

# 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	17
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	14
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	1046.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)	12:30 PM		
Men's Meeting Last Sunday of every month)	5:00 PM		

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 13, 2013

Abundance  
by Tim Archer

I've been privileged to spend the last few weeks with my friend Tony Fernandez. Tony is the representative for Herald of Truth Ministries in Cuba. For 18 years, he has traveled across the island to follow up on contacts from our radio programs. Because of his work, hundreds of people have become Christians.

Tony was in the States to speak at several Christian universities, sharing with students and others about his experiences in Cuba.

Tony spoke with me once one of his fears for the future of the church in Cuba. At this time, many people in Cuba are looking to God to help them deal with the difficulties they face. Tony said, "I worry about what will happen when abundance comes to the island."

There are lots of people who want to preach a gospel of prosperity, teaching that God's goal for Christians is to make them rich here on this earth. That goes against what the Bible says.

Jesus told his followers that it was hard for the rich to become a part of his kingdom (Matthew 19:24). The apostle Paul said that those who want to have wealth fall into a trap, and some have ruined their faith because of it. (1 Timothy 6:9-10) And James wrote: "Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?" (James 2:5).

Sometimes it is those whose needs are greatest who find themselves better able to depend on the Lord. And those who seem to have everything find it difficult to have what they most need: faith.

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

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I pray for Tony and other Christians in Cuba. I pray that they will have what they need, both physically and spiritually. I especially pray for the poor, the elderly and the sick.

But I don't seek abundance for them, at least not an abundance of material goods. I've been to Cuba and seen the abundance they have: an abundance of faith, an abundance of love, an abundance of joy. Situations beyond their control have led them to lack many common things. Yet they've compensated by filling their lives with God.

What about you? Do you find your fulfillment in things that you can buy, in the money you earn, or the business you've built? Or, in the words of Jesus, is your treasure in heaven? (Matthew 6:20)

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**Don't put a question mark where God put a period.**

**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.



**The young lions do lack, and suffer  
 hunger: but they that seek the  
 LORD shall not want any good  
 thing.**  
 —Psalm 34:10 (KJV)

**Opportunities to Serve**

Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion  Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today Willie Gore Dick Phillips Charlie Gamble *Albert Sturdivant Lynn Means John Bowling John Lloyd Rick Massey Ed Williams John Lloyd Belinda Lloyd	10/20/13 Charlie Gamble John Bowling Don Lockey *John Lloyd Ed Williams Albert Sturdivant Willie Gore Rick Massey Dick Phillips Don Lockey Iris/Hannah
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The Nursery will be open to receive children following the Communion.

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

HEALTH  
 Bryce Means                      Ann's co-worker

GENERAL  
 Christi Heeter Family

TRAVELING  
 Vera Pointer                      Ann Saintilien  
 Lockey Family                      Adam Bowling Family  
 Means Family                      Barbara Bartlow

DEATHS  
 Mary Pickett Family              Pinta Todd Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

**Ladies Bible Study**

The ladies bible study will be on Tuesday, at 10:00 am in the fellowship room. We will continue our studies on "God's Promises". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

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The annual Friends & Family Day (fish fry)  
 will be held on Saturday, November 2.

