

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

January 15, 2012

Faith Brings Optimism
By Ken Stegall

SUNDAY

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

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Morning Worship 22
Evening Worship 13
Wednesday 09
Contribution \$890.00

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

The interesting thing about a pessimist and an optimist is that they are both right. Just ask them. They will be more than happy to share their evidence. We all tend to find what we are looking for in life. It's the old adage "Is the glass half full or half empty?" The answer is "Yes, " Happiness, peace and success in life are determined, not by circumstances, but by your attitude.

If you look for problems, you'll find them. If you look for solutions, you may or may not find them, but you will find the strength to endure through your problems. And endurance quite often brings the solution.

The difference between a pessimist and an optimist is that an optimist focuses on the future and a pessimist focuses on the immediate circumstances. If that's true, then we as Christians have every reason to be optimistic. Our God has promised us an incredibly bright future. And we trust Him. That's what the Bible calls faith. Every pessimist considers himself to be a "realist." The implication being-"If you are optimistic, you are ignoring the facts!" But one can be optimistic even in dire circumstances. . . IF he believes that someone who 1) loves him and 2) is powerful enough to control every situation IS, in fact, IN CONTROL. However, if you believe that things are truly out of control, and/or that God doesn't truly love you, there is no basis for optimism. So when we find ourselves becoming pessimistic, we need to focus on those two things.

I'm an optimist. And, I like to believe that I'm also a realist. That means that when it looks like things are out of control in my life, or in the world, I need to remind myself that what I'm really feeling is that things are out of MY control. And I pray for faith to remind me to be at peace knowing that my loving Father is in control. I don't always understand His ways. That's because He's bigger than I am. I'm thankful for that. He can see all the way to the end of my life and He certainly knows that I need some struggles to give me reason to trust Him.

Via Bulletin Gold

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



The Church of Christ at Hampstead
 Invites you to the Area Wide
 Fifth Sunday Singing
 Sunday, January 29, 2012
 2:30-3:30 PM
 Other Details are on the bulletin board.

The Church of Christ in Shallotte
 Has a new location at:
 304 Bricklanding Rd SW
 Shallotte, NC 28470

They will have their first meeting in the new
 building on January 29, 2012.
 To view the pictures of their new building go
 to their web page at:
schofchristsermon.com

**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: A Study of
 Romans
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.**



Opportunities to Serve

Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Nursery Evening	Today Albert Sturdivant Willie Gore Albert Sturdivant *Charlie Gamble Bill Bartlow Leslie Bell Leslie Bell Rick Massey Ed Williams Betty Bell Willie Gore	01/22/12 Leslie Bell John Bowling Ed Williams *Albert Sturdivant Leslie Bell Dwight Hewett Leslie Bell Rick Massey Willie Gore Barbara Bartlow Charlie Gamble
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Please remember to pray for the sick,
 lonely, and especially anyone outside
 Christ.

Health
 Nancy Spencer
 Annette Ashley
 Ken McCain

General
 Ann Saintilien

Deaths
 Kiser Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin
 board.



The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at
 10:00 am in the fellowship room. Our topic
 will be "A Study of Religion".

Just Some Humor

A father was at the beach with his children
 when the four-year son ran up to him, grabbed
 his hand, and led him to the shore where a
 seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what
 happened to him?" the son asked. "He died
 and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The
 boy thought a moment and then said, "Did
 God throw him back down?"

"A cheerful heart is good medicine..."
 Proverbs 17:22

Cary Ladies Day

The
WEDDING
 FEAST of the
BRIDE of CHRIST

Saturday, February 25, 2012