

BACC Beacon

Message From Pastor Mitch

We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday, April 5. It will be a great day of worship and praise. Who can you invite to come? Easter is always a great time to remember why we do what we do. I recently shared with our Leadership Board why I believe we exist as a church. Simply put, we exist to make disciples of Christ and serve our community. How can we do that best? What do we need to focus on? For several weeks from Easter to Mother's Day, I will bring a series of messages titled, "Examining the Essentials." The essentials for our church need to be centered around worship, evangelism, discipleship, ministry, and fellowship. Each of these areas are vital for a Christian to grow as well as to invite others to come grow with us. The Scripture Writing Plan for the month of April will also feature various passages that are associated with each of these areas. Will you commit to being here as we "Examine the Essentials?" Commitment is the umbrella to the success of each of these areas. Let's make it the best spring ever!

Because He Lives,
Pastor Mitch

Announcements

Join us as we begin our celebration of the Resurrection! We will gather for Breakfast at 9:00 AM on Easter Sunday, April 5. This will be a wonderful time of food and fellowship before we head into Sunday School at 9:45 AM.

All ladies are invited to the WH&FMS meeting on Monday, April 6 at 6 pm.

The church will be open for a time of prayer on Tuesday, April 7 from 11 am-1 pm.

The Deacon Body will meet Monday, April 13, at 6 pm.

Trustees will meet Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 pm.

The church unanimously voted to accept the proposal of Kid Cove using our facility for their Summer Camp. Please continue to be in prayer for this ministry opportunity.

We will be hosting a Community Rummage Sale on June 6. More details to follow!



April Sermons

- 04/05/2026
Preparing for Easter: The Affirmation of Jesus
Matthew 28:1-10
- 04/12/2026
Examining the Essentials: Worship
Psalm 100
- 04/19/2026
Examining the Essentials: Evangelism
Romans 1:16
- 04/26/2026
Examining the Essentials: Discipleship
Acts 14:21-22

April OCC Collection: Stuffed Animals

This month, we are collecting Stuffed Animals for our shoeboxes! Please bring new, medium-sized plush toys that can offer comfort and joy to a child.



April Memory Verse

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
1 Corinthians 3:9

Words of Encouragement

Worship

How do you define worship? Do you see it as only music? or Do you see it as a life choice?

I recently saw this definition: "Worship is our whole-life response to God's worth and glory, extending far beyond music to encompass all aspects of living. It involves both personal devotion and corporate celebration, acknowledging God's supremacy in all things."

Worship is our highest calling. God continually invites us to more than a musical experience. True worship engages our whole being - heart, mind, soul and strength. It's a lifestyle we live!

Worship is not confined to a certain time, location, tradition or ritual. All that Jesus asks of us is to worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). God wants us to be authentic instead of superficial. Less of us! More of Him!

We are called to make our bodies as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1). That means that every aspect of our life is an act of worship - work, relationship, finances, choices and yes, even daily tasks.

Psalm 100 declares that we should "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise". This allows us to have a foundation for worship. Our thankful heart doesn't depend on our circumstances, but chooses to recognize God's faithfulness even in the worst of times. Worship begins with choosing to remember who God is rather than only considering our current situation.

Consider Isaiah 6:1-8 - when we encounter God's holiness, it naturally leads to humility and mission. True worship transforms us: it reveals our sin, experiences God's grace and sends us to serve. I read this recently: "If our worship doesn't change us, we might be engaging in religious activity rather than worship."

We have much to look forward to. Revelation 5:11-14 demonstrates to us that worship will ultimately be all creation united in declaring God's worth.

As a church, let's expand our thoughts and attitudes of worship to more than just music. Let's embrace it as a calling to offer our lives as an act of worship before our God.

Much love to you dear friends,
Sara



Please send a card, make a call, visit, and pray for these family members.



Week of April 5
Sara Speed
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Week of April 12
RA & Brenda Cornett
800 Baird's Creek Road
Vilas, NC 28692

Week of April 19
Nadine Ward
403 Ward Greene Rd.
Vilas, NC 28692

Week of April 26
Mitch Marlowe
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Deep Gap, NC 28618

