

# WELCOME

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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Can You Trust Your Bible?  
By Gary Knuckles

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	31
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	18
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	18
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$773.00
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:

“You can't trust your Bible because it's been translated so many times.”

It's always been popular to criticize the Bible and try to diminish or destroy its influence. Some do so because they are unbelievers while others are looking for a less stringent form of the Christian faith. In either case, it is an effort to “loosen” moral restraints/responsibility so the individual can be “free to explore” their own distinctiveness.

It has been said that we cannot trust the Bible because it has been translated so many times. This misconception assumes that there is no manuscript evidence in Biblical languages and that all we have today is simply a copy of previous copies that have been edited and altered through the years.

In reality, we have thousands of manuscripts of the Bible in the Greek and Hebrew languages in which it was originally written. The Dead Sea Scrolls, found in 1947, date back to the period we most commonly call “the Intertestamental Period” between the end of Malachi and the beginning of Matthew's gospel. Most New Testament manuscripts date from the second century AD, though a few have been dated to the period of the apostles. The remarkable thing about this is that these manuscripts for both the Old and New Testaments confirm the Bible as we have it today.

Not only do we have manuscript evidence for the Bible, we also know the languages in which it was written and can easily translate

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

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 these into our modern English language. Through studies of ancient, non-biblical writings, we are able to understand the idioms of Biblical times, historical settings, and the wide range of meanings given to some words and phrases. There is actually more evidence for the Bible than there is for the writings of the ancient Greek philosophers! In fact, much of what we have from the ancient philosophers are copies of copies handed down through the years. Yet, some will accept their writings without question while disputing the genuineness of the Bible.

Yes, you can trust your Bible. It is not merely a copy of translations. It is the product of many tedious hours of studying, examination, testing, and cross referencing in order to give us God's word as it was delivered to the authors!

Bulletin Gold

Just Some Humor

Preacher O'Malley answers the phone.  
 "Hello, is this Preacher O'Malley?"  
 "It is"  
 "This is the IRS. Can you help us?"  
 "I can"  
 "Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"  
 "I do"  
 "Is he a member of your congregation?"  
 "He is"  
 "Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"  
 "He will".

**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.



Birthdays in May

BJ Lockey 15th

Anniversaries in May

Lee & Connie Shepherd 29th



Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	05/08/16
Song Leader	Willie Gore	Albert Sturdivant
Opening Prayer	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Communion	Willie Gore	Jim Hobbs
	*Lee Shepherd	*John Bowling
	Lynn Means	Jonathan Neuman
	Jonathan Neuman	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Josiah Garner	Albert Sturdivant
Speaker	Jim Hobbs	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	John Bowling
Evening	Jim Hobbs	Jim Hobbs
Nursery	Shirley Hatcher	Iris/Hannah Garner

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

Health  
 Barbara Bartlow      Julienne Evans  
 Phyllis Z.

Traveling  
 Massey Family      Tollett Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

James 5:16  
 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.



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.

