

# WELCOME

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MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 13, 2015

If You're Not Sure of Your Part  
By Alan Smith

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	35
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	13
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	12
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1198.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)	12:30 PM		
Men's Meeting Last Sunday of every month)	5:00 PM		

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

I heard about a junior high music teacher who had just organized a band in her school. The principal was so proud of the music teacher's efforts that without consulting her he decided that the band should give a concert for the entire school. The music teacher wasn't so sure her young musicians were ready to give a concert, so she tried to talk the principal out of holding the concert, to no avail.

Just before the concert was ready to begin, as the music teacher stood on the podium, she leaned forward and whispered to her nervous musicians, "If you're not sure of your part, just pretend to play."

And with that, she stepped back, lifted her baton and with a great flourish brought it down. Lo and behold, nothing happened! The band brought forth a resounding silence.

I can't help but wonder if we have the same problem in the church at times. Christians may have the idea that since they're unsure of the part that they are to play, they'll just sit and pretend.

The problem is, when everyone is unsure of what part they're supposed to play, the result is silence -- nothing gets done.

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

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What is the solution? The solution is helping each and every member of the body of Christ to learn their part. In I Corinthians 12 and Romans 12, Paul pictures the church as a body with all of the different parts of that body having different functions.

"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them..." (Romans 12:6).

I can't do everything, and I certainly can't do everything well. But that's OK. The saxophonist in an orchestra isn't expected to know how to play the drums. His talent is playing the saxophone. His job is simply to make use of his talent and do the very best that he can.

Learn what your gift is, and then use it to the glory of God. Paul offers a list of possibilities. Maybe your gift is speaking, or serving, or encouraging, or giving, or leading, or showing mercy (Rom. 12:6-8). Perhaps your gift is in that list, perhaps it's something else altogether.

But, if you're not sure of your part, please don't sit and pretend to play. Find out what your gift is and then make use of it to the glory of God!

**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.**



**Labor of Love**  
*We will meet on Saturday, December 19, at 12:00 pm at Southport Gourmet & Sushi Bar for our annual Christmas party. Shirley Hatcher will present our devotion. We will deliver our decorated containers to the nursing facility after lunch. Don't forget to bring your gift of love for Hope Harbor.*

Opportunities to Serve		
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>12/20/15</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>Willie Gore</b>	<b>John Bowling</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>John Bowling</b>	<b>Willie Gore</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Albert Sturdivant</b>	<b>Dick Phillips</b>
	<b>*Dick Phillips</b>	<b>*Albert Sturdivant</b>
	<b>Bill Bartlow</b>	<b>Dick Phillips</b>
	<b>Jonathan Neuman</b>	<b>Josiah Garner</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Lynn Means</b>	<b>Jonathan Neuman</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Rick Massey</b>	<b>Rick Massey</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Willie Gore</b>	<b>John Bowling</b>
<b>Evening</b>	<b>Albert Sturdivant/Devotion</b>	<b>John Bowling/Devotion</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Gloria Coldwell</b>	<b>Iris/Hannah Garner</b>

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

Health  
 David Coffee                      Marselle Eversole  
 Connie Shepherd                  Harold Miller  
 Giovanni Green                    Gloria Coldwell  
 Larry Thomas

Traveling  
 Means Family                      Lloyd Family

Deaths  
 Frankie Family

General  
 San Bernardino victims  
 Diana Coffee

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**

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."