

BACC BEACON

APRIL 18-25

April Memory Verse

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

John 12:13 (NIV 2011)



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Johnny and Shirley Watson's daughter - Kim
- Jody Shuford
- Outreach Ministries
- Joe Bryan
- Coffey Family
- Bob Foster
- Johnny Gragg
- Anita Fogle's friend's mom
- Sara Speed's friend with cancer
- Amy DeBord
- Marie Jones
- Sue (Breast Cancer)
- Meredith Jones
- Marie Cole
- The Pastoral Care Staff of our hospitals
- Facebook Ministry Opportunities
- Opportunities to serve our community
- Unspoken requests
- COVID-19 patients
- Tamara, Robert, and Nolyn Rook
- Residents, staff and families of Foley Center
- Residents, staff and families of Glenbridge
- Our Country and Our Leaders
- Parents, Teachers, Students, and Administrators
- Health Care Workers

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MITCH

There are many "staircase passages" of Scripture. What I mean by that is simply how a passage has a process of a truth being expanded upon and each verse builds on the other. This is exactly what I see in the Beatitudes. Each of these build on the previous ones helping us to attain new heights in our faith. It is like climbing a spiritual staircase with each step drawing us closer to the heart of Christ. Sunday, we will continue our upward climb as we look at Matthew 5:7, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." The verse has become near and dear to me over the past year as our country has been in such turmoil.

I hope you can join live in person for worship Sunday at 11:00. We will continue to stream live on Facebook and an audio version will be available on the church website. It is my prayer that Boone Advent Christian Church will be known for its demonstration of mercy throughout our community! Will you join me in that prayer?

See You Sunday!

Pastor Mitch

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

MATTHEW 5:7 NIV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

And Church Family Updates

A special business meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2 immediately after the worship service. An item of business from the trustees will be presented. A handout will be provided Sunday detailing the item of business to be voted on.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation in wearing face masks, social distancing and not attending if you have any symptoms whatsoever. Please be prepared to sit as directed and where designated.

Have a prayer request? Call the Church at 828-264-1414 and leave a message on the voice mail anytime!

Join us for Sunday School on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/881889011>
 Meeting ID: 881 889 011

Join us for Wednesday Night Prayer and Praise
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7337868850>
 Or call 1-301-715-8592
 Meeting ID: 733 786 8850

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 21: Chance Phillips

April 22: Munsey Millaway
 Starla Surber

April 24: Anita Fogle



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Pastor Brittany Jackson

Hi Kids!

One of my good friends has a sister named "Grace" and a niece named "Mercy." Those are good "churchy" words that get said a lot, but do we really know what they mean?

In Matthew 5:7 (NIRV), Jesus said, "Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be shown mercy." Check out some of the ways we can understand mercy:

- Mercy is not punishing someone who deserves it. For example, when someone at school steals your pencil, you don't tell the teacher and get them in trouble.
- Mercy says, "I could punish you, but I choose not to." So, if a friend broke one of your games you let them borrow, instead of making them buy you a new game, you say, "it's ok, I know it was an accident."
- Mercy is forgiving someone instead of making them feel bad. When someone hurts your feelings, you don't try to get back at them, but forgive them instead.

Grace is a lot like mercy. It means getting rewarded when you don't deserve it. I've heard grace and mercy explained best this way. Imagine you got an F on your report card, and the teacher called your parents to talk about it. You just know you are going to be grounded for it! But when you get home, your parents talk to you, and decide not to punish you. That is mercy; you aren't getting the punishment you deserve. Then, they take you out to get ice cream, to remind you that they love you no matter what. That is grace; you are getting something special that you don't deserve.

Love ya'll bunches! I hope you can show grace and mercy to your friends this week!

