

WELCOME

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MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Like a Persecuted Church
By Steve Higginbotham

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	22
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	19
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	14
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1383.00
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:

Imagine it's Sunday morning. You and your family put on jeans and t-shirts and get ready to go to the mountains. You carry with you a large picnic basket and your children carry with them a baseball and a couple gloves. You arrive at the mountains, pile out of the car and take about a two-mile trek on a trail that apparently leads to your picnic area. As you make your way along the trail, you keep a watchful eye to make sure that no one is following you. Finally, you arrive at a bend in the trail where you are greeted by two men who point to a hidden cave off the trail about a hundred yards away. The two men remain on the trail, keeping a vigilant watch. As you enter the cave, you are warmly greeted with embraces by several other families who have already arrived. The gloves and ball are put aside. The picnic basket is emptied, a false bottom removed, and four Bibles are distributed to your family. Lanterns are lit, and the group moves deeper into the cave. Meanwhile, the two men who were watching the path now make their way to the cave, cover the entrance with brush, and also join you in a deep recess in the cave. Everything is now ready. It's now time for worship services to begin.

While such a scenario seems so unlikely to ever become a reality for most of us reading this, it is what countless brothers and sisters in Christ have had to do in other times, and in other places in order to worship God without reprisal.

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

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Question: “If you were a member of a persecuted church, how would it change you?”

Would worship become more meaningful to you, and less rote? Would the bonds of fellowship you have with those who share the same convictions about Jesus be strengthened and treasured more than they are treasured presently? Would your prayer life be stronger and more vital to your daily life? Would you be more willing to overlook personality differences and even conflicts with those who share your faith and who share the willingness to risk their lives? Would you be less likely to pick flaws with each other and more likely to search out ways to maintain peace? Would you be less critical about peripheral matters that really seem to bother you today?

“Lord, help us behave more like a persecuted church!”

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.



Fellowship meal

We will have our fellowship meal next Sunday. At that time we will celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries in October. Bring your favorite food dish and invite a friend.



Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion	Today Albert Sturdivant Willie Gore Don Lockey *Lee Shepherd Josiah Garner Lynn Means Lynn Means Rick Massey Albert Sturdivant Devotion Iris/Hannah Garner	10/02/16 Don Lockey Dick Phillips John Bowling *John Bowling Albert Sturdivant Lee Shepherd Josiah Garner Rick Massey Don Lockey Devotion Lelia Gore
Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery		
<u>The nursery will be open following the communion for children 3 years and under .</u>		

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

Health
 Lonnie Miller Don Jacobs
 Blanche Blanton

Traveling
 Sturdivant Family Gary & Jamie Garner

General
 Don Jacobs Family Riots in USA cities

Deaths
 Gaylord Richardson Family
 Johnson Family
 Marlie' Young Family

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 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.

Men's meeting

The men's meeting is scheduled today at 5:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend.

