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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Bridling the Tongue
By David R. Ferguson

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 | |
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| Bible Study | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship | 37 |
| Worship | 11:00 AM | Evening Worship | 20 |
| Evening | 6:00 PM | Wednesday | 15 |
| WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY | 6:30 PM | Contribution | \$1478.00 |
| 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:

James, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, -shared his wisdom regarding the importance of bridling our tongues. He writes, "If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless" (James 1:26 [NAS]). Controlling what we say is not a trivial matter to God. It never has been.

Many passages of Scripture can be found throughout all of God's written word warning against the dangers of having a froward tongue. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" is one of the Ten Commandments written by the hand of God in stone and found in Exodus 20:16 [NAS].

Solomon writes of the good and the bad that a tongue can do, saying in Proverbs 10:19-21 [NAS], ¹⁹ When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise. ²⁰ The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, the heart of the wicked is worth little. ²¹ The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of understanding.

James takes up this theme, too, saying, ⁵ So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on

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

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 fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by Hell. ⁷ For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. ⁸ But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; ¹⁰ from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. ¹¹ Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh. (James 3:5-12 [NAS])
 If we speak using vile language, or if we say hateful things about others, or if we have lying or deceitful lips, we harm our testimony of Jesus Christ, and fail in our mission to live our lives like Him. The Apostle Paul writes that we are to “prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15 [NAS]). And John warns, “all liars...will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8 [NAS]).
 So guard your tongue! It is literally a matter of life and death!
 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.



Men's Meeting

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



| Opportunities to Serve | | |
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| Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion | Today John Bowling Dick Phillips Albert Sturdivant *Willie Gore Jacob Etheridge Josiah Garner Lee Shepherd Jim Hobbs John Bowling Devotion Gloria Coldwell | 05/01/16 Willie Gore John Bowling Albert Sturdivant *Dick Phillips Lynn Means Jonathan Neuman Josiah Garner Jim Hobbs Lee Shepherd Jim Hobbs Iris/Hannah Garner |
| Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery | Lee Shepherd Jim Hobbs John Bowling Devotion Gloria Coldwell | |

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

Health
 Burgess Family Steve Allen
 Jameson Ward Monica McTaggart

Traveling
 Gamble Family Dick Phillips
 Means Family

Deaths
 Placker 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 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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 Just Some Humor

A mother was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."