

BACC BEACON

May 28 - June 3

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Family of David Teague
- Students Graduating
- Summer Plans and Activities
- Betty Simcox
- Revival for our church
- The Scholl Family (multiple requests)
- Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN
- Jackie and Munsey Millaway
- All Government Leaders
- Darrin Hartness - cancer (friend of Becky)
- Alex Cornett
- Roger Church
- Pastor Mitch
- Maurice Penick
- Judy Eller
- Russell Swift
- Rudy Fox
- Students who are struggling
- 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

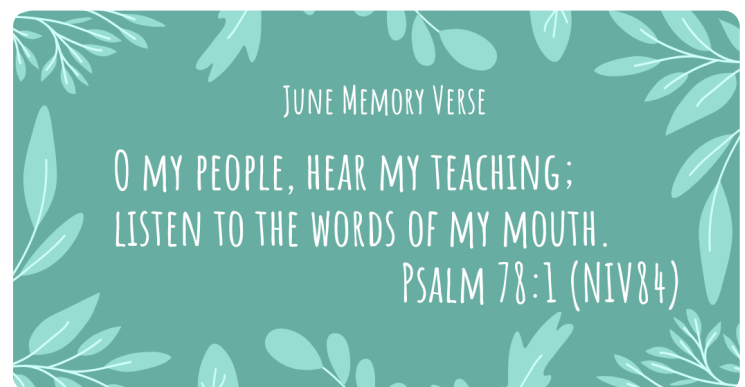
Our Connect Church Team has been interviewing community members looking at the needs in our area. We have interviewed administrators from both Watauga County Schools and Appalachian State University, The Chamber of Commerce President, the owner and operator of several child care programs, school counselors, social workers, teachers, and the director of the Council on Aging. The needs are great! Please join us in prayer that we will discern exactly the need that God desires for us as a church.

Team Members: Pastor Mitch, Becky Haney, Brittany Jackson, Sara Speed, Cynthia and Richard Townsend.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MITCH

Some of the most fascinating aspects of Scripture for me are those "red letter" words of Jesus. Particularly, I am drawn to the parables that Jesus told. There are 40 different parables found in 65 passages spread throughout three of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Some of these passages are repeated in the Gospels and some are unique to one Gospel. All of them give us insight into the life which Jesus has called us as Christians. Our June Scripture Writing Plan will highlight these parables and additionally a few passages from the Old Testament that emphasize parables as well. Starting Sunday, we will examine the Parables of Jesus according to Mark's Gospel. It will be a great time of study and worship as well as one that might challenge us to be more bold and intentional with those "red letters!" Will you pray for God to open your heart and mind so that Jesus can teach us and draw us to His service? In the meantime, know that I am praying for you and your relationship with Jesus!

Because He Lives,
Pastor Mitch



ANNOUNCEMENTS

And Church Family Updates

The Kids/Youth last meeting before summer will be May 31st for an Ice Cream Social!

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

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

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



SATURDAY, JUNE 3
CHURCH IS PROVIDING HOT DOGS AND BUNS
PLEASE BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE
GAMES START AT 4:30
SUPPER AT 5:15
BINGO FUN AFTER SUPPER!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRITTANY

Hi ya'll!

I was so disappointed to miss church this past Sunday; all the viruses and germs are working to do as much as they can in my family before summer break! We've been passing around pink eye and strep, and I can attest that adults usually get hit much harder than kids with those symptoms.

I will be taking some time off for the next few weeks to spend some extra time with family, rest and prepare for the busy summer plans ahead. A huge thank you to all who have checked in on me and helped us make it through this time of illness! I love each of you lots and lots!

Pastor Brittany



Join us this summer for "SPARK STUDIOS VBS!"

Each day of VBS, we will begin at 10 am. In the mornings, we will learn about amazing stories from the Bible, have fun games and crafts and dig in to lunch together. In the afternoons, we will enjoy activities together, returning to church by 5 pm. If you need assistance with the timing of drop off or pickup, please let Brittany know and we will work something out together. Invite your friends and neighbors; we will have VBS activities for ages 4 through 8th grade!

We would love your help with providing lunches and snacks, leading crafts, acting out skits (via video or in person), chaperoning afternoon activities, setting up the fellowship hall, etc.! If something sounds exciting to you to help with, please let Brittany know!

