

## Message from Pastor Mitch

How's your prayer life? Do you pray regularly or only when you are in a bind? Interestingly, of all the things the disciples watched Jesus do, the number one thing they wanted to learn was how to pray. Luke 11:1 reads, "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him. 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples to pray.'" Jesus answered with the model prayer which we call the Lord's Prayer. Prayer is the most powerful practice of our Christianity. We may be refused or even reprimanded when we share the Gospel, but nothing can stop our prayers. But, are we utilizing prayer the way God intended for us to do? God desires His children to get to know Him and prayer is the key for us to do that! So, with this mind, we are embarking on a prayer journey. Beginning April 27, we will begin a 40-Day Prayer Journey. I will share practical teachings through the sermons on prayer as well as give you insights to use each day to enhance and strengthen your prayer life.

Of the many things to pray for, our church is in full preparation for this year's Vacation Bible School. Please share the information in this newsletter with your neighbors, family members and others and let's get a bunch of kids here for that incredible time! Also pray for each other to grow deeper in our prayer lives as we continue to draw closer to our Lord and seek His will and His ways.

### 40 Days of Prayer Sermon Titles

April 27 - 40 Days of Prayer: The Purpose of Prayer John 15:7  
 May 4 - 40 Days of Prayer: Praying with Confidence 1 Peter 5:7  
 May 11 - 40 Days of Prayer: Thankful Praying Psalm 107:15  
 May 18 - 40 Days of Prayer: The Pattern for Prayer Matthew 6:9-13  
 May 25 - 40 Days of Prayer: Praying for a Breakthrough Psalm 32:1-5  
 June 1 - 40 Days of Prayer: Praying in the Midst of a Crisis  
 2 Chronicles 20:2-3



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

You are needed to help with VBS decorations! Join us **Saturday, May 3, at 9 am.**

Join us on **Sunday, May 4, at 9:00 am** for our First Sunday Breakfast!

All Ladies are invited to the WH&FM meeting on **Monday, May 5, at 6:30 pm.**

The Deacon Body will meet on **Monday, May 12, at 6:30 pm.**

Our quarterly Church Business Meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 14, at 6:30 pm.**

Trustees will meet on **Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 pm.**

VBS will be **June 9 - 12!** Supper at 6 each night! Please invite friends and neighbors! If you would like to help, please let Cynthia or Sara know!

The outreach project for VBS is Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! You can help order materials for the boxes on Amazon.

- Search for "Boone Advent Christian Church"
- List Name is: Vacation Bible School Outreach 2025

Please keep praying for Kid Cove! We are working to get this ministry up and going! More to come!

## Words of Encouragement

### Hanging on to His Words

In Luke 19, verses 45-48, it indicates that after Jesus overturned the money tables and drove out the ones there to make a profit from the Temple, He came back each day to teach. The chief priest, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill Him. It goes on to say that they could not find a way to do it at this point - be sure to see this - "because all the people hung on His words."

That one phrase, "because all the people hung on His words." is truly powerful. It also makes me ask myself a couple of questions. One, am I hanging so closely on to the Word of God, that there is no room for someone to find a way to hurt me? Two, do I spend time in God's Word? Three, do I spend time with Jesus so I can hang on to every word He speaks to me? Four, when He speaks, do I listen and obey or do I ignore what He says to me? Oh, how I want to answer all those questions with a great big YES. Friends, if you are like me, we may have to answer, it depends on the day or the moment. Oh, yes, there is always room for improvement.

Jesus desires us to spend time with Him and to hang on every word that He speaks. I want to be like Jeremiah and say, "His word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot." Jeremiah 20:9

Hang on His words.  
Hold on to His promises  
Let Him hold your attention.  
Let His fire burn bright through you, so that others can see nothing but Him.

Love to you dear friends,  
Sara



### May Memory Verse

***"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you."***

***John 15:7 (NIV84)***



**May 4- Sondra**  
God is unstoppable.

**May 11 - Cynthia**  
The Holy Spirit gives understanding.

**May 18 - Tammy**  
The Holy Spirit breaks down barriers

**May 25 - Becky and Sallie**  
Jesus changes lives.

*Let's*  
**ENCOURAGE**  
*each other!*

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

**Week of May 4**  
Mitch Marlowe  
6829 Old 421 S  
Deep Gap, NC 28618

**Week of May 11**  
Keith & Joyce Blackburn  
215 Deep Gap Estates Road  
Fleetwood, NC 28626

**Week of May 18**  
Gloria Presnell  
125 Apple Road  
Boone, NC 28607

**Week of May 25**  
Tammy Nelson  
6973 Old Us Hwy 421  
Deep Gap, NC 28618