

VISITORS

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	36
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	18
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	10
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1045.00
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:

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 30, 2018

Dennis Doughty has a Christmas wish...

“Let me share with you how I wish the world would celebrate Christ’s birth:

When I was a boy in school, we had two holidays: one to celebrate Washington’s birthday, the other to celebrate Lincoln’s. On those occasions we would study about these men and what they did for our country. We studied about their work and their role as presidents. But we never studied anything about their births. I know of no facts or stories concerning the circumstances of their births.

I wish the world would celebrate the birth of Jesus the way it celebrates the birth of other men, by concentrating on His life. I wish [the world] nation would look more at His accomplishments, teaching, world influence, and death; than at the manger scene, the wise men, and the shepherds tending their flocks.

Yes, His virgin birth was special, miraculous, humble and unique. However, in our celebration, let us not lose focus on the man He became and how His life changed the world.”*

That Jesus was born into the world is something to celebrate! The incarnation, God becoming flesh in the person of Jesus (John 1:14), revealed the great love of God in that He came to us!

However, it is of utmost importance for us to understand WHY He came.

When Mary discovered that she was “with child,” an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not

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

be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20-21).

Jesus came to save us from sin! That’s what makes His birth so special! When our sins rendered us doomed for eternal destruction, Jesus came to rescue us. And, in order to save us, Jesus – the sinless Son of God – had to die on the cross for our sins, be buried, and then rise again after three days (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Jesus WILL save those who: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). His atoning blood will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7).

The best way to celebrate the birth of Jesus is to recognize WHY He was born into the world (for our salvation) and to accept His gift on His terms.

Won’t YOU?

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:
 Bible Reading Marathon
Images of the Master
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.

BARBECUE LUNCH

Shalotte church of Christ is having a barbecue on Saturday, December 29th, at 12:00. Everyone has been invited. It’s free.



	Opportunities to Serve	
	Today	12/30/18
Welcome	Willie Gore	Albert Sturdivant
Song Leader	Dick Phillips	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	Lee Shepherd	Tom Walsh
Communion	*Jim Hobbs	*Willie Gore
	Albert Sturdivant	Lynn Means
	Lynn Means	Lee Shepherd
Scripture Reading	Albert Sturdivant	Lee Shepherd
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Willie Gore	Albert Sturdivant
Evening	Jim Hobbs	Devotion/John Bowling
Nursery	Carolyn Bowling	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
 Karen Harris

Traveling
 Gloria Coldwell Lockey 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 this week and next week.

Change For Life Campaign
Agape of North Carolina

The change for Life campaign is extended thru January. Please continued collecting your change or add to the large change Jar in the fellowship room. So far this year \$19,337 in change has been collected from many Churches of Christ in North Carolina to benefit orphans and children in foster care. The goal is \$125,000.