

Message from Pastor Mitch

To say we live in turbulent times is an understatement these days! We truly are! Yet, the reality of it all is that turbulent times have always existed in some form. So, how then, are we to live? The Bible gives us great instruction in living God's way. This month we will conclude our sermon series Total Forgiveness and we will begin a new series on 1 Peter. One writer summed up 1 Peter this way: *"First Peter calls us to a close relationship with God and a manner of life which demonstrates that relationship. In the midst of a non-Christian world, believers must show a godly style of life that differs dramatically from those around us. We are chosen by Him for obedience to Jesus Christ."*

I believe that 1 Peter certainly relates to the time in which we live! I hope that you will make it a priority to be part of worship each week as we dive into this power packed epistle!

Because He Lives.
Pastor Mitch

July Sermons 7/6/2025

Total Forgiveness: Steps to Totally Forgive
Ephesians 4:31-32

7/13/2025

1 Peter: Live In Hope
1 Peter 1:1-12

7/20/2025

1 Peter: Live in Holiness
1 Peter 1:13-21

7/27/2025

1 Peter: Live In Harmony
1 Peter 1:22-2:10



The sanctuary will be open for prayer from **11 am-1 pm on Thursday, July 3.**

Come be a part of the Boone 4th of July Parade - we have the best spot in town! We will hand out water to parade spectators, so please bring water bottles by **July 2.**

All Ladies are invited to the WH&FM meeting on **Monday, July 7, at 6:30 pm.**

The Deacon Body will meet **Monday, July 14, at 6:30 pm.**

Trustees will meet on **Thursday, July 17, at 6:30 pm.**

Fellowship Lunch after the worship service on **Sunday, July 20!** This is a potluck meal, so please bring your favorite dish to share.

On **Saturday, July 26, at 9 am** you have the opportunity to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! All items for the shoeboxes will be provided. Hope to see you as we prepare boxes to share the Gospel!

Pastor Mitch will be accompanying other area pastors as they travel to Istanbul, Turkey to work with the Puckett Family who are missionaries from Boone. The dates are August 17-27. The cost of this trip will be approximately \$1500-2000, most of which will be airfare. If you would like to support this mission opportunity, please designate **TURKEY** in the memo of your check.

Words of Encouragement

In All Things

Have you ever wanted just a little bit of what God has for you? Maybe a little love, a little grace, a little forgiveness or a little mercy? Honestly, I would think that would not be the case - you want all of His unlimited resources. You want all the love He has to offer. You want all His grace, mercy and forgiveness.

Recently the phrase "in all things" came to mind. When God says, "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose," (Romans 8:28) He really means all things - the good, the bad, the ugly. The wayward child, the financial crisis, the emotional mess that is you, the questions about career choices, the health crisis that you never thought you would experience, the craziness that is your life - all of it God uses for your good. It's hard to wrap our minds around that some days, but God's word proclaims it for those of us who believe in Jesus.

So if you believe that, you will all find that "in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37). Take that list from above - yes, in all those things, we are conquerors, not because of anything we do, but because it is through Jesus that who has conquered it all! Hallelujah!

Let's take it just a step further. No matter what the situation, God's word promises this, "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so

that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). Oh yes, believer! God is on your side. He blesses you with provision and protection to come through all the things in your life so that you will abound - so that you will be fulfilled - so that you can experience His joy.

Don't get me wrong, that does not mean our lives are one big happy fairytale. But think of it this way: all things produce an opportunity to see God's hand at work in your life. That even what you perceive as bad will work for your good. That He provides the ability to conquer because of His love and the love so lavished on us by Jesus.. It means in Jesus we have everything we can possibly imagine. Honestly, it also means that if things do not work out the way we think it should, God has it all under control. What a glorious thought! We can trust Him with all things because He is right there in the middle of them with us. Rest in His promises dear friend. Take a breath, close your eyes and let Jesus do His thing!

Much love,
Sara

Memory Verse

"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given to you when Jesus Christ is revealed."

1 Peter 1:13



Children's Church will begin again in August.

The Nursery will be open throughout the summer.



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

Week of July 6

Johnny and Shirley Watson
410 Hardeman Circle
Boone, NC 28607

Week of July 13

Ned Bentley
296 Hickory Lane
Boone, NC 28607

Week of July 20

Bob Sherrill
413 Shady Bark Lane
Boone, NC 28607

Week of July 27

Ronnie & Sylvia Burns
210 Pine Valley Drive
Boone, NC 28607

New Mailing Address for
Gretchen Lewis
33 Spring Creek Trail
Asheville, NC 28806