how God will use you!

Words of Encouragement

Spring has Sprung!

It's officially springtime! Have you started your spring cleaning yet? Have you begun clearing your yard and flower beds? Yes, I know it's really "Sprinter" (part spring, part winter) here in the North Carolina Mountains and there is absolutely no need to start any of that just yet. But there is something about this time of year. The light changes. The air feels different. The daylight hours are longer and we all seem to have a brighter smile.

The same thing happens when Christ comes into our lives. Spring has begun. The old way of thinking is gone. The sin that so oppressed is lifted. Burdens are lifted because Jesus shoulders them.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says it this way: **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"**

Restoration, renewal, rebirth. All through Christ. All because of Christ! Enjoy the warmth of His presence! Bask in light of His radiance! Experience the joy of new life. Let His light shine through you for others to see. A cheery smile and positive word and showing His grace go a long way sharing His love.

Happy Spring my friends. I pray that you will enjoy a spiritual spring, a mental spring and the Giver of Spring!

Sara



But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Take some time this month to send a card, make a call, visit, and pray for these family members.

Week of April 7

Jim & Dorothy Bryan
576 Bryan Hollow Road
Boone, NC 28607

Week of April 14

Johnny & Wanda Belton
390 S. Pine Run Road
Boone, NC 28607

Week of April 21

Gretchen Lewis
558 Oak Street
Boone, NC 28607

Week of April 28

John & Carol Knight
1704 Sunset Drive
Blowing Rock, NC 28605



April 7: Tammy

April 14: Becky and Sallie

April 21: Jay

April 28: Laura

Youth
activities

No Youth on April 3

Youth and Meal:
April 17 at 6 pm

Youth:
April 10 and 24 at 6:30 pm

Sign up on the bulletin board or see Sondra to help with meals and/or snacks.

April Memory Verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you: and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 NIV84