

# BACC BEACON

OCTOBER 11-17

## OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

*I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and  
arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom  
adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns  
herself with her jewels.*

*Isaiah 61:10 (NIV84)*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Lindsey Bowden (Lees-McRae Student)
- ASU Students
- New Bible Study Opportunities
- Guidance for reopening our Church Building
- Deacons as they minister to our families
- Trustees as they care for our building and property
- The upcoming election
- New Ministry Opportunities
- Kim Lewis
- Nancy Jordan
- Reagan Martin
- A Learning Place
- COVID-19 patients
- Tamara, Robert, and Nolyn Rook
- Residents, staff and families of Foley Center
- Residents, staff and families of Glenbridge
- Kate Greene
- David and Gretchen Lewis
- Marie Cole
- Our Country and Our Leaders
- Brent Beach
- Parents, Teachers, Students, and Administrators
- Health Care Workers

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MITCH

We have heard over the last several months in our state about the 3 W's: Wear a mask; Wait six feet apart; and Wash your hands often with soap and water. This has been advocated from our health officials for our protection from a disease that has spread throughout our world. The idea is that as the disease spreads, the protective measures can also spread and thus slow down the rate of the disease. Many have been skeptical and many have refused to adhere to these 3 W's. Some have wondered if it is enough and others have wondered if it has worked at all. Time will tell as we proceed and overcome this trial.

Aren't you glad that God's protection can give us much more hope? One thing we can be assured of is that the protection measures of our God are as big as He is and will cover all of our needs. As we continue to study the wardrobe of God, we see often the idea of protection being like a garment He puts over us. Psalm 5:11-12 indicates that He spreads His protection over us. Other passages describe this protection like a bird spreading its feathers out over its young. It covers. It calms. It conserves.

God's protection is a gift to us and it is part of His wardrobe that describes who He is and part of the wardrobe He gives us to wear as well. I look forward to sharing more with you Sunday during our message time on Facebook Live at 10:45.

Meanwhile, know you are loved, appreciated, and prayed for!

Pastor Mitch

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## And Church Family Updates

The Trustees have been regularly meeting over the last several months and have had much discussion regarding the physical opening of our church building. In light of the surge in our area of COVID-19 cases and the appeal from the Watauga County Health Department as well as North Carolina State officials, the Trustees voted unanimously on October 5, 2020 to not reopen our church facility for services at this time. The Trustees will continue to monitor guidelines and recommendations of our local health officials in the weeks to come to determine when our church can safely gather in person again.

Thank you for praying for our Trustees as they serve and carry out tasks on our church's behalf.

Join us for Sunday School on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/881889011>

Meeting ID: 881 889 011

Join us for Wednesday Night Prayer and Praise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7337868850>

Or call 1-301-715-8592

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# CHILDREN'S CORNER

## Pastor Brittany Jackson

Hi Kids!

Do you like watching superhero movies? One of my favorite characters is Captain America. His best, most awesome piece of equipment is his shield, made of a special metal called proto-adamantium. It is virtually indestructible, in normal circumstances, and it has kept him safe from so many enemies! Whenever the bad guys try to attack him, he can deflect bullets and lots of other weapons, just by holding up his shield.

This reminds me of a verse from Psalm 5. Verse 12 says, "Surely, Lord, you bless those who do what is right. Like a shield, your loving care keeps them safe" (NIRV). Just like Captain America's shield protects him from attacks or harm, God's loving care keeps us safe too! You can always trust God to show his love and care for you, no matter what you're going through!

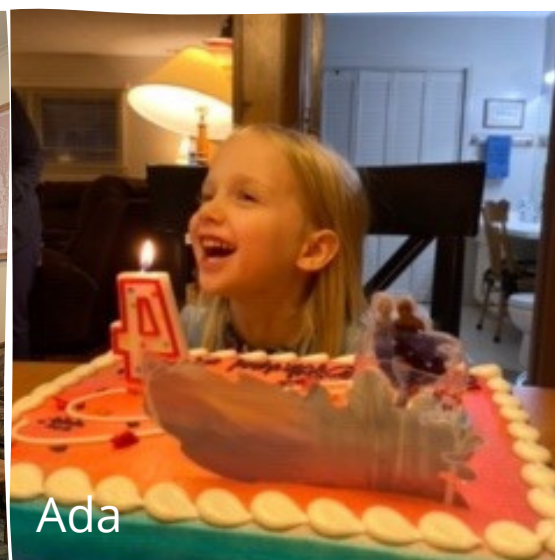
Love,  
Brittany



Sara



Outreach Bible  
Study Group



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

Sunday School Outline for October 11, 2020, **"Love for Enemies" is from Luke 6:27-36**

Our Lesson Focus: **Love "those people" like Jesus did.**

Today's scripture doesn't pull any punches. Most of us really don't have many "enemies" today, unless we think of people who are different from us as enemies. Jesus told the crowd to love their enemies, and do good to them, even if they felt hatred from them. He told His followers to pray for them (Luke 6:28). We definitely serve a merciful God! Micah 6:8 "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Our love should be evident to everyone, including those with whom we don't agree. Love them like Jesus does! Jesus began His teaching on love in this passage by noting that to learn from Him, people must be willing to listen. The emphasis is to listen attentively and actively with the goal of understanding and applying what we hear. This is what the Lord expected of His audience then, and it is what He expects of His people today.

