

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	29
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	16
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	14
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$816.00
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:

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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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They Were "Only" Fishermen!

By Jeff Arnette

Why does it seem like being a disciple of Jesus is so challenging? Why does it seem like such a difficult undertaking? I think there are several reasons behind this. Sometimes I think it could be a lack of commitment. Sometimes I think it is because we are an unwillingness to give ourselves completely to Jesus. Sometimes I think we don't truly understand what it means to be disciples. Sometimes I think that we just don't make time for Jesus and following him.

Each of these could be legitimate or they could be a combination of each. Each person is a complicated array of experiences and mistakes; misunderstanding and rebellion, sinner and saint. To just assign a person to any one category is short-sighted at best.

The problem that plagues us the most is not any of these (although they can be true and often plague us). I think the problem we face most often is that we don't think we can be good disciples.

We have allowed Satan to convince us that we are sinners, not saints. Or that we cannot be a disciple because we are simply not good enough. This causes us to look at the people of God, read the stories, examine their lives, and teachings only to conclude that we will never be like them.

Satan says,

You're a sinner because you sin daily!

Your identity is connected to what you've done (sin=condemned and rejected).

Your identity comes from what others think about you (just like everyone else).

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

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Your behavior dictates what you should believe about yourself (discouraged and defeated).

Christian, don't ever accept these lies from Satan. Instead, chose to listen to what God says about you. He will not lie to you nor try to lead you astray. You are His beloved child. Believe it!

God says,

You're a saint (Eph. 1:1) declared righteous in Jesus (Rom. 4:1-5).

Your identity is connected to what God has done (John 3:15; Rom. 5:8).

Your identity comes from what God thinks about you (Eph. 2:4-10; Gal. 3:25-29).

Your belief about yourself determines your behavior (Rom. 8:1-2, 28, 31-39).

Just like the first disciples of Jesus (Matt. 4:18-22), who were simple fishermen, Jesus can make you into something you never dreamed possible if you are willing to allow Him to have his way. Give yourself completely to Him and by faith, let Him lead.

Matthew 4:19 "... Follow me, and I will make you..." (ESV)

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:
 Bible Reading Marathon
Images of the Master
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.

Just Some Humor

A man and his young son went to church, and when they came out the father was complaining that the service was too long, the preacher was no good, and the singing was off-key. Finally, the little boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for a dime."

"He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast."
 PROVERBS 15:15

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today Lee Shepherd Dick Phillips Jim Hobbs *Albert Sturdivant Lynn Means Tom Walsh Tom Walsh Rick Massey Lee Shepherd Jim Hobbs Carolyn Bowling	01/20/19 Willie Gore John Bowling Lee Shepherd *Tom Walsh Albert Sturdivant Dick Phillips Albert Sturdivant Rick Massey Willie Gore Jim Hobbs 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
 Don Lockey Tim Roberson

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.




 Women's Bible Study

The Ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We are studying "Why am I here-A Purpose Driven Life". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

Attention Ladies

The ladies need to have a quick meeting following services today to discuss our packets for Hope Harbor and some other items that need to be addressed.