

WELCOME

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MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 22, 2015

The One Not Chosen
Steve Higginbotham

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	30
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	11
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1149.00
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:

How would you feel if you volunteered to do a much needed work in the church, but your offer to help was rejected? Surely, all of us have faced rejection, and more than likely we haven't always responded as we should. Maybe we were overcome with disappointment, anger and bitterness, at least for a little while. If we can relate to such feelings, then try to put yourself in the first century sandals of a man named, Barsabas.

Barsabas is mentioned in Acts 1:23-26. A proposal was made by the disciples to either appoint Barsabas or Matthias as an apostle to fill the office Judas vacated. Can you imagine what an honor it would have been to have been selected as the next "apostle of Jesus?" For one who loved the Lord and had followed him since the beginning of the baptism of John (Acts 1:21-22), this opportunity must have been a thrilling possibility. To be able to be used by God in such a capacity; to be able to be an instrument through which God performed signs, wonders, and miracles, and to reveal new truth must have sent his mind reeling with possibilities.

But his dreams, whatever they may have been, were short-lived. Lots were cast. Matthias was chosen. Barsabas was rejected. And the

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

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narrative of the book of Acts moves on, never mentioning Barsabas again. But how I would love to know, as Paul Harvey was known for saying, “the rest of the story.”

Did Barsabas sulk? Did he accuse someone of tampering with the lots that were cast? Did he ask for two-out-of-three? Did he act respectfully, publicly shaking Matthias’ hand, but inwardly trying to tame his rage and jealousy? Did this man who followed Jesus from the time of the baptism of John, slowly lose interest after this rejection and drift away? Or did he zealously press on, being content to serve God in whatever capacity he could?

I don’t know how Barsabas responded, but I do know what the right and wrong response would be to such rejection. The challenge is to take what we see so clearly with respect to Barsabas and apply it to our own lives. Don’t allow disappointment to derail your faith.

While I don’t know “the rest of this story,” I choose to hope the best in Barsabas following his disappointment, and as you face disappointment, I choose to hope the best in you too.

MercEmail

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.



Happy Thanksgiving

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion	Today Albert Sturdivant John Bowling Dick Phillips *Willie Gore Bill Bartlow Jonathan Neuman	11/29/15 Dick Phillips Willie Gore John Bowling *Albert Sturdivant Bill Bartlow Josiah Garner
Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Josiah Garner Don Lockey Albert Sturdivant Albert Sturdivant/Devotion Lelia Gore	Lynn Means John Bowling Dick Phillips John Bowling/Devotion Carolyn Bowling

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

Health
 Rhonda Davis Jane Walsh
 Noel Nichols & Wife

Traveling
 Means Family Massey Family

General
 Citizens of Paris

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible study has been cancelled for this week. We will resume next week, December 1.

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

