

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	26
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	14
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	11
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ 790.00
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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Standing Firm in the Lord

By David R. Ferguson

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 16:13 [NAS], "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."

Stand firm. Thirteen times this phrase appears in the New Testament. Twelve times it was written by Paul, and the other one by the Apostle Peter.

I imagine there are many people today who will be offended by such a statement as "stand firm in the faith" and "act like men." But the truth is the Holy Spirit of God, Who inspired Paul to write these words, isn't interested at all in politically correct speech or thought. He isn't concerned about whether or not someone's feelings or sensibilities are offended. What He is concerned about, however, is the condition and salvation of our souls.

You see, Jesus wants soldiers in His army. He wants people to be committed truly to Him, and He expects men to be men. Paul also writes, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier." (2 Timothy 2:1-4 [NAS])

Jesus doesn't want fickle people in His service. He doesn't want people, especially men, to leave Him just because the going gets a little bit rough. This

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

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is why He Himself said, “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62 [NAS]).

Standing firm in the faith and standing fast in the grace of God are key to maintaining one’s salvation. Paul reminded Timothy, “Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you” (1 Timothy 4:16 [NAS]).

Finally, James, the Lord’s brother, tells his readers that the ultimate prize awaits all who stand firm to the end. He writes, “Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the Crown of Life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him” (James 1:12 [NAS]).

Stand firm, be alert and on the watch, act like men, and be strong in all that you do, regardless of the slings and arrows which our great enemy Satan fires in our direction throughout our service to the Lord in His army. The Lord WILL reward you with eternal life for your faithfulness to Him!

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.



Matthew 7:12
¹² Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.



		Opportunities to Serve
	Today	01/26/20
Welcome	John Bowling	Don Lockey
Song Leader	Willie Gore	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	Tom Walsh	Jim Hobbs
Communion	*Lee Shepherd	*Willie Gore
	Bob Stanley	Lee Shepherd
	Lynn Means	Bob Stanley
Scripture Reading	Lynn Means	Tom Walsh
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	John Bowling	Don Lockey
Evenings	Devotion/Tom Walsh	Jim Hobbs
Nursery	Hannah Garner	Libby Hobbs
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.		 Women's Bible Study The Ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We are studying "Study of Song of Worship". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.
<u>Health</u> BJ Lockey		
<u>Deaths</u> David Bordeaux 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.		<i>Labor of Love</i> The Labor of Love will meet Saturday at noon in the fellowship room. Carolyn Bowling will present the devotion. Don't forget your gift of love for Hope Harbor.
		