



## 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

Bible Study	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
Evening	6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)	12:30 PM
Men's Meeting (Last Sunday of every month)	5:00 PM

### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Morning Worship	48
Evening Worship	8
Wednesday	9
Contribution	\$1075.00

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 8, 2011

### A Saint Is A Saint

By Charlie Gamble-Fort Recovery, Ohio

Isn't it curious how some terms used in the Bible have changed in meaning? "Saint" is one such word. According to a modern dictionary the definition is: "A person considered holy and worthy of public veneration, esp. one who has been canonized" (American Heritage Dictionary). A person must pass a series of tests after death in order to even be considered for this designation by some.

The Bible meaning of "saint" is quite different. It is applied to all Christians. In Ephesians 1:1 Paul addresses the faithful in Christ Jesus as "saints." Nowhere in that letter do I find an elite group to whom the term is directed.

There seems to be a presumption here that after death some will be able to influence Jesus or the Father to hear our prayers. There is no indication of this in the scripture. "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col 3:17 (NKJV)). Why would I want to insult Jesus by insinuating that He can't do the job? We don't need lobbyists in Heaven.

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

## I Owe My Mother

1. My mother taught me to APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"
15. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."
16. My mother taught me ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
17. My mother taught me HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
18. My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."
19. My mother taught me WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

## 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.**



### And my favorite:

20. My mother taught me about JUSTICE.  
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

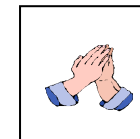
*Happy Mother's Day*



## Opportunities to Serve

<p>Welcome</p> <p>Song Leader</p> <p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>Communion</p>  <p>Scripture Reading</p> <p>Speaker</p> <p>Closing Prayer</p> <p>Nursery</p> <p>Evening</p>	<p>Today</p> <p>Albert Sturdivant</p> <p>Willie Gore</p> <p>Albert Sturdivant</p> <p>*John Bowling</p> <p>Lynn Means</p> <p>Leslie Bell</p> <p>Leslie Bell</p> <p>Rick Massey</p> <p>Edward Williams</p> <p>Betty Bell</p> <p>Albert Sturdivant</p>	<p>05/15/11</p> <p>Leslie Bell</p> <p>John Bowling</p> <p>Willie Gore</p> <p>*Albert Sturdivant</p> <p>Leslie Bell</p> <p>Edward Williams</p> <p>Leslie Bell</p> <p>Rick Massey</p> <p>Willie Gore</p> <p>Barbara Bartlow</p> <p>Willie Gore</p>
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Please remember to pray for the sick, lonely, and especially anyone outside Christ.



Health  
Kathy Bellamy

Deaths  
Jonah Person Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

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**Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path.**



The ladies bible study will be held this Tuesday, at 10:00 am in the fellowship room. Our lesson will be about Drusilla and Bernice (Acts 24:24). Please join us if you can.

We will be the host of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday singing on May 29th. Our fellowship meal for the month of June has been rescheduled for that Sunday. We ask that everyone volunteer to bring a vegetable side dish, bread or beverage. A sign-up list is on the bulletin board. Please add your choice to the list. The church will provide the rest.

