

# WELCOME VISITORS

MESSANGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Curiosity About the Bible  
By Lance Cordle

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	41
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	18
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	11
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1083.00
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:

"It's not the things I don't understand in the Bible that bother me; it's the things I do understand!" —Mark Twain

Curiosity is an exciting aspect of life. Parents love to see their children explore and discover their world. Likewise, teachers enjoy seeing students come to class with curiosity and a hunger for learning. Curiosity about the Bible is expected and natural as well. Who can help but be moved to seek answers to questions about a book that claims to be "*God-breathed*" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)?

As is the case with curiosity in general, curiosity about the Bible has healthy and unhealthy aspects. Let's think about those for just a few minutes.

Healthy curiosity about the Bible . . .

Can lead us to read the Bible—to seek to know the will and mind of God (Isaiah 55:8, 9; 1 Corinthians 2:13; Philippians 2:5). A person who wants to follow God will first want to know what God is like, and then discover how that desire to follow him can be fulfilled.

Can lead us to dig deeper, to search the scriptures (John 5:39; Acts 17:11). The misguided Jewish leaders had made a practice of studying the scriptures, but failed to comprehend that the scriptures were properly pointing them to Jesus (John 5:39; Galatians 3:24). By contrast the Jewish people of Berea were stimulated by the

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

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 preaching of Paul to compare his message with the scriptures they knew and loved (Acts 17:11) and see him as the mediator of a better and new covenant (Hebrews 8:6, 13).  
 Unhealthy curiosity about the Bible . . .  
Can lead us to be distracted from the important things God wants us to know.  
 God's mind is so deep that we cannot know or comprehend him completely (Romans 11:33). He has not revealed everything to us, and we would not be able to handle it if he did. If we obsess over every question and curiosity about things he has not revealed, we may neglect the important things (Matthew 23:3). We may also fail to fulfill the great commission if we are so consumed with questions.  
Can lead to the destruction of our souls.  
We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7), but that does not mean we cannot know some things and be assured of them. Some people have become so obsessed with questions, that they have twisted the scriptures and have left God (2 Peter 3:16).  
*"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29).*

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 Revelation  
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



The men's meeting will be held  
 next Sunday at 5:00 pm. You are  
 encouraged to attend.



Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion  Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today Willie Gore Dick Phillips Albert Sturdivant *John Bowling Josiah Garner Lynn Means Lynn Means Rick Massey John Bowling Willie Gore/Devotion Iris/Hannah Garner	11/22/15 Albert Sturdivant John Bowling Dick Phillips *Willie Gore Bill Bartlow Jonathan Neuman Josiah Garner Rick Massey Albert Sturdivant Albert Sturdivant/Devotion Lelia Gore

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

Health  
 Emma Jones  
 Kay Lentz

Traveling  
 Belinda Lloyd  
 Carolyn Bowling  
 Gloria Coldwell  
 Gore 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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*Labor of Love*

The Labor of Love will meet on Saturday, November 21st, at noon in the fellowship room. Jael Garner will present the devotion. Don't forget your gift of love for Hope Harbor.

