

WELCOME VISITORS

MESSANGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Hitting the Bull's-Eye
By Joe Chesser

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	35
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	16
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	12
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$757.00
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:

Tony Evans related a story in the introduction of his book The Kingdom Agenda that I thought particularly appropriate as we are about to begin a new year (page xv-xvi).

One day a man was on his way to spend the day with a good friend who lived on a farm. When the man reached the farm, he turned onto the long, winding road that led to the farmhouse. On the way, he had to pass by the barn. But as he drove by the barn, he stopped and got out because he saw something that both amazed and stupefied him.

Drawn on the side of the barn were twenty targets. Each target had a hole right through the middle of its bull's-eye. There were no other holes anywhere on the barn. Whoever had been using the barn for target practice was definitely a crack shot.

The visitor couldn't believe it. He got back in his car, drove up to his friend's farmhouse, and said, "John, before we do anything else, I've just got to ask you. Who in the world did the shooting on the side of your barn?"

John said, "Oh, it was me."

His friend replied, "I can't believe anybody can shoot that well! We're talking about twenty targets with twenty dead-center bull's-eye shots. You mean to tell me you did that?"

John said, "Made every shot."

"Where in the world did you learn to shoot like that?" John's friend asked.

"It was easy. I shot first, then I drew a target around the bullet hole."

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

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Tony Evans' point was: "We do everything we can to give the impression that our lives are on target when in reality all we have done is learn to paint bull's-eyes." In a humorous way, that little story illustrates a serious flaw in our society today. Many, many people have tried to camouflage their emptiness and failures by painting meaningless "targets" around themselves that give the appearance that their lives are successful, that their lives are on target with purpose and direction. They have learned to look, talk and act like people who know what they are doing.

Workaholics want their families and friends to think that they are reaching their dreams, when they are often just trying to escape the realities of life.

Parents want others to see how good a job they are doing by painting targets of involvement in activities outside the home. They sometimes use sports, hobbies, scouting, etc. as proof of how good of parents they are.

Even Christians sometimes paint targets of church attendance or mission trips or charitable contributions to give the appearance that they are spiritually healthy.

Hitting the bull's-eye is not the same thing as painting a bull's-eye around something you have already done. As we begin 2016, let's be sure we are aiming at the targets the Lord has set for us, forgetting about how we might happen to appear to others (Phil. 3:12-14).

Bulletin Gold

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.



Cary Ladies Day
February 20th

"Lessons from Grandpa"

Join us for an encouraging day with guest speaker, Deborah Miller, as she uses lessons from her grandfather to explore who God is, and how we can put God's word into action in our lives.

Check the bulletin board for details.

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	01/24/16
Song Leader	Lynn Means	Willie Gore
Opening Prayer	Willie Gore	Dick Phillips
Communion	Jim Hobbs	John Bowling
	*Albert Sturdivant	*Jim Hobbs
	Bill Bartlow	Josiah Garner
Scripture Reading	Josiah Garner	Lynn Means
Speaker	Jonathan Neuman	Albert Sturdivant
Closing Prayer	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Evening	Albert Sturdivant	Willie Gore
Nursery	Jim Hobbs	Jim Hobbs
	Iris Garner	Hannah Garner

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

Health
Albert Hartfield Irene Hankins
Frank Callis

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

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James 5:16 KJV

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.

Women's Bible Study

The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We will be studying New Testament Commandments. Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

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Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:19-21).