

WELCOME VISITORS

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 14, 2019

Are You Faithful?
By Caleb J. Rutherford

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	50
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	22
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	19
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ 815.00
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:

A used car dealer said to a potential customer: "This one has very low mileage. The former owner drove it only when he could get it started.." The church of Christ at First Century Sardis had some members who were like that. All cleaned up and looking good on the outside, but hard to get started. Saying all the right things at church. Showing up on **Sunday** and singing the songs and praying the prayers and eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Looking alive and well.

And not only that, but the congregation as a whole had a widespread and good reputation. Jesus referred to this in Revelation 3:1 where He said of the saints at Sardis: "*I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.*" This group of Christians had all the appearances of being a vigorous, flourishing church.

Brethren in other places had talked about how sound and faithful they were. Perhaps her elders and preachers were invited from time to time to speak at workshops or lectureships to tell about all the wonderful things that were going on. But it's hard to fake Jesus out. After all, He is the One with eyes like a flame of fire that see right through all the shallow pretenses and superficial put-on's and spiritual games people play (Revelation 1:14b; 2:18b).

Did you catch Jesus' divine diagnosis of this congregation: Actually, it is not a diagnosis but an announcement of death - **YOU ARE DEAD**. A dead church.. Still going through the motions -but they were already dead. Like the old preacher who said of the man whose funeral he was

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

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performing: “The deceased has been a member of this church for thirty-five years.” In Revelation 3:2-6, Jesus seeks to perform a spiritual “CPR” on this congregation as He calls them to watch, hold fast, and repent. But wait a minute. Unlike some human critics of the church, Jesus is not content simply to condemn and see the negative. Revelation 3:4 reveals there were some unnamed and unsung heroes in the church at Sardis: “*You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.*”

All my life as a Christian, I have listened to preachers and members of the church talk about “the faithful few.” Some preachers and members of the church insist that 90% of the Lord’s work is done and financed by 10% of the members while the other 10% is done and financed by the remaining 90%. I don’t know about all that. But I know Someone who does. Whether there are many or few where you worship. Jesus is looking for the faithful, and He knows who they are; and He commends them. Whether there are many or few, are you one of the faithful?

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:

Galatians

Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



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Farewell Dinner

We will be hosting a farewell dinner for our sister, Barbara Bartlow, who will be leaving us soon. The dinner will be this Saturday, July 20th at 5:30. Everyone is invited to come and bid Barbara good wishes as well as enjoy a delicious meal.



Opportunities to Serve

	Today	07/21/19
Welcome	Albert Sturdivant	Willie Gore
Song Leader	Dick Phillips	Willie Gore
Opening Prayer	Jim Hobbs	Albert Sturdivant
Communion	*Tom Walsh	*Jim Hobbs
	Lynn Means	Tom Walsh
	Dick Phillips	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Lee Shepherd	Albert Sturdivant
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	John Bowling
Evening	Jim Hobbs	Jim Hobbs
Nursery	Libby Hobbs	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

Libby Waycaster

Traveling

Gloria Coldwell
Gore Family
Ball Family

Nancy Walsh
Jim Hobbs

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



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

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Ephesians 3:11-12

¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.