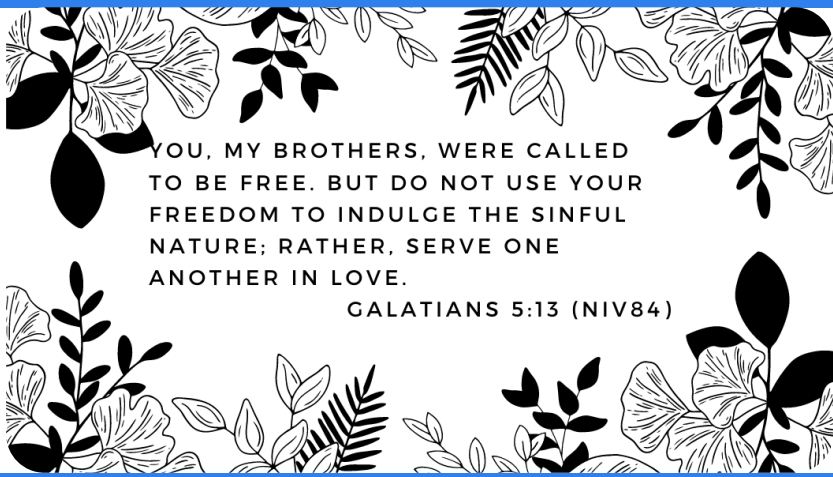


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YOU, MY BROTHERS, WERE CALLED
TO BE FREE. BUT DO NOT USE YOUR
FREEDOM TO INDULGE THE SINFUL
NATURE; RATHER, SERVE ONE
ANOTHER IN LOVE.

GALATIANS 5:13 (NIV84)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Family of Dr. Dick Lavendar
- Russell Swift
- Harry Yates
- Rudy Fox
- Family of Bill Bruce
- 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
- Ernest and Jean Vannoy
- Marie Jones

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MITCH

My dog Hershee is a Chocolate Labrador Retriever. She is quite old for a dog, Over 15 years and still going. She doesn't see too well and she doesn't hear much at all. I have to get in her line of sight when I need her to come to me or when I take her out. I usually let her walk around outside on her own. However, I am starting to notice that she wanders aimlessly further and further, not paying much attention to her surroundings. We live on a busy road and I am fearful that she may wander too far, so I have been taking her out lately on a leash. I noticed that with the leash, I do not have to pull and tug because she stays closer to me and has a spring in her step. Over the years we have walked miles and miles together, on different trails and paths, hikes in parks and all kinds of wilderness. I could not help but wonder today about the comfort of the leash. I am sure there were things she wanted to sniff out, but her comfort is being right by my side and with the security that I was going to lead her effectively and safely with the attached leash.

I have discovered that I am the same way. I have often wandered aimlessly and sniffed out things to which I should not have paid attention. I have lived my best life, however, when I have been attached to the guidance of the leash of God's Word. As a child of God, my Heavenly Father wants to be attached and involved in His will and His way. There is great security in being attached to the leash of God's Word. Sunday we will celebrate being children of the Father who loves us so much and desires for us to always be close to Him. I hope you will join us! Meanwhile, stay on the leash. You may find that spring in your step you have been missing!

I love you!

Pastor Mitch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

And Church Family Updates

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.

There will be no church activities on Wednesday, November 23.

Our Church Holiday Meal will be Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. The church will provide turkey, stuffing, and gravy. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

You have two opportunities to hear the Joint Choir Christmas Cantata, *The Greatest Story of All*.

- December 9, 7 p.m. at Boone Advent Christian
- December 11, 5 p.m. at Brushy Fork Baptist

On December 10 we will once again serve hot chocolate during the Boone Christmas Parade. Please sign-up on the bulletin board to help.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November 20: Robert Zigli

Gary & Donna Lindabury

November 21: Jim Bryan

Jay & Sondra Styles

November 23: Roger & Sheri Church

November 25: Rudy & Brenda Fox



KID'S AND YOUTH CORNER

Pastor Brittany Jackson

Hi ya'll!

When I was in high school, we had to read a book I still think about today. When the animals on a farm take it over from their human masters, renaming it Animal Farm (also the name of the book if you want to check it out), they want to create a place where every animal is equal and important. But it doesn't take very long for the leaders they put in charge, the pigs, to believe that they are better and more important than the other animals. They declare: "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

Unfortunately, in lots of places, even in a lot of churches, we are tempted to think in the same way. We might say everyone is equal, or welcome, or important, but then we really try to please the people who have the most money to give. Or we might try to give someone who has been in the church forever more attention than someone who just started coming. Some churches even say that adult men are the only ones who are allowed to speak or pray in front of people on Sunday, and that everyone else should just sit and listen.

