

# WELCOME

VISITORS

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 8, 2019

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	32
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	9
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	12
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ 946.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
(Last Sunday of every month)			

### One of the Greatest Gifts You Can Give to Someone (and Yourself) By Edd Sterchi

There is a gift that you can give to others that is absolutely amazing and it does not cost a thing (monetarily, anyway). It is never the wrong color or size. Everyone who receives this gift always loves and cherishes it. And, amazingly enough, when we give this to someone, we also receive something in return. It's a win-win. Ready to hear what it is? It is the gift of forgiveness.

*The Oxford English Dictionary* defines forgive as: "to stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offense or mistake." Our English word forgive comes from the Old English words "for" and "gifan" (give). So, forgiveness in the original root means to give (as in give up). In forgiving someone, we give up on anger, resentment, and revenge – and in doing so, we give the person we are forgiving something, and we are giving ourselves something, also.

I'm sure you have heard the phrase, "forgive and forget." Notice within those words are the words "give" and "get." When we forgive another, we give them a renewed relationship, but we also give ourselves peace of mind – those thoughts of anger and resentment have been let go.

Jesus gave the reminder that if we want forgiveness from God, then we must forgive our fellow humans (Matt. 6:14-15). It is God's design that forgiveness is a gift to others and to ourselves.

Paul, through inspiration, wrote in Col. 3:12-15, "Therefore...put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing  
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TO OUR FRIENDS:

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

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with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...” When we learn to give forgiveness to others, we make it much easier for the peace of God to rule in our hearts.

So do you want to give a great gift and receive a great gift at the same time? Then learn to forgive. Two for the price of one – what a deal! Forgiveness is truly the gift that keeps on giving!

**Bulletin Gold**

**Christmas Basket**

We will again be giving 5 baskets filled with food for families in need before Christmas. 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 22nd of December.

**Change For Life**

Lelia Gore has asked everyone that is participating in the Change for Life Campaign bring their donations by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. The donations are to be sent to Agape of North Carolina to support children in foster care and adoptions to Christian families.

**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.



We will have a congregational Christmas party on Saturday, December 14, at 5 pm. Each person is to bring a small gift valued at around \$5. A man will bring something a man would like as a gift and a woman will bring a woman's gift.



**Opportunities to Serve**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>12/15/19</b>
Welcome	John Bowling	Tom Walsh
Song Leader	Willie Gore	Dick Phillips
Opening Prayer	Lee Shepherd	John Bowling
Communion	*Jim Hobbs	*Willie Gore
	Bob Stanley	Lynn Means
	Lynn Means	Bob Stanley
Scripture Reading	Bob Stanley	Lee Shepherd
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	John Bowling	Tom Walsh
Evenings	Jim Hobbs	Devotion/Don Lockey
Nursery	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.

General

Brandon Barron

Traveling

Gloria Coldwell

Lockey Family

Jim Hobbs Family

Deaths

Madeline Hobbs 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 thru this month. We will resume on January 7, 2020

**Ladies Christmas Luncheon**

The ladies Christmas party has been rescheduled to December 21st at noon at Southport Gourmet and Sushi Bar. Please bring a wrapped gift for sharing.

