

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	37
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	14
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	18
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1184.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 st Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Praise or Performance?

By A. C. Quinn

It is an awesome experience any time one comes into the august presence of the Holy One, Almighty God! This is particularly true when the worshipper gathers in His presence to worship Him, as in the public assemblies of the Lord's church. True worshippers know "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). There are many who do not understand this truth. Some of those are in the Lord's church.

A significant portion of the worship, when the saints gather for that purpose, is given to praise. It is at this point that there is such a misunderstanding of who the audience is and what is pleasing and acceptable to that audience. According to *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*, praise "...denotes approbation, commendation, praise; it is used of those on account of, and by reason of, whom God's heritage, praise is to be ascribed to God, in respect of His glory (the exhibition of His character and operation) Eph. 1:6, 12, 14. The true worshipper understands, then, that God is the audience and that his acts of praise are to be directed toward Him only, and not to the worshippers who have gathered. So, praise must be directed toward God: "...I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee" (Hebrews 2:12). Incidentally, that praise is an expression conveyed by the fruit of the lips unto God (Hebrews 13:15).

As one observes activities which are conducted in what is called praise, it is obvious these are activities directed toward the audience gathered rather than toward God. In their design, are they not performances for the entertainment of the audience gathered?

While an audience is lifted up by songs of praise to God, the worshipper must be concerned about what pleases God, not what pleases a human audience.

Via Bulletin Gold

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



We will celebrate the February birthdays at our fellowship meal today following the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a delicious meal and some great conversations.

Birthdays in February

Dwight Hewett	3rd
Paula Peele	12th
Abi Garner	17th
Iris Garner	27th



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.



Just Some Humor
 A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion	Today Leslie Bell John Bowling Willie Gore *Albert Sturdivant Leslie Bell Ed Williams John Lloyd Charlie Gamble Willie Gore Betty Bell Devotion	02/10/13 John Bowling Willie Gore Leslie Bell *Ed Williams Bill Bartlow Lynn Means Leslie Bell Charlie Gamble Charlie Gamble Lelia Gore John Lloyd
Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Nursery Evening	John Lloyd Charlie Gamble Willie Gore Betty Bell Devotion	

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

HEALTH
 Nancy Spencer
 Dave Spears
 Mary Hunter
 Scott Bowling
 Margie Parker

TRAVELING
 Massey Family

GENERAL
 Ocean Trail
 Massey Family

DEATHS
 Richard Baldwin 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. 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.

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