

WELCOME

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MESSINGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 29, 2015

A Gift From Johnson Oatman
By David Bragg

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	17
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1473.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 st Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

Over a 100 years ago Johnson Oatman gave a wonderful gift to Christian worship. It sprang out of a gift he himself had received from his father.

Born in 1856, at Medford, NJ, Johnson Oatman inherited his father's love for music. An excellent singer, the elder Johnson's voice filled the Oatman home and made an indelible impression in the mind of his young son. After college the younger Oatman was a partner in his father's general store and later in the insurance industry while also serving as a denominational preacher. But from the age of 36 much of his "spare time" was spent on his real passion, writing hymns of which he reportedly authored more than 5,000. Hymnologist Jacob Henry Hall wrote of Oatman, "no gospel song book is considered as being complete unless it contains some of his hymns" (hymnary.org). While we are familiar with Oatman's favorite hymns, *Higher Ground* and *No Not One*, it is *Count Your Blessings* (written in 1897) that is considered his finest work. It has been said of this song, "Men sing it, boys

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

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whistle it and women rock their babies to sleep to it" (St. Augustine Record, 11-20-14). The hymn's popularity was evident from the moment it was first released but skyrocketed in America during the Great Depression, seven years after Johnson Oatman, Jr.'s death.

As we approach the fourth Thursday of November the thoughts of most Americans will turn towards thanksgiving. It is truly a shame that it takes a national holiday to dredge such thoughts to the surface when every day countless blessings from God are taken for granted. How much better this world would be if everyone heeded Paul's command, "in everything give thanks" (1 Thes. 5:18). Perhaps the familiar words and melody of *Count Your Blessings* will linger with us as a subtle reminder of the source of those daily blessings. That would be a great gift from Johnson Oatman.

Bulletin Gold

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Just Some Humor

A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning. When she knocked on his door, he said, "I'm not going!" "Why not?" asked his mother. "I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me. Two, I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why YOU WILL go to church. One, you're 47 years old. Two, you're the preacher!"

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 Revelation
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



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

Fellowship Dinner



Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion	Today Dick Phillips Willie Gore John Bowling *Albert Sturdivant Bill Bartlow Josiah Garner Lynn Means John Bowling Dick Phillips Devotion Carolyn Bowling	12/06/15 John Bowling Dick Phillips Willie Gore *John Bowling Josiah Garner Lynn Means Albert Sturdivant Rick Massey Albert Sturdivant Devotion Sharon Means
Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery		

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

Health
 Madeline Hobbs

Traveling
 Means Family Massey Family
 Lockey Family Hobbs Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



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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When you're going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.