

WELCOME

VISITORS

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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No Alternative
By Ron Thomas

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	19
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	14
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1064.00
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 First Amendment to the Constitution reads this way: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

2 Timothy 3:12 reads, Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (ASV).

It appears to me we live in a time when the First Amendment is less about freedom to worship and more about taking the freedom, such as the freedom of speech. There are some in our country who do not like certain words, phrases and ideas to be expressed. Rather than the community shaming vulgar speech, some make laws (such as "hate" speech) to prevent others from speaking words with which some might disagree. This is called political correctness, otherwise known as PC. The amendment speaks against the government endorsing a religion, that is a religion of the state, this is what is prohibited, nothing more. Courts, however, afraid of many things and people expanded this phrase to mean much more than that.

Now, there is the notion of "separation of church and state", something not found in the Constitution, but in a personal letter from Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Connecticut Baptists in 1802 (www.allabouthistory.org). Because of such a perverted interpretation of the phrase, the moral foundation of our country, exhibit in our government, is all but gone. John Adams wrote to a Mr. Warren that our government can only be "supported by pure Religion or Austere Morals. Private, and Public Virtue is the only Foundation of Republics" (America's God and Country, p.12). A moral standard comes from one of two sources: God, not God. There is no third option available. Since many in our community reject God, the only alternative is not God.

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

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Look where this has led us. Since we, as a country, are confused morally, the internal moral decay that destroyed Rome has already begun its destructive force against ours. It's only in the Lord's mind concerning how long He will allow us to stand as a Nation on this earth. We are we to do?

The only thing godly people (Christians) can do is live the life of Jesus Christ. For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: (1 Peter 2:21-23). For the Christian, there really is no other alternative. As the opportunity is ours, let us redeem (make the best use of) time (Col. 4:5). In the end, while our country is being destroyed, those who live in accordance with the Lord Jesus will be saved.

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:

Galatians

Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Men's Meeting

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

We welcome a youth group from Tennessee visiting next week. They will be serving along with our brethren.

We also welcome the McNeil family as we are always delighted to have them visit.

		Opportunities to Serve
Welcome	Today	06/30/19
Song Leader	John Bowling	Lee Shepherd
Opening Prayer	Willie Gore	Keith O'Neal
Communion	Tom Walsh	Hutson Staggs
	*Jim Hobbs	*Albert Sturdivant
	Lee Shepherd	Brennan Reed
Scripture Reading	Lynn Means	Dawson McFarlin
Speaker	Lynn Means	Thomas Hastings
Closing Prayer	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Evening	John Bowling	Grant O'Neal
Nursery	Devotion/Willie	Jim Hobbs
	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
 Buddy Stephenson M. Brazil

Traveling
 Tisdale Family Johns Family
 Moore Family Garner Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

Game/Craft night

Bring your bag meal and join us on Friday evening at 5:30 pm for board games and crafts. Nancy Walsh will assist in the crafts. For the craft bring a painted canvas, scissors, paint brush (1 in. or so), shells, Mod Podge, pictures and anything you wish to use to embellish your craft.



The ladies bible study has been discontinued for the summer. We resume the studies on September 3rd. Our bible study topic will be music.

Labor of Love

The Labor of Love will meet Saturday at noon in the fellowship room. Barbara Bartlow will present the devotion. Don't forget your gift of love for Hope Harbor.

