

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 12:30 PM
(Every 1st Sunday)
Men's Meeting 5:00 PM
Last Sunday of every month)

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Morning Worship 52
Evening Worship 12
Wednesday 13
Contribution \$ 952.00

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 8, 2013

Patch Up The Holes By Gerald Cowan

A certain man had several sheep. He loved them dearly, and was very kind to them. He made sure they had food and water, and he built a strong fence around them for protection. Outside the fence there were wolves and other natural enemies of the sheep. The sheep knew this, and they were grateful for the love and protection the man gave them.

One day a lamb, who hadn't been a member of the flock very long, found a hole in the fence. The others knew it was there, but they stayed away from it. "Outside there were wolves!" But one day the curious lamb squeezed through the hole and began to investigate the outside. He was amazed! There seemed to be more food and water outside than there was inside. Better food too, or so it seemed to him. At least a greater variety. And there were certainly more things to see and do. So he began to "test his freedom." He did things he could never have done "inside." He felt a little guilty at first, but he reassured himself that all lambs were surely "entitled to have a good time" once in a while. And so he went his merry way, frisking and playing, as lambs love to do, and paying little attention to where he was going – another characteristic of lambs, and of some older sheep too.

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

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Suddenly a wolf appeared – obviously hungry, and just as obviously intent on eating the lamb. Well, you can be sure the lamb was terrified, and he tried desperately to find the hole in the fence so he could squeeze back in and escape the wolf. He ran and he ran, searching frantically for a way back to the "inside," knowing all the while that he wasn't going to make it. Oh how he wished he had stayed inside! Just then he spotted the hole in the fence and ran joyfully toward it. But he had gotten so fat in his pursuit of pleasure he couldn't get through the hole. The wolf caught him and ate him on the spot.
Some time later the man who owned the sheep found the remains of the lamb by the hole in the fence. "Foolish lamb," he said. "You should have stayed inside. You knew there were wolves outside." The man was unhappy about the loss of the lamb, for he loved his sheep. He remembered other lambs who had slipped out that same hole, and most of them never made it back.
What's that you say? Why didn't he patch up the hole? Why didn't the other sheep do something? I don't know. I guess you will have to ask them.
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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.**



**The Sea Notes Choral Society
 Presents its
 Christmas Concert 2013
 "Christmas Gifts"**

Last performance today, Dec. 8 at 3:00 pm

**Hatch Auditorium, NC Baptist Assembly,
 Caswell Beach**

| Opportunities to Serve | | |
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| Welcome | Today | 12/15/13 |
| Song Leader | Don Lockey | Charlie Gamble |
| Opening Prayer | Dick Phillips | John Bowling |
| Communion | Charlie Gamble | Don Lockey |
| | *Albert Sturdivant | *John Lloyd |
| | Lynn Means | Ed Williams |
| | John Bowling | Albert Sturdivant |
| Scripture Reading | John Lloyd | Willie Gore |
| Speaker | Rick Massey | Rick Massey |
| Closing Prayer | Ed Williams | Dick Phillips |
| Evening | John Lloyd | Don Lockey |
| Nursery | Belinda Lloyd | Iris/Hannah Garner |
| 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
 Susan Morgan

TRAVELING
 Gore Family Williams Family

DEATHS
 Maxine Lennon Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

Ladies Bible Study

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

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The seed that is planted determines the plant that will be produced – in nature and in human nature. The finished product always reveals the seed.