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December 11 - 17



Today in the town of
David a Savior has been
born to you; He is Christ
the Lord.

Luke 2:11 (NIV84)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Destiny Finley
- Family of Jean Vannoy
- Judy Eller
- Russell Swift
- Harry Yates
- Rudy Fox
- Johnny Reese (friend of Tom Redmond)
- Students who are struggling
- Ned and Wanda Bentley
- Lillie Roark
- Tamara Stamey
- Steve Presnell
- Kathy Green
- RA and Brenda Cornett
- Nancy Penick
- Eula Johnson
- James Sherwood
- James Shore
- Baby Sailor
- New Sunday School Teachers, Sunday School Classes, and New Bible Study Opportunities
- Kate Greene
- Fred Vannoy
- Dean and Alma Earp
- Zigli Family
- Marie Jones

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MITCH

Good News! Great Joy!

Sunday we are celebrating the third Sunday of Advent and the theme of Joy. What a beautiful time to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How do we share this Good News and Great Joy? Sometimes we have to get creative. Here is an example. Several weeks ago, Boone Chamber of Commerce President David Jackson sent me an email concerning an opportunity he had received from Faith in Rural Communities. This is part of the North Carolina Rural Center where this program helps assess community needs and utilize the resources of the local church to better meet those needs. Basically, it is designed to help minister more effectively to the community in which the church is involved. Through the process of an application and meeting with some of our church leadership, Boone Advent Christian Church has been selected as one of a small number of churches in North Carolina to participate in this opportunity. At no cost to the church, the Faith in Rural Communities will help coach our church in ministry engagement through multiple ways. I am excited for this opportunity for our church! Please be in prayer in the days to come about this opportunity. More details will follow, but just know we are very fortunate as a church to have received this early Christmas gift. You can learn more at www.ncruralcenter.org and click on the "engagement" tab, then click on Faith in Rural Communities.

Our Good News that gives Great Joy can reach deep into our community! Let's make it happen together in the Name of Jesus!

I love you!
Pastor Mitch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

And Church Family Updates

We invite everyone to participate in our Church Christmas Savings (\$1/week). Gifts will be collected in December.

Are you interested in doing the study, Experiencing God? What about doing this on a weekday during the lunch hour? If you have interest please contact Pastor Mitch.

Sunday School (In Person/Zoom/Facebook Live) @ 9:45

Worship (In Person/Facebook Live) @ 10:45.

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

Remember to send your tithe to
Boone Advent Christian Church
P.O. Box 2515
Boone, NC 28607



KID'S AND YOUTH CORNER

Pastor Brittany Jackson

Hi Kids and Youth!

Sometimes people say really funny things, especially around babies! Have you ever heard folks call a newborn baby a “bundle of joy”? It can seem pretty silly to think that a small human, that needs to be “bundled” up to keep warm and that cries, eats and sleeps all the time would only bring joy to its parents. But I can tell you for certain that when a mom and dad have really wanted a child, it is incredibly joyful to hold that new baby and do all the things you might think are difficult or annoying for the little one.

It makes me think of how much more joy that Mary and Joseph experienced on that first Christmas so long ago. They weren’t just happy for having a safe delivery and a healthy baby. They had been told by an angel that this baby would not just bring them joy in their own lives, but would bring “great joy” to all the world. The shepherds just outside the city heard about Jesus from an angel too, who told them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11 NIRV) And when they went to find Jesus, they found him wrapped up in a bundle of cloth, the ultimate bundle of joy for everyone to experience and enjoy! What good news!

Love ya’ll a lot! Each of you bring so much joy to me!
Brittany

PS- Don’t forget our Christmas Party on Wednesday Dec. 14, from 6 to 7:30! If you can, bring a snack food or dessert to share, and don’t forget your wrapped gift for our Christmas exchange (\$5 or less please!).

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 14: Gary Lindabury



SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

Our Sunday School Outline for **December 11, 2022, Zechariah Speaks** is from **Luke 1:57-66, 76-79**

Our Lesson Focus: **Teach others to glorify the Most High.**

After Zechariah's speech was restored, his first words were to praise God! In glorifying God, Zechariah taught that God was worthy of all praise. Our speech and behavior can teach others to glorify God. John the Baptist is known as the cousin of Jesus. John and Jesus had in common a deep frustration with religious and political leaders who ignored God's guidelines for justice and righteous living. We can be taught to put our trust in God and to glorify our Savior and Lord by Bible reading and church-going which helps us to live righteously and to pass our faith on to others.

*Who in your life has been an example and taught you to trust and glorify God?

*What does it mean to glorify God?

*How does reading Scripture prepare us to teach others about God?

Our first scripture reading: **The Birth of John the Baptist is from Luke 1:57-61**

*Why was there a great celebration when John was born?

*Why did the crowd question Elizabeth's choice of a name for the baby?

Our second scripture reading: **Zechariah Speaks is from Luke 1:62-66**

*What happened when Zechariah confirmed the name of the baby as John?

*What was the crowd's response to the priest's sudden ability to speak again?

Our third scripture reading: **Zechariah's Prediction is from Luke 1:76-79**

*What was the title that Zechariah predicted his son would be called?

*How did Zechariah describe his son's eventual ministry?

Our last story – **Bringing Glory to God** – reminds us that John was born for a specific purpose: to prepare people's hearts for the Messiah's message of repentance and salvation. We have a similar purpose – our mission in life is to help people become ready or able to receive the good news of Jesus' sacrificial death for our sins and the offer of reconciliation to God. Once Zechariah regained his speech, he praised and glorified God. One way we can glorify God is to point out to others the amazing things God has done in our lives.

*What can we do to help people become ready (prepared) to receive the good news about God's Messiah?

*Why is it important to accept God and His Word that He will do what He says He will do?

*What does our ministry as believers have in common with John's God-ordained mission?

*How has God's mercy, compassion, plan of salvation, and restoration made a difference in your life?

Zechariah taught others that the Lord is God Most High who does things we don't believe will happen. Reflect on how you might teach others to praise and glorify God and why.



WEEKLY DEVOTION

Joy

This Sunday we will light the Joy advent candle. For weeks I have been thinking about the great hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." Ludwig van Beethoven composed the music (Ninth Symphony) and Henry van Dyke penned the lyrics. Have you ever taken time to read the words? If not, it is page one in our church hymnal. I encourage you to read all the verses. There is deep theology in the lyrics.

Just reading the first verse gets my heart fluttering:

"Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
 God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
 Opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 Drive the dark of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 Fill us with the light of day."

Joy is something that we only find in Jesus. I pray that you know the Author and Giver of joy. The joy He gives doesn't go away when times get bad. The joy He gives stays with you when circumstances aren't exactly what you expect. The joy He gives doesn't evaporate like the feelings of the one that says, "I don't love you anymore."

Jesus is our joy. He is real joy.

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11

Take time this season to thank God for the JOY He gives.

Much love to you friends,
 Sara

