



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.

SUNDAY		ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	23
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	
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:

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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Four Perspectives of Jesus By David Paul Smith

The first four books of the New Testament are commonly known as “the four gospels.” Each of them sets forth the record and the meaning of the life of Jesus Christ. Though their purpose is common in that respect, each of them has a unique perspective of Jesus. We might say that each writer portrays Jesus in a different light of emphasis.

Matthew emphasizes the “*position*” of Jesus. He alone records the claim of Jesus, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18). As if Matthew wants to emphasize this point, he makes certain that this is one of the last points he mentions. Yet, this point was emphasized throughout the book. Near the beginning, we find some asking, “Where is he who has been born King of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:2). Throughout the inspired book, we find reference to “the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew portrays Jesus as the King that has come to establish His kingdom (cf. Matthew 16:18-19).

Mark underlines the “*power*” of Jesus. Merrill C. Tenny wrote, “Mark gives more space to the miracles than any other Gospel; for it records eighteen out of a possible total of thirty-five” (New Testament Survey, Merrill C. Tenny, Eerdmans, 1961, page 164). He has power over disease (Mark 1:40-45), demons (Mark 5:1-20), and death (Mark 5:35-43). His power is not without purpose though, “the son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Just as the miracles His apostles performed in His name confirmed the message they proclaimed (Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:2-4), the miracles Jesus Himself performed attested to His claims (cf. Mark 2:1-10).

Luke draws attention to the “*purpose*” of Jesus. Luke records Christ's own words concerning his purpose, “for the son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). This is only reasonable since Luke's work is continued in the book of Acts, the book above all that sets forth clearly the gospel plan of salvation. The position and power of Jesus makes this wonderful purpose possible. Isn't it likely that on many an occasion Luke the physician (Colossians 4:14) marveled at the “surgical ability” of Jesus that could remove a man's sin?

The last of the four, John, boldly sets forth the “*person*” of Jesus. Most of all, we see Jesus held up as God's Son. John himself declared that this was his purpose in writing,

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“...The Churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16

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“that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31). However, in this same book, we see Jesus as a man. He was “the word” that “became flesh” (John 1:14). As a man, He knew what it meant to be tired (John 4:6), sad (John 11:35) or thirsty (John 19:28). Jesus, though in every way like us in nature, was also an incarnation of God in the flesh.

The first four books of the New Testament declare the *position, power, purpose, and person* of Jesus Christ. It is now up to us to allow Jesus to hold the supreme position in our life. Let us rest confident in His power to save us, His great purpose. Since He is God’s Son, we know that He can and that He knows our needs, and those first hand. Praise God for the position, power, purpose, and person of Jesus Christ.

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God's Plan for Man

- **Hear God's Word**
 - Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17
- **Believe in Jesus**
 - Jn. 8:24
- **Repent of Sins**
 - Lk. 13:3; 2 Cor. 7:10
- **Confess Jesus' Name**
 - Mt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10; Mt. 16:15-16
- **Be Baptized**
 - Mk. 16:15-16; Mt. 28:18-19; Acts 2:38,41; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4
- **Live Faithful Until Death**
 - Mt. 10:22; Rev. 2:10

The Bible study topic for Wednesday night:

Worshiping the Lord
 In the Beauty of Holiness

Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Wednesday night meals have been discontinued until further notice.

Opportunities to Serve

	Today	06/20/10
Welcome	Willie Gore	Leslie Bell
Song Leader	Scott Bowling	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	Willie Gore
Communion	*Aaron Phillips	*Aaron Phillips
	Dwight Hewett	Taylor Bowling
	Bill Bartlow	Spud Spencer
Scripture Reading	Leslie Bell	Scott Bowling
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	John Bowling	David Stanford
Nursery	Gloria Coldwell	Barbara Bartlow
Evening	John Bowling	Leslie Bell

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



Health
 Bobby Larkins
 Charles White

Traveling
 Ken Parks Family

Deaths
 Ken Young Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible study has been cancelled for the month of June.

Welcome to Our New Members

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