

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		ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	41
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	13
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	10
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	1027.00
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:

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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Fallout Shelters, Airport Security and Estate Planning
By Joe Chesser

What do fallout shelters, airport security and estate planning have in common? The answer is that they all are preparations we make today for possible disasters tomorrow. When I was growing up, building fallout shelters was a hot topic. Everybody knew that during the Cold War (often dated between 1947 and 1991) a nuclear attack was inevitable. So, to offer protection from radioactive debris, fallout shelters were built. Virtually all of these shelters have now been decommissioned, and many of them have been turned into museums. The threat never materialized.

Airport security is one way our government is trying to offer protection from future terrorist attacks. Estate planning is an attempt to anticipate and arrange for the disposal of an estate during your life, in the hopes of eliminating future uncertainties in disbursements and taxes. All three of these concepts are something we do today to hopefully avoid disasters tomorrow. Planning for the future in any area is wise and has many benefits.

But as Murray Dunn recently wrote to me, how sad it is when people willingly spend time, energy and money trying to provide protection from future disasters of this life while never giving a thought about preparing for the future disaster in the life to come! Fallout shelters did nothing to protect people from the affects of Satan's influence. Airport security does nothing to protect people from the sinful terrorist attacks of the Devil. Estate planning rarely gives thought to how our assets can be used for God's glory. This is in no way undermining the importance of making these preparations for our future protection. But it does serves to illustrate a greater truth: if we can see the importance of making future

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

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preparations for possible disasters in this life, how much more should we be making preparations for the certain disaster that is in a future without Christ!

The story Jesus told about a man often called “The Rich Fool” (Luke 12:13-21) makes this lesson clear. To paraphrase the story, a farmer had a bumper crop and did not have enough storage to hold it all. He took comfort in his decision to just build larger storage barns and found security in his surplus. Unfortunately for him, he gave no thought to how he should use his blessings for God. That very night God not only took his life, leaving his full barns for others, He also called him to give account for not thinking of God. Jesus concluded, “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God” (Luke 12:21).

While this story focuses on how we might fail to use God’s material blessings, it also illustrates a larger principle: how we often fail to consider God in any of our future planning. Whatever God gives us (our families, our time, our leisure, our jobs, our talents, and especially our souls), whatever He gives us in this life needs to be used in view of eternity. It’s ok, even wise, to plan for future disasters in this life, but we should never neglect to plan for eternity. “What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matt. 16:26).

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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.**



Our church directory has been updated . If you could not print the directory from your computer or you don't have the means to print a copy, there is a copy in the office for you. Thank you Sharon Means for providing the directory for us.

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	11/17/13
Song Leader	Albert Sturdivant	Charlie Gamble
Opening Prayer	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Communion	John Lloyd	John Bowling
	*Charlie Gamble	*Ed Williams
	Lynn Means	Don Lockey
	Ed Williams	Dick Phillips
Scripture Reading	Dick Phillips	Albert Sturdivant
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Dick Phillips	John Lloyd
Evening	John Bowling	Albert Sturdivant
Nursery	Sharon Means	Gloria Coldwell
The Nursery will be open to receive children following the Communion.		

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

HEALTH
Debra Turner Ron Myer
Ralph Shelton Jayne Howard

TRAVELING
Gore Family Kevin Crisco Family

SHUT IN
Basil Frye

DEATHS
Robert Bartlow Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

Ladies Bible Study

The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:00 am in the fellowship room. Our study is a "Study of God's Promises ". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall can you see Christ in me at all?