

WELCOME

VISITORS

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 16, 2018

The Transforming Power of His Love
By Joe Chesser

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 | 26 |
| Worship | 11:00 AM | Evening Worship | |
| Evening | 6:00 PM | Wednesday | 10 |
| WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY | 6:30 PM | Contribution | \$1161.00 |
| 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:

Most of the songs you are hearing at this time of the year are songs of joy and happiness. Songs like *Jingle Bells*, *Deck the Halls*, and *Carol of the Bells* are fun, upbeat and help put us in a festive mood. We are shopping, partying, and visiting with family and friends. It truly is *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*.

But what makes it so is not colorful lights and decorations, it's not opening gifts, nor is it eating huge dinners and playing games with family and friends. No, what makes this or any time of the year so wonderful is the transforming love of Jesus. People have always had decorations, gifts and celebrations. Even pagans know how to throw a party and have fun. But what can make it different for us is Jesus.

That's why my favorite song this time of year, and even in July, is *Joy to the World*. The coming of Jesus to the world is the source of the greatest joy we can possibly experience, and *Joy to the World* expresses many of the reasons why His coming is so wonderful.

Verse one. Jesus is King, and we have the privilege of receiving Him if we choose to make room for Him in our hearts. When we do, heaven and nature will sing! They won't be silly songs like *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer* or *Frosty the Snowman*. Silly songs are fun and do have their place, but the joy that Jesus brought to the world is much deeper kind of joy that deserves a deeper kind of song.

Verse two. The Savior reigns! The fields, floods, rocks, hills and plains recognize His rule and are filled with repeated joy. Men should also ... repeatedly!

Verse three. Because of the transforming power of Jesus' love, sin and sorrow no longer have the freedom to grow and infest the world. Jesus has

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

come to bless the world in every place where sin has had its way. No matter where the curse of sin is found, He has come to make His blessings overcome them.

Verse four. Jesus' rule replaces the curse of sin with truth and grace. The glories of His righteousness will be known in all the nations of the earth. The nations of the earth will be enthralled with the wonders of His love. It is so different from anything else the world has experienced.

Joy to the World is fun to sing. But the message of the song is its greatest asset. The next time you sing it be sure to think deeply about the words and how the coming of Jesus has transformed your life. It is a great song to sing any time of the year. Don't let the other things we celebrate crowd out the true meaning of why Jesus brought joy to the world – to transform it with the power of his love!

Bulletin Gold

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We will have a congregational Christmas party on Saturday, December 22, at 4 pm. Each person is to bring a small gift valued at around \$5. A man will bring something a man would like as a gift and a woman will bring a woman's gift.



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.



December Activities

Bible Study on all Wednesday evenings
 16th Christmas baskets ready for delivery
 18th Ladies bible study 10:30 am
 22nd Congregational party 4 pm
 31st New Year's eve sing 6-8 pm



| | | Opportunities to Serve |
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| Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery | Today Lee Shepherd Willie Gore Jim Hobbs *Albert Sturdivant Lynn Means Tom Walsh Lynn Means Rick Massey Lee Shepherd Devotion/Willie Gore Hannah Garner | 12/23/18 Willie Gore Dick Phillips Lee Shepherd *Jim Hobbs Albert Sturdivant Lynn Means Albert Sturdivant Rick Massey Willie Gore Jim Hobbs Carolyn Bowling |
| <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
 Deana Bowling Buddy Stephenson
 Frank Hartfield

Traveling
 Gloria Coldwell

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 "Why am I here-A Purpose Driven Life". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

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FOOD BASKETS

The food baskets are ready for delivery. Please pick up your basket to deliver this week.