

# WELCOME VISITORS

MESSANGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 12, 2015

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	31
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	12
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	9
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$953.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)	12:30 PM		
Men's Meeting (Last Sunday of every month)	5:00 PM		

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

Do I Have to Go to Church if I Become a Christian?  
by Steve Ridgell

This is a question I have often been asked by people thinking about becoming a Christian. I am never sure why they ask it. Is it because they do not want to be locked into a weekly commitment? Have they had negative experiences in their past that make them not want to go ever again? Maybe they want to be sure they are still in charge of their life and time. Perhaps they like to play golf on Sunday or spend the day in their pajamas. Or maybe it is a careful way to ask just how much is expected of them if they decide to follow Jesus.

But sometimes Christians have not been fair in answering the question. They may say it is something to discuss after you become a Christian. Or they may try to avoid having to give a straight answer. They may even feel guilty because they have issues with going to church themselves. Maybe it is just that they do not want to give an answer that may cause someone to say no to Jesus.

So if you are wondering if you have to go to church when you become a Christian, let me answer the question clearly. Yes. Of course you do. For one thing, when you become a Christian you are added to the church. As a result, you are expected to meet with other Christians. We do this so we can share a meal called the Lord's Supper and proclaim to the world our unity and our belief that Jesus died, rose from the dead, and will return for us someday. We do it so we can be

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

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 inspired and motivated to love God, to love our neighbor, and to do good in this world. We meet because we need each other. We go to church because if we do not, it becomes much easier for Satan to pick us off while separated from each other.  
 Following Jesus is a call to a lifestyle, not just a series of things you have to do.  
 Heartlight.org.

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**Imagine**

Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course? Each of us has such a bank. Its name is time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no over draft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success. The clock is running. Make the most of today.  
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**Ecclesiastes 3:1**  
 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

**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.**



**28th Annual Eastern North Carolina**  
**Men's Retreat**  
**April 24-25, 2015**  
**Camp Caroline**

**Theme:**  
**"Called To Be God's Men"**

See the bulletin board for details.



**Opportunities to Serve**

<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>04/19/15</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>Willie Gore</b>	<b>Albert Sturdivant</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Dick Phillips</b>	<b>John Bowling</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Albert Sturdivant</b>	<b>Willie Gore</b>
	<b>*Albert Sturdivant</b>	<b>*Dick Phillips</b>
	<b>Lynn Means</b>	<b>Josiah Garner</b>
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<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Lynn Means</b>	<b>Albert Sturdivant</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Rick Massey</b>	<b>Rick Massey</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Dick Phillips</b>	<b>Dick Phillips</b>
<b>Evening</b>	<b>Devotion</b>	<b>Willie Gore</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Carolyn Bowling</b>	<b>Iris/Hannah Garner</b>

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**  
 Debra Turner                      Mariah Shepherd

**Traveling**  
 Means Family

**Deaths**  
 Lonnie Jones Family  
 Kurt Smith Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.  
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Special prayers for Ed Williams, Shirley Hatcher and Dwight Hewett



**Ladies Bible Study**

The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We are 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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John & Belinda Lloyd's new address

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