

# 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	37
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	14
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	18
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ 825.00
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

October 20, 2019

Will There Really Be A Judgment Day?

By R. W. McAlister

In Heb. 9:27 the Bible says, "...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" In Rom. 14:11-12, the Lord says, "... every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. 12So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." That's a reference to final judgment. In II Cor. 5:10, the Bible says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." The Bible is very clear about the reality of a final judgment. I think the real question is, "What happens to us before Judgment?" II Peter 2:9 addresses this, and it reads, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:" The Greek text suggests the idea of keeping the unrighteous "under punishment (present tense— continual punishment) unto (looking towards) the day of judgment." The phrase "under punishment" reveals that the penalty was already being inflicted at the time the apostle is writing.

The punishment begins at the point of death, in somewhat the same way an individual apprehended in the commission of a crime is jailed until his trial. In that case, he is being punished before actual judgment has been passed.

In Luke 16, we find the story of the rich man and Lazarus, who begged at the rich man's gate. We don't have time to read all of it, but beginning in v. 22, the Bible says, "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; <sup>23</sup>And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup>And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send

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

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Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented."

It's important to understand that both Lazarus and the rich man are in a place called, "Hades." The Hadean realm is divided into two parts, separated by a great gulf (Luke 16:26): "Abraham's Bosom" (also called Paradise – Luke 23:43), and "torment" or, "Tartarus." Hades, consisting of Paradise and Torment, could be viewed as "Eternity's Waiting Room," where all departed souls await final judgment, which is guaranteed to come, as we've already noted from Heb. 9:27, Rom. 14:12, and II Cor. 5:10. It is on the Day of Judgment that souls who are in Paradise will be ushered into Heaven, and those souls found in Torment will be consigned to Gehenna Hell, the final and eternal abode of those who die apart from God.

In short, if I die as a faithful Christian, my soul will await final Judgment in the Paradise half of Hades, but if I die outside the body of Christ, or as a once-faithful Christian who has turned his back on God and never repented, I will, upon my death, await final Judgment with the rich man of Luke 16, in Tartarus, being tormented in fire. None of us wants that to be our ultimate fate, so I urge us all to seek out God's plan of salvation in the Scriptures and obey it.

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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**Change For Life**

Change for Life is an annual giving campaign, with a twist! In October through December, we will challenge you to collect all of your spare change. During this time, we also urge you to pray over your ability to give an annual donation to AGAPE of NC. In December and/or January, each congregation will come together and collect the change everyone has been saving, as well as your annual gift that will support the mission of AGAPE of NC.

	<b>Opportunities to Serve</b>	
	Today	10/27/19
Welcome	Lee Shepherd	John Bowling
Song Leader	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Opening Prayer	Willie Gore	Lee Shepherd
Communion	*Albert Sturdivant	*Jim Hobbs
	Lynn Means	Bob Stanley
	Bob Stanley	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Tom Walsh	Albert Sturdivant
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Lee Shepherd	John Bowling
Evenings	Devotion/John Bowling	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**  
 Karen Miller

**Traveling**  
 Connie Halstead      Nancy Walsh  
 Marilyn Mitchell

**Deaths**  
 Kitty Alford Family

**General**  
 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. Our topic is a "Study of Song of Worship". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

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**Gospel Meeting**  
 Sunday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

**Whiteville Church of Christ**  
 Speaker Doyle Farris  
 of Gallatin, TN

Details are on the bulletin board.