

# WELCOME

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.

<u>SUNDAY</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</u>	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	34
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	24
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	11
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ 893.00
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

March 17, 2019

**Will Heaven Be Worse Than Hell?**  
By Steve Higginbotham

The renown Science Fiction writer, Isaac Asimov once wrote, "I don't believe in an afterlife, so I don't have to spend my whole life fearing hell or fearing heaven even more. For whatever the tortures of hell, I think the boredom of heaven would be even worse."

I think Asimov not only summed up his own thinking about heaven, but he also summed up the thinking of countless others as well. Many people, like Asimov, envision heaven as an eternal worship service wherein the saved will sit on hard wooden pews, wearing uncomfortable neck-ties, suits, and dresses. There we will sit for all eternity singing every song in the songbook from cover to cover, only to then start all over again. In a word, many people think heaven will be BORING!

While I cannot tell you all the things the saved will do when we get to heaven, I can assure you that it won't be "boring," and one won't prefer hell over heaven. How can I make such an assurance? Because I trust God.

Had I been with the Israelites when they were backed up against the Red Sea with the Egyptians approaching, I would not have known how God was going to save them, but hindsight

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

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revealed he parted the Sea so the Israelites could escape.

Had I been present when God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, I would not have known how God was going to resolve that situation, but hindsight revealed that he provided a ram.

Had I been present when Jesus was murdered on a cross, I would have been so confused, but hindsight revealed the resurrection.

Likewise, while I don't understand how God is going to make heaven the place of eternal joy and happiness devoid of sorrow, pain, and death, I have full faith that someday, hindsight will reveal the answer to that question as well.

As for me, I'm homesick for a city to which I've never been. As for Asimov, he has changed his thinking about preferring hell over heaven, but sadly, he changed his mind too late.

**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**

Dennis Mays is our guest speaker from Agape of North Carolina. His wife as well as Kimberly Scott, Agape's Executive Director, is accompanying him. We will have a question & answer session after worship. Lunch will be provided for everyone. We hope you will attend.

 **AGAPE of N.C.**

Opportunities to Serve		
	Today	03/24/19
Welcome	John Bowling	Lee Shepherd
Song Leader	Dick Phillips	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	Willie Gore
Communion	*Lee Shepherd	*Albert Sturdivant
	Tom Walsh	Lynn Means
	Lynn Means	Tom Walsh
Scripture Reading	Lynn Means	Tom Walsh
Speaker	Dennis Mays (Agape of NC)	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	John Bowling	Lee Shepherd
Evening	Tom Walsh	Jim Hobbs
Nursery	Hannah Garner	Carolyn Bowling

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**  
 Ricky Bowling                      Dean Simmons

**Traveling**  
 Gore Family                          Hobbs 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 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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**John 3:8**

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."