

# WELCOME VISITORS

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 9, 2015

Don't Follow the Dog  
By Jim Faughn

He usually played in the back yard or in the field that adjoined it, but on this day, he found himself being lured into the front yard. His attention had been drawn to a cute little dog he hadn't seen before.

He was only allowed to cross the gravel road for one reason. If one of his parents gave him permission to retrieve the mail from the mailbox on the other side of the road, he could do so, but only after hearing the familiar, "Be sure you look both ways!"

On this day he crossed the road without looking both ways and without permission. He couldn't waste that much time. His new friend was already well ahead of him.

Before he knew it, he was in the woods across the road from his house. Yes, those woods. The woods his parents had made sound so terrible. His new friend apparently hadn't seen any danger though, so he had happily followed him into the "forbidden forest."

Before long, a new realization dawned on him. He had no idea where he was. He also had no idea where his new friend was. He was surrounded by briars. He was all alone. He was scared. He wanted to go home, but he did not know how to get there.

He was very glad to hear his dad's voice calling his name!

He knew he might be in trouble for doing what his parents had told him repeatedly not to do, but he didn't care. He just wanted to go home. He had no desire to ever be in those woods again. He didn't care if he ever saw that dog again (which he didn't).

Later, he discovered why his parents had warned him so sternly about those woods. There was an old abandoned well in those woods. He learned that his dad's heart sank when he saw the evidence that his only child had been dangerously close to that well. The well was so well hid with leaves, limbs, etc

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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	34
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	16
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	9
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1034.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 <sup>st</sup> 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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that the father feared that there was a chance that his son's body would never be found if, indeed, his son had fallen into the well.

The little boy never knew he was in that much danger. He just knew that his "adventure" wasn't as exciting or rewarding as he had thought it might be and that he was more than ready for the comfort and security of home.

About sixty years later, that "little boy" has five grandchildren, all of whom are older than he was when his carelessness could have cost him his life. In those sixty or so years, he's seen his story repeated countless numbers of times.

He's seen far too many people follow a person, a lifestyle, a philosophy, and any number of other things so far "into the woods" that they become totally disoriented and estranged from the people who really love them. More importantly, they have become so confused and entangled that they don't think they can find their way back to God.

For more than thirty of those sixty years He has attempted to warn people about the dangers of being lured in and/or lured away by improper influences. He's also spent quite a bit of time trying to reclaim those who have become ensnared by Satan and his "devices" (cf. 2 Cor. 2:11).

He has shed tears of joy when a precious soul has returned home. He has also shed tears of sadness when one has gone into eternity without ever returning home.

You have a Father who loves you, a Savior who died for you, and brothers and sisters in the Lord who care deeply for you. You've got way too much to lose in an unguarded and reckless moment.

Please take it from one who has been there --- Don't follow the dog!

Via Bulletin Gold

**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.



**Luke 15:10**  
<sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

On July 26th Hannah Garner was baptized. Last Sunday Rick presented a baptismal certificate and a new bible from the congregation to her. We are so happy for Hannah and our prayers are with her.

Opportunities to Serve		
<b>Welcome</b> <b>Song Leader</b> <b>Opening Prayer</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>Today</b> Willie Gore Dick Phillips Willie Gore *Albert Sturdivant Bill Bartlow Josiah Garner Lynn Means Rick Massey Albert Sturdivant Willie Gore Lelia Gore	<b>08/16/15</b> Albert Sturdivant Willie Gore John Bowling *Albert Sturdivant Josiah Garner Lynn Means Albert Sturdivant Rick Massey Albert Sturdivant John Bowling Carolyn Bowling
<b>Scripture Reading</b> <b>Speaker</b> <b>Closing Prayer</b> <b>Evening</b> <b>Nursery</b>	Lynn Means Rick Massey Albert Sturdivant Willie Gore Lelia Gore	

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

Health  
 Delores  
 Marya

General  
 Sandy

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

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.

Sharon Means has updated our directory. If you would like a new one, please let her know.