

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	32
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	15
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	11
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$903.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 st Sunday)	12:30 PM		
Men's Meeting (Last Sunday of every month)	5:00 PM		

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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How Much Are You Giving?

Ten Percent Is a Place to Start, Not Stop

By Edd Sterchi

So how much are you giving for the work of the Lord? Just that question alone makes one think of financial giving, doesn't it? And we could discuss that, for we must always be giving thought to giving regularly and properly (1 Cor. 16:12) as well as with the right attitude (2 Cor. 9:7). I remember hearing about a church member who asked a preacher if one should give 10% of their income to the Lord. The preacher replied that the command concerning the tithe was nailed to the cross (cf. Col. 2:14), but that 10% was still a good place to start! It might be interesting to divide your total contributions by your total income and see what percent you are giving.

But there are other ways to give, as well. It might also be interesting to take inventory and see what percent of your time you are giving for the work of the Lord. Let's do a little experiment. There are 168 hours in a week. Taking off 56 hours for sleeping, that leaves 112 waking hours. Using the 10% as a starting figure for the Lord, that would be 11 hours. Taking off 4 hours for weekly worship and Bible studies (that's assuming you attend both worship services and both Bible studies), that leaves 7 hours. Now the big question: Do you spend 7 hours per week studying the Scriptures, praying, visiting, sending cards, evangelizing, teaching, encouraging, helping others, etc? Like the preacher's advice in financial giving, I suggest 7 hours a week for the Lord is a good place to start – after all, that's only one hour per day!

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time..." (Eph. 5:15-16, ESV)

via Bulletin Gold

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

Prop Me Up

Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old fellow who always prayed, 'Lord, prop us up on our leaning side'. After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently

He answered, 'Well sir, you see, it's like this... I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time; it's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years. It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about that and how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time. I've withstood a lot of life's storms. I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop me up on my leaning side, 'cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times.

Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn't . So we need to pray, 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.'

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Contributed by John Lloyd



**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 Chronological Study of the Life of Jesus
Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.**





The Men's business meeting will be held next week at 5:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend.

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Pine Valley Church of Christ will be hosting the 5th Sunday singing next week, 2:00 pm- 3:30 pm.



	Opportunities to Serve
Welcome	Today
Song Leader	Albert Sturdivant
Opening Prayer	Willie Gore
Communion	John Bowling
	*Charlie Gamble
	Bill Bartlow
	Albert Sturdivant
Scripture Reading	Leslie Bell
Speaker	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Ed Williams
Nursery	Gloria Coldwell
Evening	Willie Gore

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	Leslie Bell
	John Bowling
	Ed Williams
	*Albert Sturdivant
	Leslie Bell
	Ed Williams
	Leslie Bell
	Rick Massey
	John Bowling
	Betty Bell
	Leslie Bell

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

HEALTH
Nancy Spencer
Tillman Thornton

GENERAL
BJ Lewis

TRAVELING
Williams Family
Garner Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible study has been cancelled for the month of July. It will be resumed at a later date.

Labor of Love

The Labor of Love will meet this Saturday at noon in the fellowship room. Mary Stanford will be presenting our devotion.

