

# 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.

<u>SUNDAY</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</u>	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	35
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	13
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	13
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ 732.00
Fellowship Meal (Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)	12:30 PM		
Men's Meeting (Last Sunday of every month)	5:00 PM		

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 15, 2019

A Different Attitude Toward Worship  
By Jeff Arnette

Have you ever heard someone say, "all your church does is worship and study the Bible?"

From their perspective, a church that is not doing some activity every day isn't doing what it's supposed to do and is failing in some way. From this perspective, a church that isn't busy doing what everyone else is doing has somehow missed the boat. I could spend a lot of time talking about cultural expectations and the expectations of those who know very little of God or his will. Yet, what I want you to get is that most people simply don't understand worship

Such attitudes prove that they haven't spent time in the word of God and don't understand the glory and magnificence of worship. Too many **today**, have allowed cultural expectations to dictate what worship should be like. They expect worship to be loud, flashy, filled with overwhelming emotions, and leaving you feeling supercharged. The problem is that it isn't biblical. Plus, if worship is meant to get you excited and wound up and charged up; each service would have to be increasingly more to continue to meet those expectations.

Let me share something from my own experience. When I first became a member of the Lord's church, my expectation was that worship would be like what I was accustomed to seeing in other churches, especially the Baptist church. That was all I knew and don't misunderstand me: I am not saying that it was all bad, it had its good parts. I am simply saying that it appealed to the emotional and worldly side of me. It was more like a music concert than a church.

The first worship service I attended in a church of Christ seemed so calm, simple, and to be frank; a little boring. At first, I didn't like it; simply because it didn't meet my expectations of what worship was supposed to be. Yet, with a little time, instruction,

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

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and respect for God's will, not mine, I fell in love with a simple and pure approach to worship.

Worship is not a side effect of the church! It is one of the biggest reasons for the church.

I would contend that worship is one of the greatest things a church can do. While the works of the church are an expression of its faith in Jesus and obedience to Him, it is not the primary purpose of a church. Things like evangelism and benevolence are important to our work. Jesus said in Matt. 25, that doing such things was the equivalent of doing them to Him. Yet that is not why the church gathers together.

We gather together to worship, praise and exalt our great Lord and Savior. In fact, Jesus said that God the Father was actively looking for people like this (John 4:23-24). Let me encourage you to read a few passages about this. Read Acts 2:42-46; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; 14:16; Heb. 10:24-25.

These are just a few of the wonderful passages that teach us that worship is about the heart, the Spirit, the building up and encouragement of each other, and most importantly, glorifying God for who He is and what He has done for us. Every great thing done by the church, throughout history, started because someone was inspired and set ablaze by the fires of worship. Anytime God's people came out of her lethargy and pushed forward into spiritual revival, it was done by worshipers of God.

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

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The Bible study topic for Wednesday night:

Galatians

Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



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Labor of Love

During the month of September, we are collecting cash to provide paper goods for Hope Harbor instead of the packets that we normally provide. If you will, please give Sharon Means your donation so she can purchase the items needed from Costco.

We will have our next meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

	<b>Opportunities to Serve</b>	
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion  Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today Lee Shepherd Willie Gore Albert Sturdivant *Albert Sturdivant Dick Phillips Lynn Means Lynn Means Rick Massey Lee Shepherd Devotion/Willie Gore Carolyn Bowling	09/22/19 Albert Sturdivant Dick Phillips Lee Shepherd *Willie Gore Lynn Means Bob Stanley Lynn Means Rick Massey Albert Sturdivant Jim Hobbs Lelia Gore

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  
Dean Garvette      Deke Morse  
Emeterio Leqaspi      Iris Garner

Traveling  
Gloria Coldwell      Bowling Family  
Shepherd Family      Lockey Family  
Burke Connolly      Hobbs 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. Our topic is a "Study of Song of Worship". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

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Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-2