

WELCOME VISITORS

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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My God-Given Name
By Tim Hall

I've never met a person who didn't have a name (other than newborn babies whose parents had procrastinated). In every society on earth, names are demanded in order to distinguish one from another. If you don't have a name, someone will quickly attach one. Often we are given an additional name - a nickname -- based on some attribute others see in us. Which leads me to wonder: Does God give nicknames?

In John 1:42 we learn that Jesus gave a new name to Simon, brother of Andrew. "And [Andrew] brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, 'You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas' (which is translated, A Stone)" (NKJV). Jesus was not demeaning Simon's character by that name; it was a compliment. In Simon, Jesus saw someone who would one day be a symbol of strength in the kingdom of God.

Mark, in listing the apostles, tells of another naming: "James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Luke helps us understand why Jesus gave such a curious name to these men. After some Samaritans refused to allow Jesus and John urged the Lord to call down fire from heaven to destroy that place (Luke 9:54). In this case, the name was not a compliment. It did, however, show the Lord's perception of their true character.

The church to which I minister recently provided name tags for all its members. What would happen if on Sunday we discovered that the Lord had changed the names? In place of the names our parents gave us, we would find instead our God-given name. How many of us would like that? Would my name tag read "Gossip Lover," "Power Seeker," "Hothead," or "Two-Faced"? If the Lord named me as he named others, would I be proud to wear that name tag?

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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	39
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	15
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	11
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	1224.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 st Sunday)	12:30 PM		
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

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

Once a professing Christian sold a bale of poor hay to a certain colonel who rebuked him, and the church member whined, “I am a soldier, too.” “You!” ejaculated the colonel in disgust. “What kind of soldier are you?” “I am a soldier of the cross,” said the skinflint with a detestable flourish of the hand. “That may be,” said the colonel, “but you’ve been on a furlough ever since I knew you.” How many Christian soldiers on furlough do we have nowadays? Paul tells

Christians to be "Not slothful in business." (Rom. 12:11)
Contributed by Clyde McCall



A lot of church members who are singing 'Standing on the Promises' are just sitting on the premises.

**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.



Men's Meeting

There will be a meeting of the men next Sunday at 5:00 pm. Please make plans to attend.



Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	07/28/13
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	Belinda Lloyd
Evening	Leslie Bell	John Lloyd

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

HEALTH

Nancy Spencer
Pinta Bonnett
Pat Wells

DEATHS

Doris Davis Family
Theresa Howery Family

TRAVELING

Williams Family
Bartlow Family
Means Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

Labor of Love

The Labor of Love will meet this Saturday, July 27th, at noon in the fellowship room. Our devotion will be presented by Jael Garner. Don't forget your gift of love for Hope Harbor.

