

# WELCOME VISITORS

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	20
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	19
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1486.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)	12:30 PM		
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 13, 2016

### Keep your fork!

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her preacher and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the preacher was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the preacher's reply.

"This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand. The preacher stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the preacher.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from there on out, I have always done so. I have also, always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming ... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder "What's with the fork?". Then I want you to tell them:



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

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"Keep your fork .. the best is yet to come."  
 The preacher's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the preacher heard the question "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the preacher told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. The preacher told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us. Show your friends how much you care. Remember to always be there for them, even when you need them more. For you never know when it may be their time to "Keep your fork.

Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share .. being friends with someone is not an opportunity but a sweet responsibility. And keep your fork. *(Author not known - submitted)*

Bulletin Fodder

**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.**



**LADIES DAY**  
**APRIL 16, 2016**

**"Being Salt in a Tasteless World"**  
**Presented by: Jonee Lewis**  
**Myrtle Beach church of Christ**

Details are on the bulletin board.

Opportunities to Serve		
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>03/20/16</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	Willie Gore	Albert Sturdivant
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Willie Gore	Willie Gore
<b>Communion</b>	Albert Sturdivant	Jim Hobbs
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	Lee Shepherd	Lynn Means
	Lynn Means	Josiah Garner
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Lynn Means	Lee Shepherd
<b>Speaker</b>	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Willie Gore	Willie Gore
<b>Evening</b>	Jim Hobbs	Jim Hobbs
<b>Nursery</b>	Lelea Gore	Sharon Means

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

**Health**  
 Elaine Massey                      Connie Shepherd  
 Lee Roach

**General**  
 Bill Kims

**Traveling**  
 Bowling Family                      Lloyd Family  
 Jael & Josiah Garner

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

Women's Bible Study

The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We will be studying New Testament Commandments. 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 Saturday at noon in the fellowship room. Barbara Bartlow will present the devotion. Don't forget your gift of love for Hope Harbor.