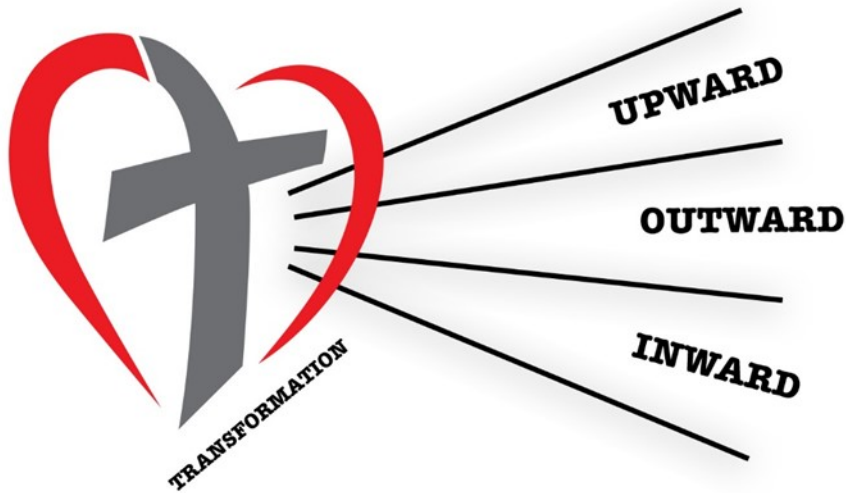


Brunswick Reformed Church

3535 Grafton Road – Brunswick, OH 44212



We at BRC believe the love of Jesus brings transformation:

INWARD - As we experience the love of Jesus together in worship!

UPWARD - As we grow in grace and truth through small groups & Bible studies!

OUTWARD - As we participate together in the mission of Jesus by serving others and sharing our faith!



Lead Pastor- Dan Toot

Associate Pastor- Jay Carroll

Worship Services

Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 am

Adult Sunday School 9:00 & Children's Sunday School 10:30am

www.b-r-c.org

Where the love of Jesus is transforming lives....

**Welcome to Brunswick Reformed Church's worship celebrations.
To make our mutual experience more enjoyable today please:**

- 1. Relax** - At BRC you can rest assured that you will not be embarrassed, singled out, or put on the spot.
- 2. Fill Out a Welcome Card** - These can be dropped in the offering plate later. The information won't be misused, and will help us know who's been here. It's also a great way to drop a note to, or request a contact from, a staff member.
- 3. Ask for Prayer** - If you have a prayer concern to share, pick up a prayer request form from the cart in back. Give completed forms to an usher or the pastor before the service begins.
- 4. Know There Are Options for Children –**
 - The small room in the right rear corner has rocking chairs where little ones can be rocked, quieted or nursed.
 - We have an excellent nursery for ages 0-3 at the far end of our education wing.
- 5. Join Us for Fellowship** - Coffee and juice are served in the fellowship area after each service. Join us and get acquainted. We do ask that you not take drinks into worship with you.
- 6. Do Not Feel Obligated to Give** - If you are a first-time guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. This is a time when members and regular attendees honor God by giving to his work through this church. Let today be our gift to you.
- 7. "Give by Text" is available.** Simply send a text to 330-239-8652 with the amount you would like to contribute.
- 8. BRC is on the web** www.b-r-c.org

Who Is BRC? We are a member of the Reformed Church in America, a Protestant denomination that goes back to the Reformation period in Europe when the Church was "reformed" according to the Word of God.

We are a mixture of Christians from many denominational backgrounds, all seeking to grow in our spiritual maturity as we live by faith with Jesus as our forgiver and leader.

