

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 (Every 1 st Sunday)	12:30 PM
Men's Meeting Last Sunday of every month)	5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Morning Worship	45
Evening Worship	
Wednesday	11
Contribution	1416.00

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Was It Worth It?

By John Gross

Any time the congregation spends effort and money on any project we have to stop and ask: "Is it worth it?" Whenever we have a project like Vacation Bible School there will be literally hours each teacher spends getting ready for their class. There is the time and money spent on advertising not to mention working to have the facilities looking good for those who visit. Add into that the extra cost of Air Conditioning during the hot weather and all the other costs associated with VBS we have to ask ourselves if our efforts were wisely spent.

How do you judge such a thing? Will our efforts be worth it if we have large numbers attend? Will it be worth it if we have a new family place membership? What will be the standard we use to determine if all of our time and money was worth what it cost? I found an old box of papers that has been pushed back and ignored for years. In that box I found a certificate where I attended VBS when I was eight years old. I have not been a member of that congregation since 1969. I wonder if the efforts of the congregation in Jerseyville, Illinois were worth it?

I remember sitting in an old wooden theater style seat with my feet dangling, far from the floor. Charlie Scoggans was preaching that day, and I could not have been more than five years old. I still remember thinking that when I grew up I wanted to be a preacher just like Charlie. Perhaps he wondered if his sermon was worth anything that day.

It was December 1965 when Burl Price shook my hand after the morning services and said: "Please come back to our young people's class tonight." He had to put up with an ornery kid, but he was patient, and he immersed me into Christ July 15, 1966. He spent time with me in Bible study and helped me start my library. Perhaps he too wondered if it was worth it.

I wonder if all the efforts of the congregation are worth the sweat, hard work, and money we put into it. Perhaps the best way to judge such things is with the inspired words of the Apostle Paul: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (I Corinthians 3:6 ESV). We will not know the answer to our question until the day of judgment. We cannot know how our efforts have touched the mind of a child or adult. We can only do our part and depend on God to bless our efforts.

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

What Comes Out?
By Jim Wilson

Amy Carmichael has a note in her little book: “A cup brimful of sweet water cannot spill even one drop of bitter water, however suddenly jolted.”

If it is full of sweet water and is jolted, what will come out of the cup? Sweet water. If you gave it a harder jolt, what’s going to happen? More sweet water. If someone is filled with sweet water and someone else gives him a “jolt,” what will come out? Sweet water! Jolts do not turn sweet water into bitter water. That is done by something else.

Jolts only bring out of the container what is already in the container. If you’re filled with sweetness and light, and you get jolted, you’re going to spill sweetness and light. If you’re filled with honey, the honey will come out. If vinegar comes out, what does that prove? It shows what was already in the container. In other words, bitterness is not based upon what the other person did at all. It is the result of what we do and are.

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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: A
 Chronological Study of the Life of Jesus
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Proverbs 16:21
The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

Opportunities to Serve		
	Today	07/21/13
Welcome	Albert Sturdivant	Leslie Bell
Song Leader	Willie Gore	John Bowling
Opening Prayer	Ed Williams	Albert Sturdivant
Communion	*Leslie Bell	*Willie Gore
	Lynn Means	Bill Bartlow
	Albert Sturdivant	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	John Bowling	Leslie Bell
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Charlie Gamble	John Bowling
Nursery	Betty Bell	Lelia Gore
Evening	Willie Gore	Leslie Bell

Please remember to pray for the sick, lonely, and especially anyone outside Christ.

HEALTH

Nancy Spencer	Mrs. Swopes
Theresa Howery	Marise Smith
Madrena Jones	Dwight Hewett

TRAVELING

Williams Family
Bartlow Family
Tisdale Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

Contributed by: Clyde E McCall, Sr

It was Sunday morning. A father sat in his easy chair reading the Sunday newspaper. Then he said to his son, “Put down that funny paper. Get ready for Sunday school. “Daddy, aren’t you going with me?” “No, I’m not going with you, but I want you to hurry up and get ready.” “Daddy, did you go to Bible Study when you were a little boy like me?” “Certainly I did. I went every Sunday,” said the father. The little follow said as he walked away, “I bet it won’t do me any good, either.