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Hello Friends and Family of Arbor Dale

Banner Elk is beautiful today. The sky is blue and the breeze is soft. There are a few places where leaves are bright and surprisingly glorious.

I tried to take this in today when I went to the Old Banner Elk School and sat with a few other pastors. The group was grizzled and a bit tired. They were also grateful and touched by how others have cared for our community. The stories of generosity and service remind me that God gives his people strength in times of need. He empowers those who know him to serve, to bless and to care for neighbors who are broken and grieving.

Along with the gratitude there was a shared sense of wonder about the next faithful thing. People will send turkey for Thanksgiving and toys for Christmas and that is beautiful. But there is a need to help a few like we would hope to help all. So as we ask what is next and who we can care for in deep ways, consider giving while you pray. And pray that the Lord would help us consider what faithfulness for recovery and flourishing includes today and tomorrow and for the time to come.