

## Message from Pastor Mitch

And just like that....summer is gone! We have had a fantastic summer! Thank you to all who made it so incredible.

As we shift into a brand new season, I am reminded that we also have seasons in which we go through spiritually. The wisest man that ever lived, King Solomon, said, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven..." He goes on in that incredible chapter 3 in Ecclesiastes, to list 28 times or seasons everyone goes through (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). I want to invite you as we transition from Summer to Fall, to set aside time to examine these areas in your life and how each has made you grow in your faith in Christ. What is God teaching you in these different seasons? Then ask, "How is our church also transitioning during these seasons?" Additionally, think about ways that your transitions spiritually can be helpful to your church as we move from Summer to Fall. There is something for everybody! Let's get involved and grow together!

I Love You!  
Pastor Mitch

### September Sermon Topics

- 9/1/2024 Be the Church: The Profession of the Church Acts 22:1-30
- 9/8/2024 Be the Church: The Plotting Against the Church Acts 23:1-35
- 9/15/2024 Be the Church: The Permeating Church Acts 24:1-27
- 9/22/2024 Be the Church: The Principles of the Church Acts 25:1-27
- 9/29/2024 Be the Church: The Persuasion of the Church Acts 26:1-32



Kid Cove Ministry Meeting! We will gather **September 3 @ 6:30 PM** to plan ways in which we can minister to the families that will be utilizing the day care through Kid Cove at our church.

First Sunday School Breakfast! Sunday **September 1 @ 9:00 AM**. Join us for a rich time of food and fellowship followed by various Bible Study Opportunities in Sunday School.

The Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society (WH&FMS) meets **Monday, September 2, at 6:30 pm**. All Ladies are invited.

The WH&FMS will have a Bake Sale on **Sunday, September 8**.

The Deacon Body will meet **Monday, September 9, at 6:30 pm**.

Trustees will meet **Thursday, September 19, at 6:30 pm**.

Golden Agers Brunch and BINGO on **Saturday, September 21 at 9:30 am**.



- October 20** Pastor Appreciation
- November 24** Holiday Meal
- December 13** Joint Choir Christmas Presentation @ BACC
- December 15** Joint Choir Christmas Presentation @ Brushy Fork

## Words of Encouragement

### It Can Sneak Up on You

In the last few weeks, the Trustees have begun the renovation of the playground area. At our first workday I was assigned to begin the process of disassembling the playset. As I started working, I noticed that the playset had rotten boards, splinters and various other signs of wear and tear. It seemed impossible that this could be the case. It didn't seem that it had been all that long since it was installed and it really looked fine from the parking lot. Then I recalled that the playset had been there awhile. In addition, those who were children when it was installed are now grown and are working or in the last phase of their education. Time really does fly!

Just like that playset, there are other things that can sneak up on us; growing older, working a job for 30+ years, children leaving to go to school or getting married or moving across the country for a job. We can also let our health get out of control by not taking care of ourselves, falling into bad habits and getting in too deep with finances. Most of all, I thought about a comparison to the spiritual. Sin sneaks up on us too. It may start by not praying one day. Or you slip and do not study God's word. You may get complacent about attending church or just choose not to participate in fellowship with other believers. Or we give in that first time to something we know is wrong. The snowball effect comes into play, and before we know it, we have splinters, rotten wood and a fowl odor about us. Then we look around and say, "When did this happen?"

Satan has a plan. He is sneaky and conniving and wants to tempt us little by little until we are in too deep to feel we can ever get out. The Good News is that God loves us, and He has made a way through the precious blood of Jesus to cleanse us if we repent and turn back to Him.

There are so many Bible verses that I could insert here that would encourage you, but I want to remind those of you who believe and confess Jesus as Lord and we have a way of protection. Here it is:

***Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:10-18***

Put on the armor, friends, and keep pressing forward. Pray that armor on you everyday and be watchful!

Much love in Jesus' name,  
Sara

### September Memory Verse

***"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation."***

***Isaiah 12:2-3 (NIV84)***



**September 1 - Sondra**  
God is Sovereign.

**September 8 - Becky & Sallie**  
God is Shepherd.

**September 15: Laura**  
God is King.

**September 22: Cynthia**  
God is Wisdom.

**September 29: Tammy**  
Yahweh alone is God.



Please sign-up to help with meals and/or snacks on the bulletin board. See Sondra if you have any questions.



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

**Week of September 1**  
Sid & Ann Clements  
276 Glendale Dr. Boone, NC 28607

**Week of September 8**  
Frank & Linda Simcox  
1021 Old Hwy. 421 S Boone, NC 28607

**Week of September 15**  
Hannah Diller  
395 Heritage Dr. Boone, NC 28607

**Week of September 22**  
Gordon & Jane Noble  
1012 Hunting Hills Lane Boone, NC 28607

**Week of September 29**  
Mary Culler  
387 Hardamann Circle Boone, NC 28607