

BACC Beacon

Message From Pastor Mitch

This is my absolute favorite time of the year! Football is in full swing, the air is cooler, and the leaves start to change colors. We live in a place that has the best of all the above! Fall is a beautiful reminder of the seasons we experience as each one has its own unique beauty. What about your spiritual life? Do you have seasons of change? Which season are you in right now spiritually? In the month of October, we will continue studying through the book of Nehemiah. There were many seasons of building, resetting, dealing with opposition, trusting God and ultimately seeing the victory God provided. Just like the Israelites in Nehemiah, God can do the same with you...if you allow Him to do so! Let's make this October and this Fall one of the best ever by embracing the season of change and "falling" in love more and more with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

You are loved and prayed for!

Pastor Mitch

October Sermons

10/04/2026

Nehemiah: Finishing the Work Unshaken
Nehemiah 6

10/11/2026

Nehemiah: Guarding What Has Been Restored
Nehemiah 7

10/18/2026

Nehemiah: The Authority of the Word of God
Nehemiah 8

10/25/2026

Nehemiah: A Broken Spirit and a Faithful God
Nehemiah 9

Announcements

Honoring Pastor Mitch October 11

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 11! We are blessed to have Pastor Mitch leading our congregation, and we want to express our deepest gratitude for his heart, ministry, and devotion to our church.

Directly following the morning worship service, please join us for a potluck celebration meal. Bring a family favorite dish or dessert, and come ready to share encouragement and fellowship!

We will gather for breakfast at 9:00 AM on Sunday, October 4, followed by Sunday School at 9:45 AM.

All ladies are invited to the WH&FMS meeting on Monday, October 5, at 6 pm.

The Deacon Body will meet on Monday, October 12, at 6 pm.

The Trustees will meet on Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 pm.



OCC Shoebox Packing
November 7 at 9 am

Holiday Meal
November 29

Christmas Cantata
December 11 and 13

Help us reach our goal of 300 shoeboxes! For the month of October, we are collecting Toys & Craft/Letter Supplies (dolls, cars, coloring books, crayons, etc.). Drop off your items in the gathering area throughout the month!

Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser for Missions

Support our mission projects with delicious homemade cinnamon rolls!

- Flavors: Vanilla, Maple, or Pumpkin
- Price: \$9 per half-dozen (6 rolls)
- Preorder Deadline: October 15
- Pickup: October 22 & 23 at the church

Contact Lillie, Gloria or Cynthia to order.

October Memory Verse

"But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God."

Nehemiah 9:31(NIV84)

Words of Encouragement

Be An Instrument

I once read a statement that said, "Just like someone once was to you, be an instrument in God's hands to help other people get better."

As I reflected on this statement I thought about what being an instrument would entail.

First - an instrument is created, built. We, as an instrument are created in the likeness of God. He made us and that makes us beautiful. Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV) says, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Oh beautiful instrument, you were created by God for good things in Christ. Use everything that the Creator has gifted you with to make music in this world.

Second - an instrument should be tuned. Without tuning, it would just make noise and not a pleasant one at that. That noise grates the nerves and does not create beautiful music to the ear. Just as a musical instrument needs tuning, so does our life. We do not need to be people who make noise or grate on others' nerves. We should strive to be a finely tuned instrument that makes beautiful music for our world. God provides that through His word, prayer, and other people.

Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Third - to be an instrument, it takes a practiced musician and their ability to make beautiful music. God is our practiced musician - He is the Master Musician - and He has the capability and power to make us an instrument of His

love, grace, and peace. Those qualities make beautiful music stream forth from us as His children. To be an instrument of peace, one must be at peace. Isaiah 26:3 says, "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust you."

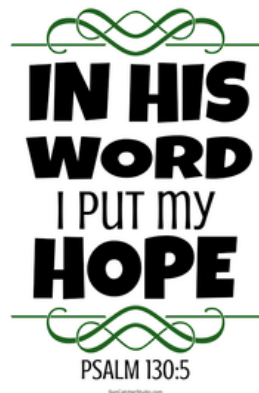
Dear friend, be an instrument of God today. He will empower you to make a difference; He will embolden you to do new things; He will embrace you as you embrace others in love, and He will embellish you as His workmanship for the good works He has prepared for you.

All of this brought to mind the beautiful Prayer of Saint Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life
Amen

Please send a card, make a call, visit, and pray for these family members.



Week of October 4
Nancy Penick
Deerfield Ridge
287 Bamboo Rd.
Boone, NC 28607

Week of October 11
Nadine Ward
403 Ward Greene Rd.
Vilas, NC 28692

Week of October 18
Lillie Roark
378 Farthing Street
Boone, NC 28607

Week of October 25
Raymond Scholl
202 Bryant Combs Road
Sugar Grove, NC 28679

