





**Hope Boxes**  
We are returning in person to Appalachia for the first time in 4 years following our COVID hiatus. We will be ministering to the students of Wallins Elementary School on Friday, April 14 as we offer hope both through the gift of a Hope Box and the sharing of the Gospel. We will travel up on April 13 and return after we finish with the students on April 14. If you are interested in participating in person, please call the church office and sign up. We will have empty boxes and instructions available on Sunday, March 5.

If you have any questions, please speak with Eliza Sanders.



**Ministers On Call for the Month of March:**

Mar. 02 thru Mar. 05	Deacon Jason Bogart
Mar. 09 thru Mar. 12	Deacon Benjy Overby
Mar. 16 thru Mar. 19	Deacon Caleb Warren
Mar. 23 thru Mar. 26	Deacon Bob Webster
Mar. 30 thru Apr. 02	Deacon Joan Smith



(Our Known)

**March Birthdays**

Jerome Moore	March 02
Alton Apple	March 05
Marian Brewer	March 08
Shelly Sapp	March 08
David Johnson	March 09
Ellen Andrews	March 11
Chuck Fujiwara	March 11
Pat McIntyre	March 11
Karen Auth	March 12
Derek Denard	March 14
Rosemarie Goslen	March 14
Joy Cain	March 17
Larry Canada	March 17
Eliza Turner	March 18
Caleb Warren	March 19
Gracie Williamson	March 19
Lindsay Denard	March 20
Betty Joplin	March 20
Kay Dunn	March 24
Howard Hayes	March 25
Shirley Bentley	March 26
Anne Latham	March 28
Reid Abernathy (104th)	March 29

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Anxiety**

As I age, I find that I am far more anxious than I used to be. Back in the day, I was a pretty confident person. Now, I find myself feeling more anxiety and less peace. From what I read, that’s a pretty common part of the aging process.

Here are some Scripture verses that I find helpful when I feel anxious. If you share this condition, take them to heart.

*I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done...*  
- Isaiah 46:9b-10a.

**Nothing that you face will ever catch God by surprise.** One thing you will never hear God say - “Boy, I didn’t see that coming!”

*Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*  
- 1 John 4:4

**Nothing that you face is bigger than God,** no matter how it may seem at the moment.

*“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”*  
- Deuteronomy 31:8


**Nothing that you face will cause God to abandon you.** Others may leave you, but God never will. That is His eternal promise.

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.* - Ephesians 3:20-21

**Nothing that you face is beyond God’s ability to use.** He can do far more abundantly than we can even imagine, and His promise is that He will use it all - somehow - to bring glory to Him.

Hold on to these verses when you face anxiety. On those days and every day, walk with God.

Dale

**New Study**  
We will begin a new Zoom study on Tuesday, March 7 on Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes is often thought to be a difficult book to understand because the Teacher’s philosophical takes are so esoteric in places. Come and join us as we seek to peel away the confusion and hear important words for our time and place.

**Our Five**  
Have you been working steadily on your five? Regardless, mark your calendars now for April 9. It’s Easter Sunday and a perfect day to invite someone to join you for morning worship. Beloved, the truth is that many people are just waiting for an invitation to worship and knowing they have someone to sit with them. Make your plans on how to invite, who to invite, and put it in motion as we join together to celebrate the glorious gift of Easter.

**Meet our Newest Members**

**Makensie Culler**

joined Grove Park on January 29, 2023. She is the mother of Lillian Anne and resides at 1630 Doncaster Lane, Burlington, NC 27215.

Her birthday is August 31st.



**Naomi Taylor**

joined Grove Park on February 26, 2023. She resides at 3027 Maple Avenue, Unit E2, Burlington, NC 27215.

Her birthday is September 7th.

