

# 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.

## SUNDAY

Bible Study            10:00 AM  
Worship                11:00 AM  
Evening                 6:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY   6:30 PM  
Fellowship Meal      12:30 PM  
(Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)  
Men's Meeting         5:00 PM  
(Last Sunday of every month)

## ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Morning Worship      26  
Evening Worship      9  
WEDNESDAY            13  
Contribution          \$ 772.00

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**TO OUR FRIENDS:**

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 15, 2019

The Greatest Gift

By David Bragg

Martin of Tours, one of the Patron Saints recognized and venerated by Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches (among others), lived in the fourth Christian century in what is modern day France. Martin was not only a Roman soldier but, also a Christian. The legend for which he would become famous relates to an act of compassion resulting in a most unusual gift. According to this legend Martin found himself on duty in Gaul one cold, blustery day when his path happened to cross a scantily clad beggar asking for alms. With no money on his person, Martin removed his worn, threadbare military cloak, cut in in half and shared it with the needy man.

Later that night Martin had a dream in which he saw Jesus in heaven wearing what looked like a cut or torn Roman cloak. As he marveled at the scene before him, Martin overheard an angel ask Jesus why He was wearing the tattered old cloak. "Where did you get it?" the angel asked, to which Christ was heard to reply, "My servant Martin gave it to Me."

In this season of the year as much of the world pauses, if but for a moment, to reflect upon Jesus, it is good to think of and appreciate just how great of a gift God has given to us by sending

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

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His only begotten Son. Although no one knows the day of Jesus' birth, THAT He was born is an undeniable fact. This being the case, we owe it to ourselves to ask two important questions.

- Why would God make such a sacrifice? The inspired answer is, because of His love (John 3:16).
- How can I live my life as if Jesus never came? Hopefully our answer is, we can't, because of our love.

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**Bulletin Gold**

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**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.

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**Change For Life**

Lelia Gore has asked everyone that is participating in the Change for Life Campaign **bring your donations today**. 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

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The Bible study topic for Wednesday night:


**Galatians**

Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



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You're Invited  
 To the  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday area wide singing  
 Hosted by  
 Whiteville Church of Christ  
 Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm



	Opportunities to Serve	12/22/19
Welcome	Today Tom Walsh	Lee Shepherd
Song Leader	Dick Phillips	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	John Bowling	Don Lockey
Communion	*Willie Gore	*Dick Phillips
	Don Lockey	Lee Shepherd
	Bob Stanley	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Lee Shepherd	Lynn Means
Speaker	Rick Massey	Jim Hobbs
Closing Prayer	Tom Walsh	Lee Shepherd
Evenings	Devotion/Don Lockey	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.

**General**  
 Roland Hollar                      Sclah Hochell

**Traveling**  
 Gloria Coldwell                      Means 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

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**Ladies Christmas Luncheon**

The ladies Christmas party will be Saturday, December 21<sup>th</sup>, at noon at Southport Gourmet and Sushi Bar. Please bring a wrapped gift to share.

