

WELCOME VISITORS

MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 26, 2015

Trophies

by Tim Archer

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown

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	48
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	12
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	18
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1045.00
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:

These words to the hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" used to catch my attention when I was young. I would think a lot about how hard it would be to lay my trophies down. I had trophies for basketball, for football, and for baseball. Some of them were championship trophies, others were merely for participation. But they meant a lot to me. I didn't really look forward to laying them down.

Recently, while going through some of the things that are still in the house where I grew up, I saw those old trophies. They don't mean much to me anymore. They'll undoubtedly end up in the trash soon. Somehow "laying them down" doesn't seem as hard as I once thought it would be.

Of course, the hymn isn't really talking about those kinds of trophies. It's talking about all of life's accomplishments and achievements. It's talking about laying down everything I've done and everything I've been.

The apostle Paul knew about that. In [Philippians 3](#), he goes through a list of "trophies," a résumé of sorts, listing the things he could brag about regarding his life and his heritage. Then he says, *But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ (Philippians 3:7).*

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

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Paul isn't just talking about baseball trophies from his childhood. He's talking about being willing to turn his back on everything for the sake of Christ. He goes on to say, *I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:8-11).*

I know that just as my childhood trophies have lost their value to me, I'll one day look at all the things that seem so important to me now and see that they are like trash compared to knowing Christ. On that day, I'll lay my trophies down and receive what God has to give me: life without end.

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

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.

Warning!!!
 Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.

Opportunities to Serve

Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today Dick Phillips Willie Gore John Bowling *Dick Phillips Josiah Garner Lynn Means Lynn Means Rick Massey Albert Sturdivant Willie Gore Gloria Coldwell	08/02/15 Albert Sturdivant John Bowling Dick Phillips *Willie Gore Bill Bartlow Lynn Means Albert Sturdivant Rick Massey Willie Gore Devotion Iris/Hannah
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Please remember to pray for the sick, lonely, and especially anyone outside Christ.

Health
Noah Guard

Traveling
Wilson Family
Guard Family
Patti Tucker
Abi Garner

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible study has been postponed thru July and will resume August 11, 2015.

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Just like God

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?"

I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?"

"You're both old," he replied.

Proverbs 17:22
"A cheerful heart is good medicine,..."