



WELCOME VISITORS

The presence of Jesus in the gathering of His people is the sweetest blessing we enjoy when we meet.
We pray that you will find peace, comfort, and power for living today.
A visitor's card is provided in the book rack, to give us a record of your visit.

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 25, 2010

What Kind of Church is This?

By Bryan McAlister

SUNDAY		ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	46
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	12
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	18
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	959.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 st Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
(Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

We often say, "It's time to go to church" or "How was church today?" in some way indicating church was an activity in which we participated. Literally the word "church" comes from the word, "ekklesia." In a general sense, this word means "an assembly" and is used to indicate such in Acts 19:32 and 39. In a specific sense, the word means "called out." There is no doubt, those who called themselves Christians in the 1st century, knew they were members of the church, the assembly of God's people, and that they had been called out from their sins, into the sanctity of their Savior Jesus Christ. As to how it is used in the Bible, there are over one hundred descriptive passages where the church is addressed.

First of all, Jesus Christ is the builder of the church (Matthew 16:18), based upon the fact He is the Son of God. Incidentally, the term church and kingdom are used by Jesus Christ in Matthew 16:18-19 interchangeably, indicating they are one in the same. His church, His kingdom is now established, and we need not wait for it any longer. He is the purchaser of the church, paid for by the price of His shed blood (Acts 20:28). The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23). The church being the body of Christ, it is important to note there is but one body of the Lord Jesus, and thus one church, and one identity comprising the one body of our Lord Jesus (Ephesians 4:4).

The Bible speaks of "churches" in the plural (Acts 9:31; Romans 16:16), but only in a geographic sense, not in the sense that would imply or suggest God approves of multiple systems of belief toward His revealed Word. Those who were saved were added to the church, the body of obedient believers (Acts 2:47). Therefore the church is the body of the saved, and one cannot be saved and yet not be a member of the church of our Lord. The church refers to men and women (Acts 8:3).

The church can have an emotional response to disturbing news, as was the case in Acts 5:11, when word of Ananias and Sapphira's death spread, "great fear came upon the church." The church is the house of God (I Timothy 3:15). The church was established to declare "the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph 3:10).

The church has a responsibility to assemble (Hebrews 10:25), observe the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (I Corinthians 11:18; 23), pray (Acts 4:24), sing (Ephesians 5:19), give of their means (I Corinthians 16:1-2), and teach so others may understand (I Corinthians 14:5). The church is autonomous, or governed locally, independent from any national or world

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"...The Churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16

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headquarters, for Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 5:23). The church has a responsibility to remain distinct and not blend or bend the teachings of Jesus with any doctrine or creed of man (Acts 15:1-21). The church should be united under the teachings and standards of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 1:10); be kind to one another showing forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32); extend help to those in need, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10). The church is not a sect (Acts 24:5) or a denomination or dividing of Jesus and His teachings (I Corinthians 1:13). The church is the precious gift and creation of our Lord, and has always been His plan by which His truth would be made known, His gospel revealed, and His creation saved through Him. This church desires to serve the Lord and serve you. Our prayer is for the opportunity to do both in love.

-----via Bulletin Gold

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

The Gospel must be **HEARD**
Romans 10:17, John 8:32
The Gospel must be **BELIEVED**
John 8:24, Mark 16:16
Sins Must be **REPENTED** of
Luke 13:3, 5 - Acts 2:38
Christ must be **CONFESSED**
Matt. 10:32-33, Romans 10:10
There must **BAPTISM** (immersion)
For Remission of Sins
Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21
There Must be **CHRISTIAN**
GROWTH and **FAITHFULNESS**
1 Peter 2:2, Revelation 2:10, 2 Peter 3:18

Opportunities to Serve

Welcome	Today	05/02/10
Song Leader	Aaron Phillips	Leslie Bell
Opening Prayer	Willie Gore	Scott Bowling
Communion	Albert Sturdivant	John Bowling
	*John Bowling	*Albert Sturdivant
	Taylor Bowling	Dwight Hewett
	Lynn Means	Taylor Bowling
Scripture Reading	Scott Bowling	Willie Gore
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Leslie Bell	David Stanford
Nursery	Belinda Lloyd	Barbara Bartlow
Evening	Leslie Bell	Devotion

**Men's meeting today
at 5:00 PM
You are encouraged to attend.**



**The Bible study topic for Wednesday
night:
Worshiping the Lord
In the Beauty of Holiness**

Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



**Wednesday night's meal will be prepared
by John & Carolyn Bowling.**

**The fellowship meal for May is next Sunday.
Bring you favorite food dish and help us
celebrate the May anniversaries and birthdays.**



**Please remember to pray for the sick,
lonely, and especially anyone outside
Christ.**



**Traveling
The Lloyds**

**The complete prayer list is on the
bulletin board.**

**If you want to be sure God will hear you
when you pray you must make sure you
hear Him when He speaks.**



**The ladies bible study will be held in the
fellowship room on Tuesday, April 27, at
10:00 am. Please join us if you can.**

Grandma's Revenge

**When my three-year-old son opened the
birthday gift from his grandmother, he
discovered a water pistol. He squealed with
delight and headed for the nearest sink.**

**I was not so pleased. I turned to Mom and
said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you
remember how we used to drive you crazy with
water guns?"**

Mom smiled and then replied, "I remember..."