

WELCOME

VISITORS

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 3, 2016

“WANTED: DEPENDABLE PERSON”

In virtually every classified section of the newspaper, we find some employer advertising for a “dependable person” to occupy some position of trust and responsibility. I have talked with many business owners who state that finding employees they can count on is their number one problem. No organization can succeed without dependable personnel. The lazy, irresponsible, hit-and-miss type is a shame to his company and hinders its effectiveness.

It is equally true that the local congregation cannot be an effective organization unless it consists of “dependable” Christians; that is, members who will shoulder their responsibilities along with the rest and cooperate to fulfill the mission of the church. While the Bible does not use the word “dependable,” it does use equivalent terms such as “steadfast” and “zealous” (see 1 Corinthians 15:58; Titus 2:14, etc.). Every Christian should be characterized by these terms. He should be one who can be “counted on” at all times.

The sad, but true, fact of the matter is, however, that many congregations have a percentage of undependable members: members who couldn’t hold down a job for a week if they conducted themselves toward their work like they do toward the church and its work. Let’s look at a few examples:

Most congregations adopt a particular series of studies for their Bible classes. This is to facilitate the edification program of the church. Members of the church need to be instructed in the knowledge of the Bible. But the effectiveness of the Bible classes and any sermon series is compromised because of those members who are present only now and then, and thus fail to receive the overall benefit from the series of lessons. To have a thoroughly effective edification program, we need members whose presence we can depend upon.

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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 | |
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| Bible Study | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship | 45 |
| Worship | 11:00 AM | Evening Worship | 9 |
| Evening | 6:00 PM | Wednesday | 0 |
| WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY | 6:30 PM | Contribution | \$810.00 |
| 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:

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

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 The Bible authorized a pooling of resources of the members on the first day of the week in order to facilitate the work of the church (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Obviously, any kind of budget or planned expenditure of funds from the church treasury depends upon the consistent, generous contribution of the members. The church needs members who are dependable in their contribution. We need those who not only are generous, but can be depended upon to plan ahead and give regularly. Because of some who give on an irregular, inconsistent basis, important work of the church must be curtailed, plans left unfulfilled, work not completed.
 The sum of all that we are trying to say is simply this: the church of our Lord needs each member to be dependable in shouldering our responsibilities; more dedicated in our efforts to put the kingdom of God foremost in our lives. -- Bob West, *The Milpitas Messenger*, August, 1996

April birthdays

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| Joey Sturdivant | 1st |
| Willie Gore | 16th |

April Anniversaries

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| Spud & Nancy Spencer | 2nd |
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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.



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.

Sea Notes Choral Society presents
2016 Spring Concerts
THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR
 Sunday April 3 - 3:00 pm
 Details are on the bulletin board.

| Opportunities to Serve | | |
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| Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion | Today Jim Hobbs John Bowling Albert Sturdivant *Willie Gore Lynn Means Lee Shepherd Josiah Garner Rick Massey Jim Hobbs Jim Hobbs Iris & Hannah Garner | 04/10/16 Don Lockey Willie Gore John Bowling *Albert Sturdivant Josiah Garner Jacob Etheridge Lynn Means Rick Massey Don Lockey Jim Hobbs Lelia Gore |
| Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery | | |

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

Health

Susanne Murray Bill Bartlow

General

Barbara Bartlow

Traveling

David Wilson

Deaths

Stanford 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 will be studying New Testament Commandments. Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.



We will have our fellowship meal today following the worship service. During this time we will recognize the ones with birthdays and anniversaries in March. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a delicious meal with us.