Brittany

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

Sunday School Outline for April 18, 2021, "**Nehemiah: The Captive Cupbearer Rebuilds a Nation**" is from **Nehemiah 2:11-20**

Our Lesson Focus: **Build God's kingdom in spite of opposition.**

With all the turmoil happening in our world, we need to stay the course, and keep working toward building God's kingdom, in spite of opposition, in spite of naysayers, in spite of what we see and hear around us. We need to remain faithful, using the armor of God and the strength God gives us to persevere. Nehemiah helped the people of Judah resettle into their devastated land. Although the temple had been rebuilt, the wall of Jerusalem and the gates were broken down making the city defenseless. Nehemiah, even with king Artaxerxes I support, found that the officials from nearby areas viciously opposed him.

*When doing God's work for God's kingdom why do we often face opposition?

*Why is it important to keep building His kingdom despite opposition?

*What Kingdom builder(s) have you admired most and why?

Our first scripture reading: **Nehemiah Takes a Scouting Trip** is from **Nehemiah 2:11-16**

*What did Nehemiah do after his arrival in Jerusalem?

*Where did Nehemiah go, and what did he see?

*Who else did Nehemiah tell about his mission at this time, and why?

Our second scripture reading: **The Work – and the Opposition – Begins** is from **Nehemiah 2:17-20**

*What did Nehemiah call the officials of Jerusalem to do? How did he persuade them?

*What were the different responses to Nehemiah's call in this passage?

*How did Nehemiah respond to his opponents?

Our last story – **Kingdom Building** – reminds us that unlike Nehemiah, our Kingdom building often does not involve physically building something. When we build God's kingdom, we are helping bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus. One aspect of His kingdom coming is seeing it established here and now in the hearts of people who have committed to following Him and doing His will. As we advance God's kingdom, opposition will surface just as it did for Nehemiah. We, like Nehemiah, should persevere in advancing God's message by listening to the Holy Spirit and following His leading.

*When have people ridiculed you for your faith?

*In what ways are you and your church facing opposition right now?

*How can reading about what Nehemiah did help us with the opposition we face?

Nehemiah shows us that many impossible things are possible when people see that God is in their work and blessing it. With the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, we can, as the old hymn We've a Story to Tell to the Nations says, help "Christ's great kingdom come on earth, the kingdom of love and light."

WEEKLY DEVOTION

Through

Through (preposition) - used as a function word to indicate movement into at one side or point and out at another and especially the opposite side of

That word and definition speak very loudly to me. This word can also be used as an adverb (from beginning to end; to completion, conclusion or accomplishment); as well as an adjective (arrived at completion or accomplished).

Going through - whatever it is that you are "going through" it is temporal

Getting through - that circumstance you are surviving will soon reach completion

Gone through - that issue or experience is now in your rear view mirror

All of us, yes all of us, are either going through, getting through, or have gone through tough times. If you say, "not me," all I can tell you in response is: "get ready because eventually you will." I have found no matter the stage of through you are in, Jesus is there, guiding, strengthening, comforting, and protecting.

If God can bring a large number if Israelites from Egypt to the Promised land

If God can bring three Hebrew men through a fiery furnace

If God can cause a large fish to spit out a man on dry land

If God can cause prisons to shake and the doors loosen from their hinges

If God can blind the jailer and allow the prisoner to walk out without notice

If God can calm a storm tossed sea

If God has done all these things, how could we dare not trust Him? How could we dare not believe that He is with us? How could we not believe He will do the same for us?

If God can.... you fill in the rest of what he has done for you.

Friends, I am not saying that all our going through is a happy ending. There are three ways that God can deliver us: He can deliver us from it; He can deliver us through it; He can deliver us by it straight into His loving arms. No matter the outcome, we have the assurance that He is with us. Recall this passage of scripture: **Isaiah 43:1-3a (NIV2011)** **But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;"**

One of my favorite verses in all the Bible is Deuteronomy 6:23 (ESV) - "And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers." What a promise. If you are saying "what about me?" Friend hold on to God's promise. He will bring you out from where you are and bring you in and give you what He has promised.

Hold on dear friends, hold on. We are going through!
Sara

