

## 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	34
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	11
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$762.00
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:

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



### BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 30, 2018

#### New Years' Resolution

By Ronald Bartanen

The following New Years conversation is from a "For Better or Worse" comic strip which I saved from a few years back. The family is seated around the breakfast table, and the father says: "Well, here we are in a brand New Year. I think we should all make some resolutions, don't you?" The response was as follows:

**MOTHER:** "O.K. I resolve not to criticize, to nag less and to bake more often."

**FAMILY RESPONSE:** "Right on! Neat! Yeah!"

**FATHER:** "I resolve not to lose my temper, and to fix all the the things in the house that need repairs."

**FAMILY RESPONSE:** "Great! Okay!!!"

**ELIZABETH :** "I resolve to brush Farley (dog), to keep my clean and not to fight with Michael."

**FAMILY RESPONSE:** "Good!"

**MICHAEL:** "I resolve to play road hockey, hang out with my friends and to watch TV."

**MOTHER:** "Wait a minute! We all made real promises. Your resolutions are worthless."

**MICHAEL:** "I know...but at least mine will be kept!"

It is quite easy to make resolutions; it is quite another thing to keep them. I saw a report on TV a few years ago that said January is the month in which more people sign up in aerobic and

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

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physical fitness clubs, and some never show up for the whole year. Others attend a few times and soon are seen no more. However, the fact remains that making resolutions is a means of challenging ourselves to greater things. It is a good time to take inventory of our lives, and where we see a deficiency, to resolve to make the needed improvements. Someone once recommended the following “tips for success” in keeping one’s resolutions:

- Make “bite size” goals you can keep.
- Be realistic—avoid saying “never ever”.
- Find an “anti-Procrastination partner” to keep you from slipping.
- Keep track of progress.
- Don’t make too many goals.


I would add one more: Call upon the Lord for spiritual resources. What we cannot do of ourselves, the Lord can accomplish through us. As Paul stated it: “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:13).

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

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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.



We will have a New Year’s Eve Sing-In on Monday, December 31, at 6:00 pm thru 8:00 pm. Finger foods will be provided. Everyone is invited. This event will be in place of our Fellowship meal.




Opportunities to Serve		
	Today	01/06/19
Welcome	Albert Sturdivant	John Bowling
Song Leader	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Opening Prayer	Tom Walsh	Albert Sturdivant
Communion	*Willie Gore	*Jim Hobbs
	Lynn Means	Tom Walsh
	Lee Shepherd	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Lee Shepherd	Lynn Means
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	John Bowling
Evening	Devotion/John Bowling	Devotion/Singing
Nursery	Leila Gore	Hannah Garner
<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  
 Jennie

Traveling  
 Jael Garner                      Joaquin Moreno  
 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.

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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 \$20,762 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.