

WELCOME VISITORS

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Baptism: Death, Burial, and Resurrection
By Joe Slater

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	52
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	10
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	13
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$617.00
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:

For whatever reasons, religious people disagree on just about everything having to do with baptism. Confusion reigns, indicating that Satan has done his homework well (while we, perhaps, have been preoccupied with more “sophisticated” matters). Just what does the Bible say on the subject? In his letters to Rome and Colosse, Paul taught that in baptism, we identify with, and receive the benefits of, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Sin makes us spiritually dead. “*The wages of sin is death*” (Romans 6:23). Before becoming Christians, the Colossians had been “*dead in (their) trespasses*” (Colossians 2:13). Though alive physically, they were separated from God by their sins.

As they obeyed the gospel of Jesus, however, they were “*buried with Him in baptism*” (2:12). Just as Jesus, having died, was buried in Joseph of Arimathea's tomb, so these who were dead in sin were buried as they were plunged under the water.

Romans 6:4 gives an additional detail – they were “*buried with Him through baptism into death*.” Yes, they were baptized into death. But wait! Didn't we just read that they were already dead in sin before baptism? Why, then, were they baptized into death? Because the death into which they were baptized was a death to

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

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sin (see Romans 6:2). That is, in baptism they terminated their relationship with sin. So remember: before baptism, they were dead in sin; while buried in baptism they died to sin.

Thus far we have seen baptism's identity with Jesus' death and burial. What about the resurrection? Romans 6:4 says *"that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."* Likewise, Colossians 2:12, after speaking of baptism as a burial, says that *"you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God who raised Him from the dead."* Just as Jesus came forth from the tomb, triumphant over sin and death, so we come forth from baptism cleansed from sin by His blood, alive from the dead (spiritually), not by our own merit, but by faith in the working of God.

Is baptism essential? It is only as essential as dying to sin; only as necessary as being raised with Jesus to live a new life; only as indispensable as identifying with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Maybe I'm naive, but I really don't understand what all the controversy is about.

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.



Myrtle Beach School of Preaching and Biblical Studies

If you are interested in the school or the biblical studies please check the bulletin board for additional information and an application for admission/registration. This program is sponsored by Myrtle Beach church of Christ on Wild Iris Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC. Classes start this Monday.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..." 2 Peter 3:18

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion	Today Albert Sturdivant Willie Gore Albert Sturdivant *John Bowling Josiah Garner Jonathan Neuman Lynn Means Rick Massey John Bowling John Bowling Carolyn Bowling	08/23/15 Albert Sturdivant John Bowling Dick Phillips *Willie Gore Bill Bartlow Lynn Means Albert Sturdivant Rick Massey Willie Gore Albert Sturdivant Sharon Means
Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Lynn Means Rick Massey John Bowling John Bowling Carolyn Bowling	

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

Health
 Zane Brickey Catherine Black
 Ralph Parker

General
 Ivan & Jennifer Rodriquez
 Abi Garner

Deaths
 Hubard Family Brewer Family
 Basil Frye

Traveling
 Ministers from Memphis School of Preaching
 Dennis John Family
 Moore Family

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.

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Just Some Humor

A father was reading a Bible story to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

"A cheerful heart is good medicine..."
Proverbs 17:22