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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Coincidence vs. Providence

By Adam Faughn

There are some stories in history that just make you shake your head at the amazing level of coincidence that happens. For example, Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert Lincoln, was present, as you might expect, when his father died from the wounds he sustained by an assassin's bullet. However, it is merely coincidence that Robert Lincoln was also in the larger crowd when President James Garfield was shot several years later. Garfield would die from the wounds about two months later.

Even more amazing is that Robert Lincoln was also on his way to meet President William McKinley when he was assassinated in 1901. Lincoln was actually in the same town and on his way to meet the president when the assassination occurred.

We are often amazed at these times of coincidence, and they are amazing. We must ask, though, is everything that happens in our life merely coincidence? Are we just living and having events happen in our lives solely by mere chance?

For the Christian, we understand that some things in life "just happen." On the other hand, we also know that God is still working in this world through providence. Providence is the manner in which God works through the natural forces of this world in order to bring about His will. It is often silent in the moment, but, when we look back on something, we often see God's providential hand all over certain events that "just happened" to work out.

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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	40
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	19
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	21
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ 624.00
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:

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

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Paul, when he wrote to Philemon, tried to explain why the slave Onesimus ran away and ended up where Paul was in Rome. In Philemon 15, the apostle wrote, “For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever” (emphasis added). Whether God worked this out through providence or whether it was mere coincidence was not specifically revealed to Paul, even by inspiration, but Paul seemed to indicate that he believed it was more than happenstance.

When we realize that “for those who love God all things work together for good” (Romans 8:28), and that God does not work via miracles any longer (see 1 Corinthians 12-14), do we take the time to thank and praise Him for those “perhaps” moments in our lives? They will be times of good and comfort, of joy and healing, of amazement and peace, though we may not realize His hand at work in those things until after the fact. Still, for each of them, may we give Him the glory.

Bulletin Gold

The men's meeting is scheduled next Sunday at 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars.



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.



Just Some Humor

Three Preachers in the south were having lunch in a diner. One said "Ya know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything--noise, spray, cats--nothing seems to scare them away.

Another said "Yea, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

The third said, "I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since!!!"

Opportunities to Serve

	Today	05/26/19
Welcome	John Bowling	Lee Shepherd
Song Leader	Willie Gore	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	Tom Walsh	Albert Sturdivant
Communion	*Lee Shepherd	*Tom Walsh
	Lynn Means	Lee Shepherd
	Albert Sturdivant	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Lynn Means	Lee Shepherd
Speaker	Rick Massey	Jim Hobbs
Closing Prayer	John Bowling	Lee Shepherd
Evening	Devotion/John Bowling	Devotion/Jim Hobbs
Nursery	Lelia 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

Gloria McClure

Chip Barkman

Traveling

Dennis Kelly

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The Ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We are studying "The Virtuous Woman". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

— Luke 19:10