

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	36
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	20
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	7
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1157.00
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:

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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I Wonder What I Don't Get?

by Phil Ware

While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once ([Matthew 25:11](#)).

Jesus is headed to Jerusalem to face the cross. He has repeatedly warned his disciples that his humiliating rejection and crucifixion were coming ([Mark 8:31](#); [Mark 9:30-31](#); [Mark 10:32-34](#)). These disciples simply could not grasp what their Lord was telling them. On one occasion, Peter rebukes Jesus for even suggesting such a thing ([Mark 8:32-33](#)). On another occasion, the disciples didn't understand what Jesus meant and were afraid to ask him ([Mark 9:32](#)). On the third occasion, what Jesus was saying was hidden from them ([Luke 18:34](#)) and they began to argue about who was most important ([Mark 10:35-45](#)). They didn't get it!

I wonder what I don't get?

Sure, I know there are reasons why they cannot understand. The words were not confusing or difficult, but the concept was too far outside what they had experienced with Jesus. He had raised the dead and fed the multitudes with scraps of food. He had cast out demons — multitudes of them at once. He had made leprous skin whole, shriveled and lame legs strong and healthy, blind eyes see, dead ears hear, and broken bodies whole. He had stilled the storms and walked on their angry waves. Who could stand against Jesus their Messiah?

Their obvious answer was simple: "No one could stand against Jesus!"

This is what makes the cross so powerful and also so confusing. Jesus goes voluntarily as an act of obedience to the Father's will ([Mark 14:35-36](#)) and as an act of love to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins ([Mark 10:45](#)). But they couldn't get it. It was outside their emotional capability to grasp.

I wonder what I don't get?

So let me invite you in on a secret for those who follow Jesus. When we follow Jesus, we enter a life of discovery and adventure. I know a lot of church house religion doesn't teach it that way, but it is one of the exciting truths of discipleship. We never get Jesus completely figured out in this life. There's simply more to Jesus than there are books to write about him, thoughts to think about him, and experiences in which we discover him ([John 20:30-31](#)).

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

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 When we walk with Jesus, our life becomes an unfolding map of discovery as our experiences — good ones, bad ones, and ones that just simply happen — give us a new viewpoint and frame of reference from which to discover more of Jesus. Discipleship is a journey of rediscovering Jesus!
 So let's not be too hard on the apostles for not getting the repeated statements of Jesus about going to the cross and then being raised from the dead. Let's remember that what we experience in our lives as we walk with Jesus gives us fresh windows of insight that allow us to know the Lord better, appreciate his love more fully, and know better how to help others who are on the journey with us!
 I wonder what I don't get? I don't know yet, but I can't wait to find out!
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).
 via Heartlight.org

Men's Meeting

There will be a men's meeting next Sunday at 5:00pm . Please mark your calendar.



**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 27th Annual Eastern North Carolina Men's Retreat April 25 - 26
 Camp Caroline near Arapahoe
 Sign in begins at 5:00 pm and will end at 2:00 pm on Saturday.
 Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	04/27/14
Song Leader	Charlie Gamble	John Lloyd
Opening Prayer	Willie Gore	John Bowling
Communion	Don Lockey	Ed Williams
	*John Lloyd	*Charlie Gamble
	Bill Bartlow	Bill Bartlow
	Albert Sturdivant	Josiah Garner
Scripture Reading	Lynn Means	Don Lockey
Speaker	Charlie Gamble	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	John Bowling	Albert Sturdivant
Evening	John Lloyd	Don Lockey
Nursery	Iris & Hannah Garner	BJ Lockey/Gabbie Connolly
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
 Linda Connolly Betty Darling

TRAVELING
 Gloria Coldwell Means Family
 Massey Family

GENERAL
 Becky Davis

DEATHS
 Arvis Crew 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.

Labor of Love

The Labor of Love will meet on Saturday, at noon in the fellowship room. Barbara Bartlow will present the devotion. Don't forget your gift of love for Hope Harbor.