

WELCOME

VISITORS

MESSANGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 21, 2016

Morning Clouds and Early Dew
By Joe Slater

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	23
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	10
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	13
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$736.00
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:

Commitments are easy to keep – for awhile. Long-term faithfulness is another matter entirely. We see the difference in marriages. Few would even think of cheating on a spouse shortly after the wedding; but years later, infidelity damages or destroys a shocking percentage of marriages. In time, about one in five husbands will cheat, and about one in six wives will too.

Aside from adultery, somewhere between ¼ and ½ of marriages end in divorce for whatever reason (depending on how you skew the statistics). “Until death parts us” holds less and less meaning among people who reason that “God wants me to be happy, and I’m not happy any more married to this person!” Long-term commitment gives way to live-for-the-moment pleasure seeking.

Marriage is not the only area where we need to revive long-term faithfulness. What about our commitment to God? (That would include marriage, for it is God who joins spouses together; but it also encompasses other factors.) To ancient Israel God said, “Your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, and like the early dew it goes away” (Hosea 6:4). As soon as the sun rises, the thin morning clouds disappear and the dew dries up. Then

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

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they’re back the next morning. Israel’s faithfulness to God was that way – nice while it lasted, but generally it didn’t last very long.

What about you and me? We commit ourselves to attend services regularly – all of them – even Bible classes. We’re going to read our Bibles every day. We’re going to pray frequently. And so we do – for a few days, or maybe a few weeks. Then the old habits creep back in. Something comes up. Before long, we’re back to the way we used to be. Then we re-commit ourselves, and the cycle continues.

Brethren, let’s break the cycle! Let our commitment to God be permanent! We are to put the old man of sin to death, not just put him to sleep temporarily (see Romans 6:6). When we come forth from baptism as Jesus came forth from the tomb, we are to “walk in newness of life” (6:4).

Long-term commitment is not easy, but it certainly is possible; and it is what the Lord requires of us.

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 Galatians
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



The men's meeting is scheduled next Sunday
 at 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars.



		Opportunities to Serve
	Today	08/28/16
Welcome	Don Lockey	Willie Gore
Song Leader	Willie Gore	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	John Bowling	Albert Sturdivant
Communion	*Don Lockey	*Lee Shepherd
	Lynn Means	Josiah Garner
	Dick Phillips	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Josiah Garner	Lynn Means
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Don Lockey	Willie Gore
Evening	Devotion	Devotion
Nursery	Iris/Hannah Garner	Levia Gore
<p><u>The nursery will be open following the communion for children 3 years and under .</u></p>		

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

Health
Mary Stanford

General
Keith Davis
Flood victims in Louisiana

Deaths
King 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.

Women's Bible Study

The Ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We are studying "God's Commandments Old and New Testament". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

Great News!!!

Leslie Bell has been installed as a Deacon at his church, overseeing education.
Deep River church of Christ, High Point, NC.