

# 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	37
Evening Worship	7
Wednesday	17
Contribution	\$780.00

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 13, 2013

### What is My Giving?

By Edd Sterchi

Scripturally it is a requirement. God expects us to give. Paul instructed through inspiration that each Christian at Corinth was expected to give (1 Cor. 16:1-2). Since Paul taught the same thing in every church (1 Cor. 4:17), we know this applies to our church today, as well.

Mathematically it is a percent. We are to give back a portion of what God has given us. While the tithe requirement is gone (cf. Col. 2:14), we are still expected to give to God. Now the formula for giving is in proportion to our prosperity (1 Cor. 16:2).

Morally it is a debt. We owe God so very much. We could never repay Him, but that does not alleviate our debt or our duty to give to Him. God expects us to give, and when we do not do so properly, we steal from Him (Mal. 3:8; Matt. 22:21).

Economically it is an investment. As strange as it may sound to some, giving is the greatest investment one could ever make! What we give is not forgotten by God and is returned many fold both here and in the hereafter (Luke 6:38; Matt. 6:20).

Spiritually it is a blessing. God can't wait to bless us. And in His word we are promised that there are spiritual blessings tied in with giving (Mal. 3:10; Acts 20:35). Maybe that is why we are to be so joyful in giving, even through tough times (2 Cor. 8:1-2; 9:7)!

*Via Bulletin Gold*

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

**Still the Bestseller**


In 1794 Thomas Payne wrote *The Age of Reason*, in which he made an attack against the Bible and then boasted that after his book has circulated for fifty years, the Bible would be so discredited it would be exhibited in museums as a curious object of a former superstitious age. More than three times fifty years have passed (at this time now more than four times fifty [added by – Ken Chumbley]), Thomas Payne is almost forgotten and his book is scarcely known. Yet, the Bible continues to be the bestseller. Truly it must be from God!

- Author Unknown

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**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.



It is not difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill—just add a little dirt. (Trib-Bits, Decatur Herald)

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	01/20/13
Song Leader	Leslie Bell	Willie Gore
Opening Prayer	John Bowling	John Bowling
Communion	Albert Sturdivant	Leslie Bell
	*Willie Gore	*Charlie Gamble
	Bill Bartlow	Albert Sturdivant
	Lynn Means	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Leslie Bell	Leslie Bell
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	John Bowling	Albert Sturdivant
Nursery	Lelia Gore	Barbara Bartlow
Evening	Leslie Bell	Albert Sturdivant

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

HEALTH  
Nancy Spencer  
Jerry Perkins (Sharon Mean's brother)  
Joan White  
Rachel (Shirley Hatcher's sister)  
Suzanne Murray  
Halana Hankins  
Ed McCarron

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. We will continue our series on “Parables of Jesus”.  
Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise.  
You are welcome to join us.

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