

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 12:30 PM
(Every 1st Sunday)
Men's Meeting 5:00 PM
(Last Sunday of every month)

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Morning Worship 52
Evening Worship 19
Wednesday 15
Contribution \$1505.00

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Prizing Forgiveness
By Tom Miller

Some time ago, I heard a law professor recount an old classic court case about a woman charged with murdering her husband. It seems she had been unfaithful to him, but he had forgiven her and taken her back. Sometime later, she was unfaithful to him again. When her husband confronted her with this second offense, she grabbed him by the hair and threw him against the wall. He struck his head with such force that it killed him.

Truth is sometimes stranger than fiction; isn't it?

The woman was charged with, and found guilty of, murder. In sentencing her, the judge said, "she did not prize her forgiveness." All of us would surely agree that she did not.

Ever since I heard that story, I have wondered if we prize our forgiveness from God. When we believe, repent of our sins, and are baptized in to Christ, our sins are washed away (Acts 2:38; 22:16). As we continue to walk in the light and confess our sins, we receive continual cleansing (1 John 1:7,9). How do we feel about that? Do we prize it or take it for granted?

In that old court case, the woman's actions toward her husband showed how she felt about her forgiveness. Don't you suppose our actions toward God show how we feel about our forgiveness? Consider these questions.

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

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Do we love and honor the One who forgave us, or are we indifferent toward Him (I John 4:19)?
 Do we thank Him on a regular basis for the fact that He has forgiven us (Psa. 100:1-5)?
 Are we faithful to Him, or are we committing spiritual adultery by our fraternization with the world (I John 2:15-17)?
 Do we forgive others, because we know the joy of forgiveness ourselves, or do we hold grudges (Matt. 18:21-35; Eph. 4:32)?

Let's be sure we prize our forgiveness!
via Bulletin Gold

Just Some Humor

A priest was invited to attend a house party. Naturally, he was properly dressed and wearing his Priest's Collar. A little boy kept staring at him the entire evening. Finally, the priest asked the little boy what he was staring at. The little boy pointed to the priest's neck. When the priest finally realized what the boy was pointing at, He asked the boy, "Do you know why I am wearing that?" The boy nodded his head yes, and replied, "It kills fleas and ticks for up to three months".

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

**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**

**The Bible study topic for Wednesday night:
 A Chronological Study of the Life of Jesus
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.**



Be Good To You

Be yourself-truthfully
 Accept yourself-gratefully
 Value yourself-joyfully
 Forgive yourself-completely
 Treat yourself-generously
 Balance yourself-harmoniously
 Bless yourself-abundantly
 Trust yourself-confidently
 Love yourself-wholeheartedly
 Empower yourself-prayerfully
 Give yourself-enthusiastically
 Express yourself-radiantly
 -Selected
via THE SOWER,

| Opportunities to Serve | | |
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| Welcome | Today Willie Gore | 08/19/12 Albert Sturdivant |
| Song Leader | John Bowling | John Bowling |
| Opening Prayer | Albert Sturdivant | Leslie Bell |
| Communion | *Charlie Gamble Lynn Means Bill Bartlow | *Albert Sturdivant Lynn Means Bill Bartlow |
| Scripture Reading | Albert Sturdivant | Lelie Bell |
| Speaker | Rick Massey | Rick Massey |
| Closing Prayer | John Bowling | John Bowling |
| Nursery | Barbara Bartlow | Carolyn Bowling |
| Evening | Albert Sturdivant | John Bowling |

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

HEALTH

Nancy Spencer
 William Babson
 Karen Babson
 Sharon Crew
 Eleanor Parek

TRAVELING

Gamble Family
 Garner Family
 Dot Young
 Lelia Gore



The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:00 am in the fellowship room. Our series will be "Parables of Jesus".

Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise.

You are welcome to join us after class for lunch and fellowship at a local restaurant.

If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.