

# 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	29
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	13
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	8
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$916.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 <sup>st</sup> 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

April 26, 2015

The Elephant Is Still an Elephant  
by Tim Archer

There's an old story about six blind men who wanted to know what an elephant was like. They were allowed to touch a tame elephant, and each described what he felt.

"This animal is like the pillar of a house," said the first man after touching one of the legs of the elephant.

"No, it's more like a rope," said the second, who was grasping the tail.

"I'd say the elephant is like a thick tree branch," argued the third blind man, who had encountered the trunk.

"You're all confused," proclaimed the fourth, touching the elephant's ear, "An elephant is like a fan."

"A fan?" said the fifth, "I should say not! This animal feels like a wall." He was, of course, touching the animal's belly.

The sixth man, with a hand on a tusk, could hardly contain himself. "You must be fools!" he cried. "The elephant is just like a spear."  
The elephant is just like a spear."

This story is often told to describe how our own experience limits how we view things. People with different perspectives can look at the same evidence and draw different conclusions.

But I think there's something that we need to remember as we listen to this story. The elephant never stopped being an elephant. Despite what these men said, it wasn't a pillar or a rope or a branch or a fan or a wall or a spear. It was an elephant.

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**"...The Churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16**

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When it comes to God, there's also a lot of confusion. Some would argue that all viewpoints are valid, that the different religions in this world are just different understandings of the basic concepts.

The Bible doesn't see it that way. The apostle Paul wrote:

*As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.*

*For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)*

*But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

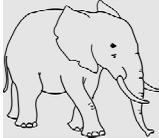
(1 Corinthians 8:4-6).

And Jesus himself said:

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).*

There are many opinions, many theories, and many philosophies. But there is an absolute truth: there is only one God and the only way to Him is through Jesus Christ.

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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 Study of the Book of Romans  
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.




The men's meeting will be held today at 5:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend.

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I've learned .... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

Mickey Rooney

**Opportunities to Serve**

Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion  Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today Albert Sturdivant Willie Gore John Bowling *Albert Sturdivant Josiah Garner Bill Bartlow Lynn Means Rick Massey John Bowling Albert Sturdivant Marselle Eversole	05/03/15 Willie Gore Dick Phillips Albert Sturdivant *John Bowling Lynn Means Bill Bartlow Albert Sturdivant Rick Massey Willie Gore Devotion Sharon Means
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The Nursery will be open to receive children under the age of 3 years following the Communion.

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

Health  
 Sandra Huff

General  
 Albert Huff

Traveling  
 Kelly Garris

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

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James 5:16  
 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.



The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We are using the "Muscle & Shovel" workbooks. Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

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We will have our fellowship meal next Sunday. At that time we will celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries in May. Bring your favorite food dish and invite a friend.