But, it is a big mistake to make some people more important than others, even when it is just our opinion of who to talk to or impress. In Galatians 3:28 (NIRV), the Bible says: "There is no Jew or Gentile. There is no slave or free person. There is no male or female. That's because you are all one in Christ Jesus." Even though the people who first received this letter were used to Jews being more important, because they had been the first ones called God's people, they were told that all people are accepted by Christ, no matter what a person looked like, where they grew up or their past religion. Jesus doesn't see anyone as more important than another, and we should try to see others just like Jesus does!

I love each of ya'll so very much!

Brittany

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

Our Sunday School Lesson for **November 20, 2022, God Is an Artist, is from Ephesians 2:1-10**

Our Lesson Focus: **Receive God's gift in Christ—come alive in His grace!**

God's amazing love for us is displayed through Jesus Christ. When it comes to eternal life, believers can say, "He paid for me." We owed a debt for our sin, which God paid through Jesus at Calvary. We will never have enough money or good deeds to pay for our sin-debt. God in His great grace and mercy paid for us through His Son's sacrifice. It is by grace we are saved, through faith. We can't earn it ourselves. There are a lot of ways for us to be dead spiritually or emotionally while still being physically alive. "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions" (Ephesians 2:4-5).

- *What are some of the ways we can be dead spiritually or emotionally while still being alive physically?
- *How would you describe being spiritually dead?
- *How would you describe being spiritually alive?

Our first scripture reading: **Former Lifestyle is from Ephesians 2:1-3**

- *In what way are lost people –those who are without Christ –dead?
- *In what manner do lost people walk or conduct themselves?
- *As a result, what end do lost people face?

Our second scripture reading: **Future Hope is from Ephesians 2:4-7**

- *How does God demonstrate His rich mercy toward sinners?
- *Where are God's people seated?
- *What is our future hope?

Our third scripture reading: **Faith, Not Works is from Ephesians 2:8-10**

- *How are people saved from sin?
- *From our passage, what does not save people from sin?
- *Where do good works come in as far as believers are concerned?

Our last story – **Joining God in Good Works** – reminds us that left to ourselves, we usually focus on what we want and how we might get it. And, being stuck in a self-focused life leads to feelings of entitlement. Thankfully, God saves us from ourselves. God's tremendous power can turn us around. Instead of being focused on our individual wants and pleasures, God cultivates in us a character that seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The key to sensing God's invitations is to respond to each little nudge from God – to make that phone call, to send a card, to make an encouraging comment. This is how we partner with God.

- *How can Satan keep people muddled in entitlement and self-focus?
- *What helps people stay focused on what God is doing in them and in the people around them?
- *When have you had a sense that God was leading you to do something?

Accept Jesus' invitation to be made alive in Him as our Lord and Savior. If we have already accepted that invitation, we are invited to come alive to how God wants us to join Him in the "good works" He has prepared for our lives.

WEEKLY DEVOTION

For those that have been attending or watching our Sunday services you know that our pastor has been preaching through the book of Galatians. This series has been convicting, thought provoking and causing us to look deeper at our faith. We have weighed The Law vs Grace. We have been challenged regarding our testimony, our credentials and living out our faith. There is much more, but I will get to the point.

Several weeks ago, Reverend Brittany was talking to the kids during the Children's Sermon about The Law. She made the analogy with the rules of baseball. Her question to the group was something like this: What happens if you do not know the rules in baseball? One of girls (we won't mention names) answered, "You just die!" This comment brought some laughter, but we should take it to heart.

For those that want to live by the rules - The Old Testament Law - death is certain. When we think of the Law it is easy to think of the Ten Commandments. We could keep that many rules right? But The Law is more than 600 commands that were given to the Israelites. If you break one, you have broken them all (James 2:10).

Oh but get this if you don't get anything else. For those who are in Christ we are not under the law, but are under grace. What is grace? I am so glad you asked. It is the unmerited favor of God. Webster's dictionary has this definition - unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration or sanctification; mercy, pardon; disposition to or an act or instance of kindness, courtesy, or clemency. Oh yes, believer! You are under grace. God sent His Son to die for you and pay a debt that He did not owe. He saved us from the debt that we owed but couldn't pay. Christ died so we could have eternal life.

Friends, when that person looks at you and says, "You just die." You can reply, "I may die, but I will live forever because God's grace has been poured out lavishly on me!" Then you sing: "Mercy there was great and grace was free. Pardon there was multiplied to me. There my burdened soul found liberty - At Calvary!"

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Much love,
Sara

Our entire Christian
walk must be fueled
by the grace of God.

