

WELCOME VISITORS

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 3, 2019

More Than Just Being Good
By Joe Slater

“There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius . . . a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people and prayed to God always” (Acts 10:2, NKJV).

If you aren't being good, repent – quickly! And bring forth the fruit of repentance by mending your ways. God wants you to be good. Of that there is no doubt.

But is “being good” all God requires? If ever there was a “good” man, Cornelius certainly was. As to “goodness,” few, if any, of us could hold a candle to him. He was a “devout” (i.e. religious) man. And he directed his devotion toward the right object: he “feared God” (i.e. he held God in reverence). Not only that, but he led his household in that same worshipful devotion. Then our text tells us he “gave alms generously to the people.” While Cornelius was a Gentile, his charity was directed toward Jews (“the people” is used in contrast to the Gentiles). Finally, Cornelius “prayed to God always.”

What a good man! God Himself took note of him: “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God” (Acts 10:4). So Cornelius must have been saved, right? No, that would be wrong! God’s holy angel told him to “send men to Joppa , and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved” (Acts 11:13-14). Good as he was, Cornelius was lost! Unlike so many today, however, Cornelius wasn't trusting in his own goodness. When Peter taught him the gospel, he believed and obeyed (Acts 10:44-48).

Jesus taught that many sincere, “good,” religious people will be lost on Judgment Day. “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not
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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	22
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	18
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	13
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1000.00
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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prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then will declare to them, ‘I never knew you: depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:22-23).
 doing His will includes being “good”; but goodness won’t cleanse you from sin. Only Jesus’ blood can do that when you, like Cornelius, believe and obey the gospel, and then “walk in the light” with Jesus (1 John 1:7).
 Bulletin Gold

November Birthdays

Connie Shepherd 14th



Thanksgiving Basket

We will be giving 5 baskets filled with food to needy families before Thanksgiving. If you wish to participate, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and choose the items you wish to bring. We want to deliver the baskets by the 24th of November.

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.



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.

Opportunities to Serve

	Today	11/10/19
Welcome	Don Lockey	Jim Hobbs
Song Leader	Willie Gore	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	John Bowling	Don Lockey
Communion	*Lee Shepherd	*Willie Gore
	Jim Hobbs	Lee Shepherd
	Bob Stanley	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Lee Shepherd	Lynn Means
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Don Lockey	Bob Stanley
Evenings	Devotion/Singing	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
Randy Blackburn

Traveling
Connie Halstead Marilyn Mitchell
Means Family Walsh 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 cancelled this week. Our study will resume next Tuesday, November 12, at 10:30 in the fellowship room.

Fellowship Meal

We will have our fellowship meal today following the worship service. During this time, we will recognize the ones with birthdays and anniversaries in November. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a delicious meal with us.

