

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

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Morning Worship	23
Evening Worship	7
Wednesday	16
Contribution	\$560.00

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 23, 2012

What Was Jesus Doing On December 25th?

By Bill Brandstatter

This December 25th many in the religious world will be celebrating the birth of Christ. Have you ever wondered where Jesus was on that day. The Bible tells us that He was at a feast and it was a national holiday. The feast was known as the Feast of Dedication. In John 10:22, 23 we read: "Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch." (NKJV)

Brother Guy N. Woods notes the following about this day: "The feast was an annual affair, lasting for eight days, beginning with the 25th day of the Jewish month Chisleu. Its observance was not restricted to Jerusalem, but was kept wherever Jews lived throughout Palestine. It was a national holiday, comparable to our Fourth of July and was celebrated with joy and strong feelings for patriotism." (*The Gospel According to John*, Gospel Advocate Co. 1981, p.216).

B.W. Johnson, in *Johnson's Notes of the New Testament*, tells us: "The Feast of Dedication occurred in December, was not divinely appointed but was instituted by Judas Maccabaeus in B.C. 164 to commemorate the dedication of the temple after it had been defiled by the Syrians." (Page 370).

So we learn from these two Bible scholars that this feast was (1) A national holiday, (2) it began on December 25th, (3) was celebrated

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

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with joy, and (4) it was a religious holiday instituted by man. What was Jesus doing on this national holiday? He was teaching the people that came together in Jerusalem. There is no proof or indication that Jesus observed the holiday. He took the opportunity to use it as a time of teaching.


Today, December 25th is (1) a national holiday, (2) celebrated with joy, and (3) a religious holiday instituted by men. On December 25th many will celebrate the birth of Christ. There is no real evidence that is the date He was born. But it is a time to teach people the true meaning of who Christ is and why He came to earth.

We need to do like Jesus did and use December 25 as a time of teaching. Let us be diligent in teaching others the simple truths of the Bible and that Jesus is the center point of the entire Bible. The Old Testament tells of His coming. The New Testament announces His arrival and that He is coming again.

Via Bulletin Gold



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.


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Invites you to the 5th Sunday singing on
December 30th, 2012
Lunch will be served and the singing will
start at 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm
Join Us.


Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Nursery Evening	Today Albert Sturdivant John Bowling Leslie Bell *Albert Sturdivant Lynn Means Bill Bartlow Leslie Bell Jim Hobbs Ed Williams Carolyn Bowling Jim Hobbs	12/30/12 Charlie Gamble Willie Gore John Bowling *Charlie Gamble Ed Williams Bill Bartlow Leslie Bell Rick Massey John Bowling Gloria Coldwell No Evening Service

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

HEALTH
 Nancy Spencer
 Raymond Smith

TRAVELING
 Williams Family

DEATHS
 Shooting Victims Families

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible study has been cancelled for the next 2 weeks. Our study will resume on January 8th.



Ladies Day
 Cary Church of Christ
 Do You have Peace? Or are you in Pieces?
 Cynthia Guy - Speaker
 February 23, 2013