

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	30
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	10
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	15
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$634.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 st 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

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Baby Jesus Grew Up... and then He Died
by Steve Ridgell

I love Christmas. I love family gatherings, giving gifts, and sharing meals together. I love it that our world talks more about Jesus during Christmas. I like nativity scenes. I love the manger displays. Away in a Manger is a great song. So much talk about God sending his son to be born. For so many people, that is the only message they hear. Cute, baby Jesus. But that is not all there is to the Christmas story.

Baby Jesus grew up. Jesus lived as a real man in a real world. He lived among us so we would see how to treat others. He left an example so we would know what following God means in a real world. He taught us about God, about living in community, and about telling our world the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Baby Jesus grew up and died. We killed him. It was our sin that cost him his life. He died so we could live. That is the real Christmas story. Jesus came to earth to die. The cross is not cute, nor is it cuddly. But it is life. It is life because God raised him from the dead. He will never die again.

Jesus invites us to die with him. If we do, we will never die again. In fact, the death that this world fears so much becomes the door to forever life for us Christians.

The coming of Jesus is worth celebrating. Not just as a cute baby at Christmastime, but as the man who came to die for us. The baby grew up, then died, then was raised, and now lives. And because of that, I too have died, been raised, and will live forever. So can you.

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

What If...

"I can't." "I won't." "I don't." These are the words that keep people from reaching their potential. There's no telling how different this world would be today if people throughout the ages would have lived up to their fullest potential.
 Consider this: What if...

Michelangelo said, "I don't do ceilings."
 David said, "I don't do giants."
 Michael Jordan said, "I don't do basketball."
 Neil Armstrong said, "I don't do space."
 George Washington said, "I don't do revolutions."
 Henry Ford said, "I don't do cars."
 Walt Disney said, "I don't do mice."
 Andy Griffith said, "I don't do Mayberry."
 Paul said, "I don't do mission work."
 Thomas Edison said, "I don't do light bulbs."
 What if Jesus said, "I don't do crosses?"

Just think what a different world this would be. We have been blessed all because a few individuals chose not to say, "I don't," "I won't," and "I can't."
 Now then, what was it you were saying you just won't do? Give it some thought.
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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 Study of the Book of Romans
Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Just Some Humor

A woman approached the minister after the sermon, and thanked him for his discourse. "I found it so helpful," she said.
 The minister replied: "I hope it will not prove as helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."
 "Why, what do you mean?" asked the astonished woman.
 "Well," said the minister, "that sermon lasted you three months."

Opportunities to Serve

Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today John Lloyd John Bowling Albert Sturdivant *Willie Gore Lynn Means Bill Bartlow Josiah Garner Rick Massey John Lloyd Willie Gore Lelia Gore	12/21/14 Ed Williams Dick Phillips John Lloyd *Albert Sturdivant Josiah Garner Dick Phillips Lynn Means Rick Massey Willie Gore John Bowling Belinda Lloyd
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The Nursery will be open to receive children under the age of 3 years following the Communion.

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

Health
 David Stroud Frank Greer
 Sharon Crittenden

Traveling
 Williams Family

Deaths
 Thomas Williams Family
 Terry LaFollette Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



Ladies Bible Study
 The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

Christmas Cards

A basket has been placed in the fellowship room for anyone wishing to deposit Christmas cards to our church family. We will have our young people distribute them each week.

