# **BACC BEACON**

DECEMBER 5 - 11

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker



Psalm 95:6 (NIV84)

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Anita Presnell
- Ed Neal Family
- Johnny Belton in the loss of his brother Mark and sister Arlene
- Tamara Zigli
- Annalyn Zigli
- Dean Earp
- ASU's Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity
- Tina Scott (friend of Gretchen)
- Glenda Andrews shoulder surgery
- Troy Ayer (cancer)
- Phyllis Marlowe (Mitch's Aunt)
- Richard Muller (friend of Gretchen)
- Hal Main
- Revival in our midst
- Family Members and Loved Ones dealing with Covid
- Ernest and Jean Vannoy
- Students, Teachers, and Administrators
- Bible Study Leaders for Children and Adults
- Our Law Enforcement Personnel
- First Responders, Fire and Paramedics
- Jody Shuford
- Outreach Ministries
- Marie Jones
- Health Care Workers

### **MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MITCH**

What does peace mean to you? Maybe it is sitting quietly with no distractions. Maybe it is in the woods or by a river. Maybe it is a quiet drive on the Parkway. God's desire for all of us is to experience a greater peace- His Peace. His gift to us was His Son taking on Himself all the world's sin and chaos so that we could have peace. Aren't you glad that we have been given that precious gift? Maybe that is why the first announcement of the Savior's birth came to Shepherds tending their flocks on a peaceful night. A shepherd's life in the pasture perhaps was guite peaceful, but outside of the fields, I imagine it was not so peaceful. In fact, we are going to learn Sunday that they were lowly, unwanted, not trusted and they even could not testify in a court of law. Is that really a peaceful life? Yet, they were the first to learn about the Prince of Peace. Ironic? Just a coincidence? No...just a Mighty God doing a Mighty Work. Join us Sunday as we continue the Season of Advent celebrating peace.

Come, let us adore Him! I hope to see you Sunday in Sunday School and Worship! I love you! Pastor Mitch



# ANNOUNCEMENTS And Church Family Updates

#### Dealing with Grief During the Holidays December 19, 3-4 PM

Sometimes the Holidays are hard as we go through them after losing a loved one. This will be an opportunity led by Pastor Mitch that will give insight to remembering loved ones and ways to help get through these tough times.

Mark your calendars for the Boone Christmas Parade on December 11th, beginning at 2 pm. We plan on serving hot chocolate to those who are watching the parade. If you can help with preparing, serving, or cleanup, please let Cynthia know. We would also love to have some candy canes to hand out. Please bring to church by Wednesday, December 8.

Kids, we will have a Nativity Escape Room after the parade on December 11. After, hopefully, escaping we will have pizza and practice our songs for Sunday, December 12.

The BACC Christmas Post Office is open. Cost per card: 25 cents. Proceeds will benefit Outreach projects of the church. Make checks payable to Boone Advent Christian Church. Cards will be accepted through Sunday, December 19.

Need a Stocking Stuffer? The WH&FM has goodies available.

Sunday School (In Person/Zoom/Facebook Live) @ 9:45 Worship (In Person/Streamed online on 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

# CHILDREN'S CORNER Pastor Brittany Jackson

#### Hi Kids!

One way I know that Christmas isn't too far away is when I see candy canes for sale at the store. You may have already been given a few of them for a snack; don't they taste great? Did you know that they help remind us of the Christmas story? Here is a short poem about the candy cane:

Look at the Candy Cane What do you see? Stripes that are red Like the blood shed for me White is for my Savior Who's sinless and pure! "J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure! Turn it around And a staff you will see Jesus my shepherd Was born for Me!

(https://ministry-to-children.com/candy-canepoem-about-jesus/)

I hope you enjoy all the candy canes you eat this year, and with every taste I hope you remember what Jesus has done for us!

Love, Brittany

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

December 6: Katie Bradley December 7: Chase Phillips Ned and Wanda Bentley December 9: Brayden Hall



# **SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

# Our Sunday School Outline for December 5, 2021, Justice and Obedience to the Law is from Deuteronomy 5:1b-3; 10:12-13; 27:1-10

Our Lesson Focus: Obedience, love, and service are God's commands for our good.

God gave Moses His commandments on Mt. Sinai to help prepare the people to enter the land that God had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Forty years later, Moses gave the people the commandments a second time in Deuteronomy to prepare them once again for entry into the land of promise. Then and now, we must hear His Word and do what He says. Signs, rules, laws, and commands are designed for our protection.

- \*What are some signs, rules, and laws that are designed for our own good and protection?
- \*Why would you not follow good rules and laws?
- \*Why are obedience, love, and service to God the best way for us to live?

Our first scripture reading: **Hear God's Decrees is from Deuteronomy 5:1b-3; 10:12-13** \*What were God's people to do with His decrees and laws? \*With whom did God make His covenant? \*What does God ask of His people?

Our second scripture reading: **Hold Fast to God's Commandments is from Deuteronomy 27:1-5** \*What were God's people to build after crossing the Jordan River? \*What were they to write in the plaster and why? \*How do God's people remember His truths today?

Our third scripture reading: **Herald God's Commandments is from Deuteronomy 27:6-10** \*Along with writing God's commandments on the altar of stones, what else were the people to do on it? \*What admonishment did Moses again give the people at the end of this passage? \*How can we lovingly obey and serve the Lord today?

**Justice**, **Judgment**, **and Obedience** – reminds us that we are commanded to live just and holy lives in the midst of a perverse and crooked generation. Micah 6:8 tells us that God has shown us what is good and says that the LORD requires us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Him. We, as Christians, must shine as a light out of darkness. We must follow our Lord's lead and example to point people to a saving knowledge of the Lord.

\*How can we keep God's commands each day?

\*In what ways are justice, judgment, and obedience connected?

\*How do we demonstrate that we are ready to serve the Lord?

We demonstrate our love of God by the love we show one another. Are we caring for others and are our words kind? We counter evil with good. When we acknowledge the Lord in all our ways, He will direct us down the good path. His Word keeps our faith high, removes our fears, and transforms lives.

## WEEKLY DEVOTION

As I sit down to write it is the first week of Advent. Hope is the theme of the week and I am constantly reminded that hope is a beautiful thing.

Hope does not disappoint Hope does not disappear Hope does not disparage Hope does not disgust Hope does not dismay

In the life of a believer hope never dies. Why? You know the answer. Because Jesus is our hope and He is eternal. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:5

Friends, is your hope strong? Does hope fill you? Does hope guide you? Does hope walk beside you? Or do you feel hopeless, helpless or hapless? If your answer is yes to the second set of questions, please let me tell you about Jesus. If you do not feel comfortable talking to me, Pastor Mitch or Rev. Brittany would be glad to talk to you as well.

#### We wait in hope for the Lord, He is our help and our shield. Psalm 33:20

May you find much hope today in Jesus! Sara



