

BACC BEACON

March 19 - 25

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jackie and Munsey Millaway
- John Bryan
- All Government Leaders
- Darrin Hartness - cancer (friend of Becky)
- Caleb Watson
- Alex Cornett
- Roger Church
- Pastor Mitch
- Maurice Penick
- Judy Eller
- Russell Swift
- Rudy Fox
- Students who are struggling
- Ned and Wanda Bentley
- Kathy Green
- RA and Brenda Cornett
- Nancy Penick
- Eula Johnson
- James Shore
- Baby Sailor
- Kate Greene
- Fred Vannoy
- Dean and Alma Earp
- Zigli Family
- Marie Jones

Connect Church 2023

We believe that EACH PERSON has special gifts tht can be used by the church to bless people in our community, perhaps even bless thousands. Finding God's abundance in your community begins with looking at your:

- Heart (Your Cares and Loves)
- Hands (Your Skills)
- Head (Your Knowledge)

from Connect Church Resources p. 20

Please be in prayer for our team as we meet on Monday, March 20 to make plans for surveying our church's gifts.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MITCH

I hope you have enjoyed the study of Galatians as much as I have enjoyed sharing it with you! There are many things that capture me about this letter. For instance, it starts with grace (1:3) and it ends with grace (6:18). In fact, it contains the theme of grace throughout its six chapters. We have the acts of the sinful nature and the counter aspects of the fruit of the Spirit. We have the idea of the importance of a relationship with Christ as opposed to being in a religion and doing ritualistic acts to try to achieve that relationship. We see the example of a pastor and how he cares enough for his flock to warn them about false teachings and following the right example. However, the part that captures me the most, the part that we should boast about the most, the part that we should never forget, is the part about the cross of Christ. Charles Spurgeon summed it up this way: ***"The cross of Jesus bids us to rest in Jesus. There is no joy like it. There is no strength like it. There is no life like it. There is no peace like it. At the cross we find our heaven. While upon the cross, holy things abound within our hearts. If you have never been there, may the Lord lead you there this very hour; so shall you be pardoned, accepted, and blessed."***

Sunday, we will look at Galatians 6:11-18 and specifically examine reasons listed of why we should point to the cross of Christ. Can you invite a friend to come and join you?

I love you,
Pastor Mitch



ANNOUNCEMENTS

And Church Family Updates

Sunday Morning Prayer Time resumes this Sunday at 9:15 AM in the ANNEX.

Men's Prayer Time Tuesdays 7:00-7:30 AM in the Sanctuary

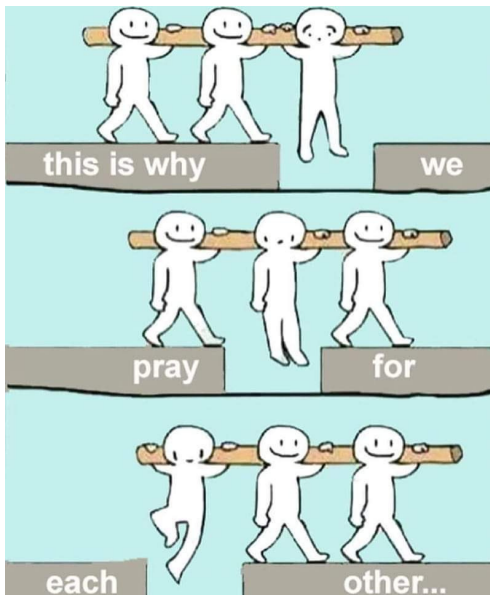
Our Hymn Sing and time of fellowship begins at 6 on March 19. Bring a Friend!

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
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KID'S AND YOUTH CORNER

Pastor Brittany Jackson

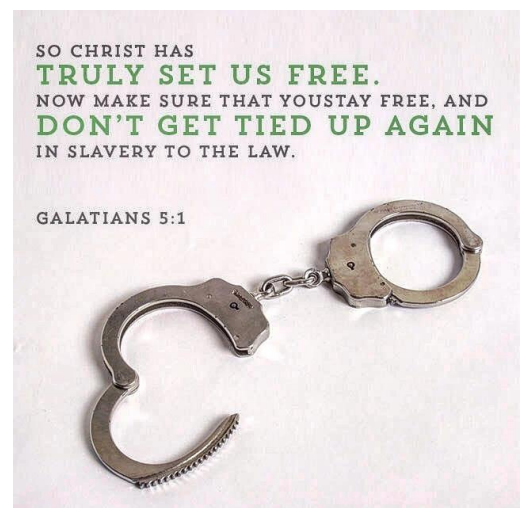
Hi Kids and Youth!

