

# WELCOME

VISITORS

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 2, 2018

What About Those Red Kettles?

By Jim Faughn

It's one of the "signs of the season." The red kettles are appearing (or at least they will be soon). Between now and the end of the year, it will be increasingly difficult to walk into any business without passing by one of them.

You may see me walk by one or more of them. You may notice that I don't drop anything in. You may think I'm cheap, uncaring, or a lot of other things. I'd like to plead "not guilty" to these charges.

At the same time, I'd like to set the record straight on my reasons for not contributing in any way to the organization responsible for those red kettles. While I will readily admit that it does some good, I'd like for those who read this to consider the following information. I'm reproducing the information from the website of the local "corps" of The Salvation Army.

*Although many look at The Salvation Army as a place for help through our social services and a place to buy clothes, appliances, and etc., many people do not see that The Salvation Army was and still is today a Church first and foremost. We have services on weekdays and on Sundays like most Protestant Churches do today! We would love to have you in our Church this Sunday, please come and join us!*

At the same time, it seems to me that we need to be aware of the fact that The Salvation Army's own information describes it as "...a Church first and foremost." The website also gives information about their times for "Sunday School," "Sunday Morning Church," "Sunday Evening Bible Study," "Mid-Week Church Services," etc. They are certainly not trying to hide the fact that they consider themselves to be more than merely a benevolent organization.

There, "in a nutshell," is the reason you won't see me dropping any money into those kettles. I'm afraid you won't see me donating anything to that organization and/or shopping at one of their stores either.

You may or may not agree with my reasoning. That's your prerogative, and I understand that.

At the same time, I hope that those who read these words will understand that I have  
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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	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	12
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	12
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ .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:

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

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the right to decide what I will and will not support. That only seems to be fair.  
 A quick look at their website reveals that The Salvation Army was “...founded in 1865...” To coin a phrase, “as for me and my house,” we choose to not support any religious organization other than the one about which we find information in the New Testament. I’m afraid that 1865 is a little too late to qualify.

Bulletin Gold

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Christmas Baskets

At this time of the year we always collect food items to be distributed to people in need in our community. The baskets will include a turkey and other trimmings for a Christmas meal. If you wish to participate, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We will need to have the baskets ready for delivery on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you know of someone in need, please let us know.





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December Birthdays

Lee Shepherd	5 <sup>th</sup>
Gabby Connolly	9 <sup>th</sup>
Elaine Massey	23 <sup>rd</sup>

December Anniversaries


Welton & Shirley Hatcher	7 <sup>th</sup>
John & Carolyn Bowling	27 <sup>th</sup>



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

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The Bible study topic for Wednesday night:  
 Bible Reading Marathon  
Images of the Master  
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Fellowship Meal

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



	<u>Opportunities to Serve</u>	
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion  Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today Willie Gore Dick Phillips Albert Sturdivant *John Bowling Lynn Means Lee Shepherd Rick Massey Willie Gore Devotion/Song Practice Carolyn Bowling	12/09/18 Albert Sturdivant John Bowling Willie Gore *Lee Shepherd Albert Sturdivant Lynn Means Tom Walsh Rick Massey Albert Sturdivant Jim Hobbs Lelia Gore

The nursery will be open following the communion for children 3 years and under .

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

Health  
 Trula Bryson                      Rick Massey  
 Elaine Massey

Traveling  
 Means 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 has been cancelled until December 11<sup>th</sup>.

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December Activities

Bible Study on all Wednesday evenings  
 11<sup>th</sup> Ladies bible study 10:30 am  
 15<sup>th</sup> Ladies Labor of Love party, 1 pm  
 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas baskets ready for delivery  
 18<sup>th</sup> Ladies bible study 10:30 am  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Congregational party 4 pm  
 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's eve sing 6-8 pm

