



### **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		
Worship	11:00 AM	Morning Worship	30
Evening	6:00 PM	<b>Evening Worship</b>	11
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Wednesday	9
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM	Contribution	1095.00
(Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
(Last Sunday of every month)			

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**TO OUR FRIENDS:** 

## **MESSENGER FOR CHRIST**



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST October 10, 2010

## **QUILT OF HOLES**

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls.

Before each of us lay our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles; an angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life.

But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in every day life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened.

My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air..

Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth.. The others rose, each in turn holding up their tapestries. So filled their

lives had been. My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, and wealth, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was.

I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes.

Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, 'Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles.'

Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you.

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through!

God determines who walks into your life ....it's up to you to decide whom you let walk away, whom you let stay, and whom you refuse to let go.

When there is nothing left but God, that is when you find out that God is all you need. Author Unknown

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



Our annual Friends & Family Day will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We will also have a gospel meeting starting Sunday, November 7th and Monday, November 8th. Our speaker will be Brock Shanks from the Conway Church of Christ.

> To realize the value of a sister/brother Ask someone who doesn't have one. To realize the value of ten years: ask a newly divorced couple. To realize the value of four years: ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year: ask a student who has failed a final exam. To realize the value of nine months: ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.

To realize the value of one month: ask a mother who has given birth to

a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week: ask an editor of a weekly newspaper. To realize the value of one minute: ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane. To realize the value of one second:

ask a person who has survived an accident. Time waits for no one.

Treasure every moment you have. To realize the value of a friend or family member: LOSE ONE.

> **Author Unknown** Hebrews 2:13

"And again: "I will put My trust in Him." ...

## God's Plan for Man

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

The Bible study topic for Wednesday night: A Study of Authority in Religion Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Pine Valley has cancelled the Bible Bowl. Apparently too many conflicts and not enough teams participating was the reason for the cancellation. I was disappointed. We had a great team.



## **Opportunities to Serve**

	Today	10/17/10
Welcome	Albert Sturdivant	Willie Gore
Song Leader	Willie Gore	Scott Bowling
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Bowling	Albert Sturdivant
Communion	*Leslie Bell	*Willie Gore
	Lynn Means	<b>Dwight Hewett</b>
	Taylor Bowling	Bill Bartlow
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Albert Sturdivant	Leslie Bell
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Bowling	John Bowling
Nursery	Barbara Bartlow	Gloria Coldwell
Evening	Leslie Bell	John Bowling

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

Health

**Steve & Barbara Cortez** Iim Ford



**Deaths** 

**Lester Bolden Family Odell Williamson Family** 

**Traveling Barbara Bartlow** 

**Gore Family Sturdivants of Kentucky Coldwell Family** 

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible study will resume on Tuesday, October 12, at 10:00 AM in the fellowship room. Our topic: Abishaq (1 Kings 1:1-17). Join us if you can.

#### GRANDMA'S AGE

LITTLE JOHNNY ASKED HIS GRANDMA **HOW OLD SHE WAS. GRANDMA ANSWERED, "39 AND HOLDING." JOHNNY THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, AND** THEN SAID, "AND HOW OLD WOULD YOU **BE IF YOU LET GO?"**