



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	25
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	8
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	9
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	545.00
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:

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 19, 2010

What About Christmas?

By Gus Nichols

There is no proof that Christ was born on December 25. But the glorious good news is in the fact that He was born as our Saviour, that He came down from heaven to seek and to save the lost (Luke 2:8-12).

Christ should be just as precious to us as if He had been born on December 25. In fact, if He had been born only yesterday we would know nothing of His wonderful life, His miracles, His teachings, His death for our sins, His resurrection and ascension into heaven. We would know nothing about the New Testament church and the spreading of Christianity upon the earth, as in the Acts of the Apostles. In fact, if Christ had been born yesterday, we would not yet have the New Testament and Christianity.

Another fact worthy of consideration is the fact that we can rejoice in Christ, as Christians and believers in Christ, on December 25, just the same as on the other 364 days of the year. We do not have to cease to be happy in Jesus at "Christmas" just to be different from others. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phi. 4:4). This would take in Christmas the same as all other days of the year.

Instead of revealing the date of the birth of Christ, God has revealed the day on which He was raised from the dead—the first day of the week (Mark 16:1, 9; Luke 24:1-47). God does want us to celebrate this day. It is a day called "the Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10; 1 Cor. 16:2). In it we are especially rejoicing and glad.

We should show our faith in Christ, in His birth, in His life, in all He did for us, and is doing for us, in every proper way; but we should not deceive others into thinking we are celebrating December 25 as the birthday of Christ, for there is no good reason to believe it is the date of His birth. But when all the facts are considered, there is nothing to prevent our enjoying the holiday season just ahead called "Christmas."

We may give and receive gifts in this season, or at any other season of the year, on December 25, or on another day of the year that we wish—on our birthday, or that of others. In fact, we should "rejoice with them that do rejoice" at Christmas or any other time. There is not enough happiness in the world any way. We can, however, do all this without celebrating Christmas as the birthday of Christ.

Finally, it is proof of the divinity of Christ to find Him so popular in the world nineteen hundred years after His birth that the civilized world wants to celebrate His birth, whether it knows the date or not. Thank God for our Lord and His coming into the world, regardless of the exact date of His arrival by virgin birth. We shall, therefore, go on teaching His truth, whatever is proper and fitting, regardless of "Christmas."

-----Via Bulletin Gold

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

There will be a men’s meeting next week at 5:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend.



Take Time

Take time to think...
 It is the source of power
 Take time to play...
 It is the secret of perpetual youth.
 Take time to read...
 It is the fountain of wisdom.
 Take time to pray...
 It is the greatest power on earth.
 Take time to love and be loved...
 It is a God-given privilege.
 Take time to be friendly...
 It is the road to happiness.
 Take time to laugh...
 It is the music of the soul.
 Take time to give...
 It is too short a day to be selfish.
 Take time to work...
 It is the price of success.
 Take time to show appreciation...
 It is the frosting on the cake of life.
 Take time to dream...
 It is hitching your wagon to a star.
 Take time to be charitable...
 It is the key to heaven.

- via The Contender

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: **The Book of Acts**
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



We received a lovely card from the Garner family thanking all the teachers of our congregation for our efforts. The card is posted on the bulletin board.



Opportunities to Serve

	Today	12/26/10
Welcome	Leslie Bell	Willie Gore
Song Leader	John Bowling	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	Leslie Bell
Communion	*Willie Gore Dwight Hewett Bill Bartlow	*Willie Gore Spud Spencer Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Leslie Bell	Leslie Bell
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Willie Gore	Albert Sturdivant
Nursery	Gloria Coldwell	Lelia Gore
Evening	Albert Sturdivant	Leslie Bell

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

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible study will resume this Tuesday, December 21, 2010, in the fellowship room at 10:00 am. Our topic: **Elizabeth (Luke 1:5-39)**
 Please join us if you can.

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. 'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his Mother asked.
 'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'
 Proverbs 17:22 "A cheerful heart is good medicine..."