

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	29
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	17
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	12
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1442.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 st Sunday)	12:30 PM		
Men's Meeting (Last Sunday of every month)	5:00 PM		

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Faith in . . . Faith?
By Lance Cordle

Recently I reached into a closet to get some trash bags. I was in sort of a hurry, so I did not bother to turn on enough light to see the bags. I remembered that I had previously placed them on the top shelf of the closet, so I reached upward for them. To my surprise, they were not there. I knew that I had put them there, so I began to feel about for them, and finally felt them down at the bottom of the shelf, where they had fallen. Confident that I had placed them on the top shelf, I logically believed that they had fallen. Instead of turning on the light, in faith I reached down and picked them up.

My actions in regard to the closet demonstrate trust in myself and past actions. We use trust (faith) daily, by believing in people and things. But, somehow, people want to make faith itself divine when they speak of believing in God. Sometimes people speak of "leaning on" their faith to get them through a crisis. At other times, someone may speak of their "brand" of faith—In an obituary, the deceased may be described as being "of the _____ faith." (Insert denomination or religion).

It seems to me that the act of believing is made to be the powerful force rather than the object of the faith. In all my life, I should lean on God, through faith..

Let me see if I can explain myself a little more clearly. Take Abraham, for example. In Hebrews 11:8, it is said, "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance." But on what basis did Abraham go out? Was it an illogical trust? Was it blind faith in a being he had no dealings with previously? I submit to you that it was neither. In

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

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fact, though all of Hebrews 11 deals with deeds done through faith, the object of, and the facilitator of the mighty deeds was God himself. Faith was the avenue by which God was allowed to work in the lives of those listed in that great chapter. Without God, they were nothing. They could have trusted in someone else—and failed.

When I choose to trust, my trust (faith) is only as good as the object of that trust. My actions are based upon my understanding and interaction with the object before I place my trust in it. Some like to describe faith as being illogical or as a better “felt-than-told” experience. However, just as we allow ourselves to test things on earth, God has sent forth revelation in written form that can be documented (Matthew 4:4, 7, 11). He also sent his son at a time in history (Galatians 4:4), the act itself, which can be verified by history.

Though faith is a beautiful word and provokes powerful images, we must understand that our faith is only as good as the object of it (Proverbs 3:5, 6). It is not an end in itself. Faith in faith is empty.

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.



OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES
 Author Unknown
 A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong. "All right children let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all his money, what would I be?" Little Johnny raises his hand, and with a confident smile, he blurts out, "You'd be his wife!"

“He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.”
 PROVERBS 15:15

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	08/25/19
Song Leader	Albert Sturdivant	Lee Shepherd
Opening Prayer	Dick Phillips	Willie Gore
Communion	Willie Gore	Jim Hobbs
	*Jim Hobbs	*Tom Walsh
	Tom Walsh	Lynn Means
	Lee Shepherd	Dick Phillips
Scripture Reading	Albert Sturdivant	Lee Shepherd
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	Lee Shepherd
Evening	Devotion/John Bowling	Jim Hobbs
Nursery	Carolyn Bowling	Leila 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.

Traveling
 Means Family Jim Hobbs

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

Psalm 92:4-5
⁴ For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work;
 I will triumph in the works of Your hands.
⁵ O LORD, how great are Your works!
 Your thoughts are very deep.