

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	26
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	16
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	10
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$729.00
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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You Can Stop Living in the Past
by Steve Ridgell

"Things were so much better back in the old days." The reference may be about the economy, personal finances, culture, or any time in the past that seems better than today. *"I cannot do anything to help anyone anymore. I am worthless."* You will hear some version of this complaint from old people. With failing health, limited mobility, and inability to do things that they used to value highly. *"The things that happened to me have ruined me forever."* Abuse, financial or natural disaster, divorce, or any number of other things can lead to this attitude. *"But my past has ruined my future."* Broken relationships, addictions, and horrible choices all contribute to this feeling of hopelessness.

Living in the past, bound by the past, shackled by the past. Hopeless and helpless. But followers of Jesus do not have to live in the past. Here is why...

1. Jesus has forgiven our past. Our guilt and shame has been taken away. God says our sins have been removed as far as the east is from the west. We have story after story of healed relationships, new lives, and healing. As a Christian, your future is not defined by your past.

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

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2. God is more powerful than anyone in your past. God gives new life through Jesus. Your identity is formed by Jesus and not by those who hurt you in the past.

3. God has purposes and plans no matter what stage of life you are in now. You pray for others, and be a living witness to God's goodness as you age. God gives value and purpose to his followers every day.

4. The future will always look better than our past. Someday this world will cease to exist. Christians will be in the presence of God forever. Nothing in your past is better than that.

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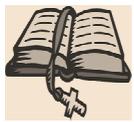
Just Some Humor

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the preacher stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

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

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.





The regular men's meeting and corporate meeting will be held next Sunday at 5:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend.

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	01/25/15
Song Leader	John Lloyd	Willie Gore
Opening Prayer	Willie Gore	Dick Phillips
Communion	Dick Phillips	John Bowling
	*Ed Williams	*Albert Sturdivant
	Lynn Means	Bill Bartlow
	Bill Bartlow	Josiah Garner
Scripture Reading	Albert Sturdivant	John Lloyd
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	John Bowling	Ed Williams
Evening	Willie Gore	John Lloyd
Nursery	Gloria Coldwell	Carolyn Bowling

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.

<u>Health</u>	
Earl Brown	Gail Jansen
Jacky Brown	Shirley Hatcher
<u>General</u>	
Marilyn Brown	<u>Traveling</u>
	Gloria Coldwell
<u>Deaths</u>	
Ron Thompson Family	
Buddy Huff Family	
Ed McDougald 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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Labor of Love

The Labor of Love will meet on Saturday, at noon in the fellowship room. Belinda Lloyd will present the devotion. Don't forget to bring your gift of love for Hope harbor.