\*Describe people who irritate you, and why.

\*Why is loving people who regularly irritate you one of the greatest tests of how loving a person you really are?

\*How truthful is it to say, "I love everyone just like Jesus said to do"?

Our first scripture reading: **Loving Unconditionally is from Luke 6:27-31**

\*Whom did Jesus say should be the object of our love?

\*What are some specific things that we should do to show love to our enemies?

\*What is the "Golden Rule" that Jesus gave to His listeners?

Our second scripture reading: **Loving Selflessly is from Luke 6:32-34**

\*When it comes to doing good to others, how does godly love differ from that of the world? \*When it comes to lending to others, how does godly love differ from that of the world?

\*How is it possible to show unconditional, selfless love, even to the "unlovable"?

Our third scripture reading: **Loving Mercifully is from Luke 6:35-36**

\*What will Christians receive when they are kind and merciful to their enemies?

\*What do Christians demonstrate themselves to be when they are kind and merciful to their enemies?

\*Why are mercy and forgiveness so important in the life of a believer?

Our last story – **Deciding to Love, Not Hate** – tells us of a black man pulled over for speeding by a state trooper. The man, Mr. Barnes, knew he was speeding; and, he and the officer both showed one another respect and talked about their daily lives for a while. Mr. Barnes wrote, "I can't stress enough that no demographic and/or profession of people are all bad. Neither of us is the enemy. We can continue to fight against each other until we are literally 'black and blue', or we can show one another the respect we inherently deserve, not as 'black man' and 'blue police officer', but as humans." We can always choose to love, not hate. That's what Jesus did, all the way to the Cross and on the Cross.

\*Why is deciding to love and not hate always the better option?

\*How difficult would it be to show respect to someone who is your "enemy"? Explain your answer.

\*How does Jesus' example of love resulting in forgiveness show us the way to love our enemies?

Jesus is our model for victorious living. And, in order to love our enemies the way Jesus told us to, we have no better example than Him. Godly love is unconditional and self-less, seeking only good for others, even enemies and expecting nothing in return. Worldly love is conditional and selfish, and often demanding more from others than it is willing to give. Worldly love ceases when not reciprocated. Worldly love seeks to gratify self, even to the detriment of others, even to the detriment of self.



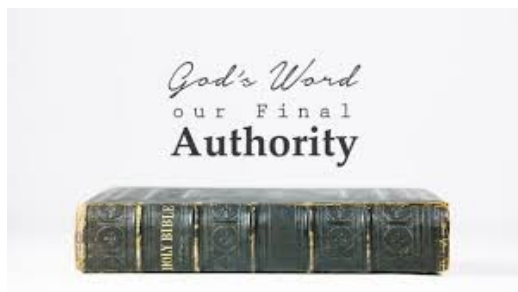
## WEEKLY DEVOTION

### All Authority

John 19:10 (Christian Standard Bible) So Pilate said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Don't you know that I have the authority to release you and the authority to crucify you?"

As I read this verse, I was appalled at the question Pilate asked Jesus. How dare he I cried! The nerve! Just who does he think that he is talking to?

Then it hit me. What do I try to convince myself that I have authority over in my life? Thinking that I have everything right or perfect. When I tell Jesus that "I've got this." When all the time He is the perfect Son of God and has ALL things under His feet (This is what the Lord says: Heaven is my throne, and earth is my **footstool**. Where could you possibly build a house for me? And where would my resting place be? Isaiah 66:1).



ALL things are under His feet.... which means:  
 my imperfections  
 my flaws  
 my anger  
 my anxiety  
 my fears  
 my health  
 my pain  
 my circumstances  
 my chains  
 my world  
 and the list could go on and on.

No storm is too big! No circumstance is too chaotic! No chain too heavy! No burden too much! No fear too great! No enemy too evil! Nothing! Absolutely nothing is out of His purview.

Nothing is too big for our sea-walking, death destroying, hell-shaking, chain breaking Savior!

So every time I don't seek Him, don't ask Him, don't follow Him, don't obey Him - I ask the same question that Pilate did. When all the time He has ALL authority, ALL power, ALL control. ALL time. All the "stuff" that weighs on me, entangles me, confronts me, and hurts me! ALL OF IT!! He has authority! It is HIS. Not mine. His!

Thank you Jesus for your Authority!

Sara Speed

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 11: Brenda Cornett  
 Roger Church

October 13: Morgan Redmond

October 14: Tamara Stamey

October 17: Steve Byerly



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