



DECEMBER 03, 2023

# FRANKLIN ROAD

## BAPTIST CHURCH

### Think on These Things

Today begins the second week of Advent with the lighting of the candle of Peace. The prophecy of the coming Messiah as written in Isaiah 9:6 is: *“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Upon the night of the birth of the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ, Luke records the words of the angelic host who announced His birth to those lowly shepherds. *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Luke 2:14)*

Jesus indeed is the Prince of Peace and only He can bring peace to a heart, yet when He was charging his disciples before sending them out in Matthew 10, He says, *“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth, I did not come to bring peace but a sword.” (v. 34)*

In the following verses He explains what He means by this statement, in that those who love anyone (father, mother, etc.) more than they love Him are “not worthy of Me.” We will never have the peace that He can give if we allow anyone or anything to have a higher place in our affections. Yet, when we make Him first in our lives, we will be able to love others with a far greater love than we ever thought possible, *“...because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Romans 5:5)*

Jesus does give peace, but there may be (and likely will be) an internal war that must be fought before we can experience the fullness of His peace. This season, I pray that you will allow Him to fill you with His peace by truly making Him Lord and Savior of your life. When you do, you can take His words to heart.

*“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27)*

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers, and blessings,

Trace

## December Birthdays

- 12/08 Margaret Forcier
- 12/20 Andy Buchanan
- 12/20 Walter Capes
- 12/23 Sean Shirey
- 12/24 Dale Simmons
- 12/26 W.J. Webb
- 12/27 Jeff Simmons

## December Anniversaries

- 12/22 Walter & Joanne Capes
- 12/29 Jeff & Deena Simmons

## THRIFT STORE ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to announce we are again accepting donations for the Thrift Store. We can take anything except for large furniture and clothes. We will accept and can really use coats, sweaters, and jackets for the winter season.

Also, we are asking that you DO NOT drop off things at church for the store, but that you call either Rebecca or myself so we can meet you here to put the donations in the proper place or so we don't collect things we can't use.

The number is Rebecca 706-637-6469 or Jerry 706-573-2035. Thanks for your help!

## this week at FRBC

### SUNDAY (DEC 03)

- Sunday School.....9:30a
- Worship.....10:45a
- Children's Church
- GriefShare.....5:00p
- H.O.P.E ESL (Volunteers should plan to arrive @ 4:30)

### MONDAY (DEC 04)

- Small Group Bible Study.....6:30pm

### WEDNESDAY (DEC 06)

- Adult Bible Study.....6:30p
- i220 Youth Bible Study
- Journey Kids - Bible Alive!

### SATURDAY (DEC 09)

- FRBC Thrift Store.....8:00a - 12:00p



SUNSHINE PROJECT

FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF DECEMBER WE WILL BE COLLECTING CARDS/LETTERS FOR ALL OF OUR SUNSHINE PROJECT MEMBERS.

GO TO THE TABLE IN THE FOYER FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE,

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Dec 17	Ernest McCurry