

# WELCOME

VISITORS

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	37
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	9
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	6
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$778.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
(Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Others Who Have No Hope  
By Jim Faughn

Please read the following words found in the English Standard Version of 1 Thessalonians 4:13 very carefully:

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others who do not have hope.

I believe that most of us readily understand that the "sleep" being referred to here is the "sleep" of death. I believe it is also fairly obvious that the use of the word "brothers" means that these words are addressed to Christians.

- Does this verse teach us that Christians are not to grieve (mourn, sorrow, etc.) at all when a loved one passes from this life?
- Are Christians supposed to just act as though nothing had ever happened and go on with their lives?
- Does a Christian's confidence in an eternal home make him or her immune to feelings of loss?

If you did, in fact, read that verse carefully, you should realize that the answer to those questions is, "NO." The sorrow of a Christian is not to be "...as others who have no hope." (In reality, it did not take a very careful reading to notice that, did it?)

More often than I really care to remember, I've been in more homes, hospital rooms, nursing home rooms, etc. when death has taken a loved one from family members and friends. Sometimes death has occurred after a long and serious illness. Sometimes the death is sudden and unexpected. In all reality, no two deaths and no two families are ever exactly the same.

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

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However, I've noticed that many of the situations in which I've found myself can broadly fit into one of two categories. Both of these categories are linked to the fact that I'm a preacher (and an elder) and that I often get called on during trying times like this.

I've been in situations when people just want a preacher around. Any "brand" will do. Often, these people are confused. In fact, "panic" might not be too strong a word. These people want somebody --- anybody --- that has some sort of religious credentials to calm them and assure them in some way. They may not even be aware of what way they have in mind. They just want a preacher around. His presence seems to have some sort of calming effect on them (sometimes).

The other people I've been with are just as sad and feel their loss just as much as the first group. Depending on the circumstances, they may even be as confused as the people in the first group. Through tears they express words that convey their grief to the preacher and to one another.

While, they also appreciate a preacher being with them, their actions and words convey a quiet confidence that the other group does not have. Their confidence is not dependent upon the presence of a 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 Galatians  
Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Their confidence is in God and His promises.

It is my prayer that all of us could be a part of this second group of people. It is also my prayer that each of us will live our lives in such a way that those who are left behind can have that quiet confidence that is needed so much during very trying times.

Bulletin Gold

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	08/21/16
Song Leader	Willie Gore	Don Lockey
Opening Prayer	Dick Phillips	Willie Gore
Communion	Don Lockey	John Bowling
	*Albert Sturdivant	*Don Lockey
	Lynn Means	Lynn Means
	Lee Shepherd	Dick Phillips
Scripture Reading	Lee Shepherd	Josiah Garner
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Willie Gore	Don Lockey
Evening	Devotion	Devotion
Nursery	Gloria Coldwell	Iris/Hannah Garner
<u>The nursery will be open following the communion for children 3 years and under .</u>		

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

**Health**  
Jim Vermilyer                      Rick Massey  
Bill Bartlow                         BJ Lockey

**Traveling**  
Gloria Coldwell                      Gore Family



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

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

James 5:16  
Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

*Labor of Love*

The Labor of Love will meet Saturday at noon in the fellowship room. BJ Lockey will present the devotion. Don't forget your gift of love for Hope Harbor.

