

WELCOME

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MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 10, 2016

“No, Ma’am, I Won’t Ever!”
by Mike Riley

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	16
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	15
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$820.00
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:

The following borrowed story is designed to make us “think” about how we as Christians should accept people different than ourselves into our assemblies. Brethren, let us never be guilty of the sin of partiality as illustrated in this story.

I saw him in the church building for the first time last Wednesday evening. He was in his mid 70’s with silver hair and a neat brown suit. Many times in the past I had invited him to come. Several friends had talked to him about the Lord and had tried to share the Good News of Christ with him. He was a well-respected, honest man with so many characteristics a Christian should have, but he had never put on Christ in baptism. A few years ago, I asked him, after finishing a pleasant day of visiting and talking, “Have you ever been to a church service in your life?” He hesitated, then with a bitter smile he told me of a childhood experience some sixty years ago.

He was one of many children in a large impoverished family. His parents had struggled to provide food, with little left for housing and clothing. When he was about ten, some neighbors invited him to worship with them. The Bible class had been very exciting. He had never heard such songs and stories before. He had never heard anyone read from the Bible before. After class was over, the teacher took him aside and said, “Son, please don’t come again dressed as you are now. We want to look our best when we come worship the Lord.” He stood in his ragged, unpatched overalls, looked at his bare, dirty feet and said, “No ma’am, I won’t ever!” And he never did.

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

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There must have been other factors to have hardened him so, but this one experience formed a significant part of the bitterness in his heart. I'm sure the Bible teacher meant well, but what if she had studied and accepted the teachings found in the second chapter of James? What if she had put her arms around that dirty, ragged little boy and said, "Son, I'm so glad you are here, and I hope you will come every chance you get to hear more about Jesus!" What a difference that statement would have made in this little boy's life!

I pray that I might ever be open to the tenderness of a child's heart, and that I might never fail to see beyond the appearance and behavior of a child to the eternal possibilities within. Yes, I saw him in the church house for the first time last Wednesday evening. As I looked at that immaculately dressed old gentleman lying in his casket, I thought of the little boy of long ago. I could almost hear him saying, "No ma'am, I won't ever!" and I wept.

James tells us, "My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, 'You sit here in a good place,' and say to the poor man, 'You stand there,' or, 'Sit here at my footstool', have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?" (James 2:1-5 - NKJV)

Bulletin Fodder

**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.



**LADIES DAY
APRIL 16, 2016**

"Being Salt in a Tasteless World"
Presented by: Jonee Lewis
Myrtle Beach church of Christ

Details are on the bulletin board.



A new Zambia Newsletter is on the Bulletin board. There is a lot of good news to read about.

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion	Today John Bowling Willie Gore John Bowling *Albert Sturdivant Josiah Garner Jacob Etheridge Lynn Means Rick Massey Jim Hobbs Jim Hobbs Lelia Gore	04/17/16 Willie Gore John Bowling Jim Hobbs *Albert Sturdivant Jonathan Neuman Lynn Means Josiah Garner Rick Massey Willie Gore Jim Hobbs Carolyn Bowling
Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Lynn Means Rick Massey Jim Hobbs Jim Hobbs Lelia Gore	

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

Health
 Michael Pehto Jim Hobbs
 Howard Lee Falisha
 Cortlan Denise

Traveling
 Elizabeth Hewett Shepherd Family
 Lauren Hobbs Dick Phillips

General
 Burgess Family

Deaths
 Betty Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.


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.

Sunday Matinee

We will be showing War Room the movie at 1:00 pm today in the auditorium. We are ordering pizza for anyone wishing to stay and watch the movie.

