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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Just Your Interpretation?

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	22
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	12
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	12
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1040.00
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:

I always smile (at least on the inside) when some-one asks me, "What does the church of Christ believe about such-and-such?" Usually my reply is something like this: "I don't know what the church believes about it, but let's see what the Bible says."

I understand what folks are asking – they're used to the idea of a church having a creed or confession of faith that spells out its "official position" on various issues. But the question arises: If you need a creed to "interpret" the Bible, what makes you think you can understand the creed? Will you need another document to "interpret" the creed? And another to interpret the interpretation of the creed? Where does this end?

The whole idea of "interpreting" the Bible is troublesome. If, by "interpret," we mean to determine the teaching of a passage, then of course we must do so. Jesus severely criticized those who failed to use Scripture and sound reasoning to arrive at truthful conclusions (see Matthew 22:29-32).

But many understand "interpret" to mean putting your own slant on a text to suit your personal agenda. A common assertion, "That's just your interpretation," betrays such thinking. It assumes that there are as many interpretations as there are people, and that any particular interpretation is as valid as any other. Therefore, we cannot know for certain what the truth is, nor can we say that any particular interpretation is right or wrong.

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“...The Churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16

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 Is there such a thing as the “right” interpretation? Paul affirmed that people who read what he wrote can understand (Ephesians 3:4). That isn’t to say there aren’t “some things hard to understand” (2 Peter 3:16). However, by using the Scriptures with sound reasoning, we can reach reliable conclusions. Peter did not say that those difficult things admit of a dozen interpretations; in fact, he warned that “those who are untaught and unstable twist (those hard passages) to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures” (2 Peter 3:16).
 Indeed, wrong interpretations are destructive to our spiritual well being! Let us stand boldly with the word of God, “handling aright the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).
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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 Revelation
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.


Just Some Humor

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark."
 The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you."
 The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?" "Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said.
 The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand me the broom?"
 AUTHOR UNKNOWN
 Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	09/27/15
Song Leader	Willie Gore	Albert Sturdivant
Opening Prayer	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Communion	Albert Sturdivant	Willie Gore
	*Willie Gore	*Albert Sturdivant
	Bill Bartlow	Josiah Garner
	Josiah Garner	Jonathan Neuman
Scripture Reading	Albert Sturdivant	Albert Sturdivant
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Willie Gore	Albert Sturdivant
Evening	Albert Sturdivant/Devotion	Willie Gore/Devotion
Nursery	Gloria Coldwell	Sharon Means

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

Health
 Norman Mears

Deaths
 Hair Family

Traveling
 Bowling 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.



The men's business meeting has been rescheduled to meet today at 5:00. You are encouraged to attend.