

WELCOME

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MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST September 18, 2016

A Matter of the Heart
By Joe Slater

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	25
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	13
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$729.00
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:

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23).

Have you heard about the broken clock hanging on a wall of a church building? A sign below it said, "Don't blame my hands; the trouble lies on the inside."

The same is true for you and me. Our feet take us places we shouldn't go. Our hands do things we ought not do. Our mouths utter wicked words. Why? Is something wrong with our feet, hands, and mouths? No, the problem lies deeper.

Jesus said, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34). Hear the Master again: "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matthew 15:19). Are these actions sinful on their own merits? Indeed! Nobody even remotely familiar with the Bible would argue otherwise. Yet the outward act does not constitute the whole problem.

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus repeatedly showed that God is concerned not only with the outward behavior (good or bad), but with the condition of the heart which motivates it. That is true of murder (Matthew 5:21-26), adultery (5:27-32), honesty (5:33-37), and acts of worship and service such as charitable giving,

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

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prayer, and fasting (6:1-18). God disapproves of sinful acts, but He also disapproves of the corrupt hearts that produce them. He wants us to obey Him, but also to have pure motives.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked” (Jeremiah 17:9). Such is the Lord’s estimation of the human heart. How, then, can we guard our hearts so that our actions are acceptable to God? The apostle Paul taught that we must be careful with our thinking. The world is awash in vulgar, trashy, ugly, ungodly material with which we might occupy our minds. We might meditate about things immoral, things that make us angry, wrongs we have suffered, and past failures. By contrast, Paul says, “whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

There is an old computer saying: G-I-G-O – it stands for “garbage in, garbage out.” Whatever you feed into your mind and allow to stay there will come back out in words and deeds. Remember, it’s a matter of the heart.

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 Galatians
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



The men's meeting is scheduled next Sunday at 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars.



Opportunities to Serve		
	Today	09/25/16
Welcome	Lee Shepherd	Albert Sturdivant
Song Leader	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Opening Prayer	Willie Gore	Don Lockey
Communion	*Don Lockey	*Lee Shepherd
	Lynn Means	Josiah Garner
	Josiah Garner	Lynn Means
Scripture Reading	Albert Sturdivant	Lynn Means
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Lee Shepherd	Albert Sturdivant
Evening	Devotion	Devotion
Nursery	Gloria Coldwell	Iris/Hannah Garner

The nursery will be open following the communion for children 3 years and under .

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

Health
 Lonnie Miller

Traveling
 Gore Family

General
 City of Chicago

Deaths
 Lelia Gore's Aunt
 Betty Darling 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 studying "God's Commandments Old and New Testament". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

Labor of Love

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

