

WELCOME VISITORS

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Destroying National Relics
Steve Higginbotham

The decision to keep or remove a national relic is not a new discussion. Presently, our country is divided over what to do with the Confederate flag. But, did you know that a similar situation is actually recorded in the Bible? Read on...

As you may remember, while wandering in the wilderness, the children of Israel murmured, complained, and spoke against God. In response, God sent poisonous serpents among them as a form of discipline (Numbers 21:4). Israel quickly confessed their sin and pleaded with Moses to make intercession with God on their behalf. Moses did intercede for the people and God instructed him to make a brazen serpent, set it on a pole, and those who would look at this brazen serpent would be healed (Numbers 21:8).

Fast forward approximately 600 years and we are now in the days of King Hezekiah while he is trying to reform Israel. Hezekiah had been tearing down the altars to pagan gods, and then he commanded the unthinkable. He commanded that the brazen serpent that Moses made in the wilderness be destroyed (2 Kings 18:4).

How could he command such a thing? Did he not know the history and significance of this object? This brazen serpent was a national relic. In terms of comparison, it has been preserved twice as long as our "Declaration of Independence."

Hezekiah hadn't lost his mind, rather he took note of the fact that the people had begun worshiping this object. It had become an idol, so he called it "Nehushtan" which means, "a thing of brass." In other words, Hezekiah justified

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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	35
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	13
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	11
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$821.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 st Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

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

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 his decision to destroy it by reminding the people that they had allowed this object (merely a thing of brass) to come between them and God, so he destroyed it.
 Question: Do you have any "Nehushtans" in your life? Have you allowed anything to come between you and your God? Jobs are good, but not if they rival your devotion to God. Sports are good, but not if you are more faithful to them than to God? You get the idea. Maybe it's time we come to the realization to which Hezekiah came. Some things may need to be seen for what they are (e.g. just a thing of brass) and not be allowed to get between us and what is of real value. Give it some thought.
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Birthdays in August

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| Gabriella Connolly | 15th |
| Sharon Means | 16th |
| Linda Connolly | 19th |
| Barbara Bartlow | 26th |
| Josiah Garner | 28th |
| Lauren Eversole | 30th |
| David Stanford | 31st |

Anniversaries in August

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| Don & BJ Lockey | 27th |
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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.



We will have our fellowship meal today following the worship service. During this time, we will recognize the ones with birthdays and anniversaries in August. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a delicious meal with us.



Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today Albert Sturdivant John Bowling Dick Phillips *Willie Gore Bill Bartlow Lynn Means Albert Sturdivant Rick Massey Willie Gore Devotion Iris/Hannah	08/09/15 John Bowling Dick Phillips Willie Gore *Albert Sturdivant Bill Bartlow Josiah Garner Lynn Means Rick Massey John Bowling Willie Gore Lelia Gore

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

Health
 Judy Tollett
 Bill Bartlow

Traveling
 Abi Garner
 Linda Connolly
 Barbara Bartlow

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible study has been postponed and will resume August 11, 2015.



David French from the Zambia mission will meet with us on November 8th for Sunday night service. At that time he will give us an update on the work in Zambia. Mark your calendar.