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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 10, 2019

Trading Freedom for a Dorito
By Adam Faughn

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.

<u>SUNDAY</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</u>	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	43
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	22
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	13
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ 608.00
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:

Doritos are a favorite of many people. These potato chips come in several strong flavors, and the crunchy snack is often eaten at cookouts or on road trips. But can you imagine giving up your freedom for a bag of those tasty chips?

That's what a huge pig in Highland, California recently did. The pig, which was described as being the same size as a mini-horse, got loose and was wandering the streets of that community. It seems that this pig has a way of doing that from time-to-time, so some of the local police are used to calls about this particular animal. Knowing that, one deputy had a bag of Doritos in her lunch bag, and simply made a small trail of the crunchy snacks, which the pig followed right back to its pen, where it was secured again.

This pig was free but gave it all up for a crunchy snack. We can laugh at that, or we can see a deeper picture about ourselves. How often do we trade so many great blessings in this life for things that are fun or enjoyable but of far less value to us? How many people trade a lifelong commitment with a spouse for a few moments of intimate pleasure with another? How many trade a reputation and integrity for a night of drinking and partying?

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

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The Bible makes it clear that sin has pleasure attached to it (see Hebrews 11:25), but that the pleasure is only passing; it is only “for a season.” After the moments of enjoyment comes the entrapment of sin. The addictions. The damaged reputations. The harmed relationships. The wasted money. The time that is no longer available. Above all, the sting of a marred relationship with our heavenly Father.

When we think about it that way, that pig on the West Coast seems a little more like us. He got a few minutes of pleasure from those potato chips but ended up right back in the pigpen where he started.

Maybe it is time we start looking past the temporary excitement that seems to accompany sin and start looking at where it will lead us in this life and, ultimately, in eternity. When we do, we will not trade our freedom in Christ for something insignificant.

“Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover - up for evil, but living as servants of God.” (1 Peter 2:16)

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.



Agape of North Carolina

Next Sunday, March 17th, Dennis Mays will be our guest speaker from Agape of North Carolina. His wife as well as Kimberly Scott, Agape's Executive Director will accompany him. We will have a question & answer session after worship. Lunch will be provided for everyone. We hope you can attend and invite someone.

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	03/17/19
Song Leader	Albert Sturdivant	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	Willie Gore	Dick Phillips
Communion	John Bowling	Albert Sturdivant
	*Tom Walsh	*Lee Shepherd
	Lynn Means	Tom Walsh
Scripture Reading	Lee Shepherd	Lynn Means
Speaker	Rick Massey	Lynn Means
Closing Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	Dennis Mays (Agape of NC)
Evening	Jim Hobbs	John Bowling
Nursery	Lelea Gore	Willie Gore
		Hannah Garner

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
 Gail Badaracco
 Ruby Williams

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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Myrtle Beach Church of Christ
 Ladies Day
 Saturday, March 16th, 2019
 Registration 8:30
 Quilted Together: How we our individual Talents to Come Together as the Body of Christ

See the bulletin board for details.