Setup/Decorating Nights:

June 25th and June 28th (as needed)

Put these dates on your calendar (activities subject to change with the weather!):

VBS Dates:

June 29- Wildcat Lake, Banner Elk

July 6- The Block Jump Park, Wilkesboro

July 20- The Dive In, Newland

July 27- Bowling/Movie, Boone

August 3- Special Creative Art Activity!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 30: Becky Haney
Gene Swift



SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

Sunday School Outline for **May 28, 2023, Saul of Tarsus is from Acts 9:9-17**

Our Lesson Focus: **Will you minister to your enemies in Jesus' name?**

As the early church grew, so did its opposition. There was no greater enemy to the early church than the Pharisee Saul, who was present at the stoning of Stephen and had continued to persecute the Church (Acts 8:1-3.). But where the early church saw an enemy and persecutor, Jesus saw a man whose eyes needed opening to His truth. Saul, on his way to Damascus, encountered the risen Jesus, who enlightened Saul that it was not simply the Church he was persecuting but the Messiah Himself (Acts 9:4-5).

*What kinds of people have you met who seem like they would never be interested in Jesus? Why do you think that?

*Do you know anyone who had a poor reputation before giving their life to Christ? How would you describe their Christian witness today?

*What are some ways you can build closer relationships with people who are far from the Lord without being tempted into sin yourself?

Our first scripture reading: **God Calls Ananias-and Ananias Protests is from Acts 9:9-14**

*What was Saul's condition at the beginning of this passage?

*What did Jesus instruct Ananias to do?

*What was Ananias' initial response?

Our second scripture reading: **God Responds-and Ananias Obeys is from Acts 9:15-17**

*How did Jesus respond to Ananias's questions?

*What did Jesus tell Ananias about Saul and his future mission?

*How did Ananias respond to Jesus' call?

Our last story – **Forgiving the Unforgiveable** – reminds us of the tragic school shooting in 2006 of young Amish girls in Pennsylvania – the shooter injured five, killed five, and then killed himself. Members of the Amish community comforted the shooter's widow, parents, and parents-in-law, attended his funeral and invited his widow to the funeral of one of the victims. These acts of forgiveness and love drew international attention. When we are tempted to hold a grudge, maybe the story of this gentle Amish community will inspire us to let it go and live a life free from hatred and revenge.

*Discuss a time when you forgave someone for a great offense against you. How did you bring yourself to do it, and what did you feel like afterward?

*Who in your life right now needs to be shown love even though they have hurt you? Pray for them with a trusted partner.

*What counsel would you give someone who is having difficulty forgiving another's offense?

Make loving your enemies a daily way of life rather than something we just talk about. It is the will of God to forgive as we have been forgiven.

WEEKLY DEVOTION

Flower Beds and The Heart

I love this time of year and all the flowers that are blooming. There are several of my flower beds that in the past few weeks have become very weedy. This week I have started pulling, digging and doing everything within my power to get rid of all those weeds. Some of them come up easily. Others though, have taken firm root or the roots have become widespread. Those are the ones that are difficult to dislodge. Needless to say those are the ones that have taken some extra strength to remove.

There are things in our lives that are like those weeds. Habits. Sin. Relationships. Bad thoughts. The crave for attention. Success. Pride. You get the idea - there are many more. These things can also take root and invade our hearts and minds. Once the roots spread, our attitudes change, our perspective on life changes, our positivity pluments, the way we respond to others turns hateful, our temper flares, our tongues start firing darts and even how we think about ourselves changes. It's a dangerous path isn't it?

But friends, there is a Master Gardener and He will kindly and graciously remove the "weeds." He may have to till the soil of the heart. He may have to rake or dig a bit to loosen the weeds that have a stronghold. However, this is for our good. He is doing a work that will cause us to be more responsive to Him and His word. We are then able to sense His presence, obey His call and hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Friends, God's will for us is to know Him and put nothing else before Him. How is the soil in your life?

Just as we can clean a flower bed, God can clean the soil of our hearts. Ask Him and I know He will answer. Trust Him to pull the weeds - He will.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Psalm 51:10-12

Much love to you my friends,
 Sara

