

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	17
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	12
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	10
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$6315.00
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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Looking for a Short-Cut? By Joe Chesser

When James A. Garfield was president of Hiram College, a father brought his son to enroll him in higher education pursuits. After reviewing what would be required, and wishing for a shorter course of study for the boy, the father said to Mr. Garfield, "The boy can never take all that in. He wants to get through quicker. Can you arrange it for him?" Garfield was quick to respond, "Oh yes. He can take a short course. It all depends upon what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak, He takes a hundred years, but He only takes two months to make a squash."

Many often dream of and sometimes even expect to grow to spiritual maturity in a very short time. However, there are no short-cuts when it comes to spiritual development and maturity. Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness of Midian preparing to be the one to lead God's people out of Egypt. Jesus spent 30 years preparing for his 3 year ministry. It takes 20 years to be considered an adult, and many more years to actually become a mature adult. Why then are we surprised that it takes a considerable amount of time to reach spiritual maturity?

Yet even time itself does not ensure maturity. The writer of Hebrews pointed out that there were some Christians who ought to be mature enough to be teaching others, but were, in fact, still needing to be bottle-fed themselves on milk (the "elementary

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

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principles of God's word" – Heb. 5:12-14). Some of these baby Christians had been Christians close to 30 years. Can you imagine? 30 years and still not mature enough to feed on "meat"; they still needed "milk." Sad, isn't it?! Spiritual growth requires a steady diet of God's word. Peter, addressing this same subject, wrote, "like new born babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation" (1 Peter 2:2). Paul adds that by "speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him ..." (Eph. 4:15).


Learning takes place in consistent, regular, small doses. Many years ago, a friend of mine, Dan Lightfoot, said that he doesn't remember what he learned on any given day during his school days, but he knows each day a little progress was made. That's why regular Bible study is so important. That's also why God wants parents to teach their children His ways as they go about their daily activities (Deut. 6:6-9). Just 15 minutes of focused Bible study each day will pay rich rewards.

There are no short-cuts. Do you want to mature to be an oak ... or a squash?

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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

Woman to her fiancée: "When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden."
 "That's kind of you, but I don't have any worries or troubles."
 "That's because we aren't married yet!"
 Via Bulletin Gold

Proverbs 17:22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	01/18/15
Song Leader	Albert Sturdivant	John Lloyd
Opening Prayer	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Communion	Willie Gore	Dick Phillips
	*John Lloyd	*Ed Williams
	Bill Bartlow	Lynn Means
	Dick Phillips	Bill Bartlow
Scripture Reading	Lynn Means	Albert Sturdivant
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Ed Williams	John Bowling
Evening	Albert Sturdivant	Willie Gore
Nursery	Iris & Hannah Garner	Gloria Coldwell
The Nursery will be open to receive children under the <u>age of 3 years</u> following the Communion.		


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

Health
 Dwight Hewett Nancy Spencer
 John Mowhatt Ruby Williams

General
 Elayna Bradshaw

Deaths
 Fern Nickles 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. We using the "Muscle & Shovel" workbooks. Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

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Some are willing to do anything to become Christians, except give up their sins.