For a few months now, we've been working through the book of Galatians in "big church." For a lot of our Children's Church lessons, we've looked at the smaller details of the book of Galatians, but I wanted to give you a quick big picture look at the whole letter.

Last year during VBS, we talked about Breaking Out! and escaping the ordinary, and one week we had the opportunity to win a pair of handcuffs and also to work through all the puzzles to get out of a real escape room. For several weeks after that, a whole lot of ya'll kept asking me if I had any extra keys for your handcuffs, since the keys somehow vanished (the company must've made them turn invisible after a few days!). It isn't a lot of fun to play with handcuffs that keep you locked in them. They quickly go from being a toy to being way too close to the real thing! Playing like we are trapped or locked up can be fun for a time, but staying that way isn't any fun at all. We all want to be free to use our hands and to do what we want to do.

I think that the biggest idea in the book of Galatians is that with Jesus, we have freedom. We aren't locked up, like we are in handcuffs, being unable to get unstuck from doing the wrong thing (Freedom from Sin), but also, we aren't trapped trying to act just like all the people we think have it all together (Freedom from the Law). We don't have to try to impress other people by being really religious or by being as "bad" as they expect us to be. When Jesus sets us free from our sins and from the law, we are totally free to be exactly who we are- who God designed and created us to be! I thank God that I don't have to be anything other than who he already made me to be!

I love ya'll lots!
Brittany



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 19: Rudy Fox

March 24: Brook Matheson Cooper



SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

Our Sunday School Outline for **March 19, 2023, Jesus Talks with a Samaritan is from John 4:7-15, 28-30, 39-41**

Our Lesson Focus: **Step across any barriers to share the Gospel.**

We need to step out of our comfort zones/boxes to share Jesus' love. There shouldn't be any barriers holding us back. All people are loved by God equally, as Romans 2:11 tells us: "God does not show favoritism." What barrier can you step across this week in order to make someone smile and to let them know Jesus loves them? Jesus spoke with everyone with genuine love and respect.

*What barriers have been placed in the world to halt the teachings of Christ?

*In what ways is your church overcoming those barriers?

*How do you contribute to your church's efforts?

Our first scripture reading: **The Samaritan Woman's Conversation with Jesus is from John 4:7-15**

*In what way did the Samaritan woman respond to Jesus' request?

*At first, what prompted the Samaritan woman to doubt Jesus' claim?

*What was the nature of the "living water" (vs. 10) Jesus promised to give?

*What comparison did the Samaritan woman make between Jacob and Jesus?

Our second scripture reading: **The Belief of Many Samaritans in Jesus is from John 4:28-30, 39-41**

*What prompted the Samaritan woman to change her mind about Jesus?

*What was the basis for the Samaritans' belief in Jesus?

Our last story – **Barriers No More!** – reminds us that there are many barriers in the world in which we live: borders between countries, fences among neighbors, walls within our homes, and lines drawn between religions; as well as, psychological barriers between people. Jesus came to tear down all barriers. Within the fellowship of believers no barrier should exist among followers of the Lord Jesus. He also bridged the gap between God and humans. "There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind" (1 Timothy 2:5-6). We each are called to be Jesus' ambassador in this world. No barrier should stop us from sharing the Gospel with those who have not received God's grace.

*What barriers do you encounter when you know that you need to share the Gospel with someone who needs to hear it?

*How does prayer and Scripture help you break through those barriers?

*What blessings occur when you do share the Gospel?

The Gospel message is a matter of life and death – that is, eternal life and death! Barriers are often difficult to cross, but they are not insurmountable. Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well was not by chance. Their conversation had a profound effect first on her life and then on the lives of many of the townspeople who heard Jesus. He shows us we must cross any barrier that stands between us and those who need to hear the Gospel.



WEEKLY DEVOTION

Speak the Name of Jesus

This morning while listening to music, I heard these words:

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

'Cause Your name is power
Your name is healing
Your name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

That is not the entire song, but even with the first line it is powerful to speak to your heart. Jesus, I speak Your name over my day! You Lord have the power to break the stronghold I face.

Friends, if you speak the name Jesus over your children, your parents, your finances, your anxiety...He is the One that moves and works. Speak His name, there is power!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

Heavenly Father, I speak the name of your son, Jesus, over my friends right now. Give them peace. Let them feel your presence. Lord, I speak Jesus over their families, over their health, over their stress, anxiety and any depression. I speak Jesus over our church, Lord. I speak Jesus over our pastor, education minister, deacons, teachers and leaders. May everything that we do be for Your glory and honor. Thank you for speaking Jesus over us!

Jesus, there really is power in his name!