SERVING AT BRC

Sunday, December 31

Greeters (9) – Gina Koch
(10:30) – Carol Rounds

Nursery (9) – as needed
(10:30) – Steph Beck, Ashley Kramer

Ushers (9) – Rick Meyer, Paul Morgan
Assisting – Dick Sensiba, Earl Gentile
(10:30) - Bob Besida, Eric Kramer
Assisting – Kenny Wright, Mark Herbert

Hospitality Team - Bill & Nancy Sutton
- Patty Carroll, Andrea Nixon

Elder – Betty Shuster
Deacon –Paul Buser

Sunday, January 7

Greeters (9) – Gina Koch
(10:30) – Mark Herbert

Nursery (9) – as needed
(10:30) – Jennifer Poore, Jade Poore

Ushers (9) – Dick Sensiba, Earl Gentile
Assisting – Nick Virzi, Mel Wilk
(10:30) - Kenny Wright, Mark Herbert
Assisting – Carol Rounds, Bonnie Ansel

Hospitality Team - Bill & Nancy Sutton
- Sharon Meyer, Deb Reichle

Elder – Rick Meyer
Deacon –Pete Nixon

Sunday, January 14

Greeters (9) – Marilyn Zeigler
(10:30) – Jim and Eileen Smalley

Nursery (9) – as needed
(10:30) – Renee Garapic, Maddie Cook

Ushers (9) – Nick Virzi, Mel Wilk
Assisting – Paul Buser, Mike Pasko
(10:30) - Carol Rounds, Bonnie Ansel
Assisting – Gary Brualdi, Ilze Fultz

Hospitality Team - Bill & Nancy Sutton
-Candice Lenart, Cindy Toom

To get a cd of any of our sermons, simply write "cd" and the requested date on your Welcome Card. You'll find your requested cds on the shelf across from the kitchen. The sermon audio files, sermon outlines, study questions, verses, and bulletins are available on the church website www.b-r-c.org.

PRAYER

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the Rogoff family, Kathy's mental problems have gotten worse over time and Earl is having a difficult time managing everything.

Please keep Darrell Vanek and family in your prayers. His mother, Mary Eiben, passed away on December 24, 2017 at Willowood Care Center.

From Ivan Blauser-Update on Christopher, he is awake and breathing on his own! Also please pray for Uncle Art, Christopher's dad, who fell on the ice and hit his head. He has been admitted as well.

Continue faithful in prayer for those with ongoing health concerns: Marie Buser, Bob Cooperrider, Rick Demeter, Emerson Draiss, Sue Exoo, Jeanette Fagan, Nancy & Bob Hanwell, Zak Harbaugh, Rose Murray, Eileen Raich, Gini Reinke, Dick Read, Gene Shuster, Nancy Sutton, Ted Szenger, and Margaret Zapotechne. Continue to pray for our military personnel.



Thank you very much from the staff to all who contributed to the year end bonuses. They were very generous and greatly appreciated!



Welcome to worship! Order of Worship

- *Heart Preparation
- *Time of Praise
- *Recite catechism/ confession/ creed
- *Announcements (children dismissed by pastor at this time during 10:30 service)
- *Ordination/ Installation of Deacons and Elders
- *Time of Praise
- *Prayer
- *Message
- *Prayer Concerns/ Congregational Prayer (giving of our offerings)
- *Time of Praise
- *Doxology/ Benediction/ The Lord's Blessing



Next week is the first Sunday in the New Year and we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Heidelberg Catechism Question

Question 88. *What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?*

Answer. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the coming-to-life of the new.



Sunday December 31, 2017

- 9:00 am: Worship service
- 10:30 am.: Worship Service
- 10:45 am.: Children's Church in the Green Room for Pre-K through 5th Grade
- 12:00 pm: Women's Renewal Team meeting, Red Room

****Blood pressure checks are available between services in
Pastor Dan's office.**

ELDERS & DEACONS Today we welcome new consistory members. Steve Zapotechne will be installed as elder and Melissa Raich will be ordained and installed as Elder. Frank Staron and Steve Dickens will be ordained and installed as Deacons.

A-E-I-O-U Launches January 26th

D N N P Don't miss the first gathering of
U G W W A-E-I-O-U at 7PM in the BRC Cafe!!
L A A A We will preview our Inward focus study, *The Bad Boys*
T A W R of *Easter*, which starts Feb. 2nd. We will have game
S G R R time, doing some unconventional but extremely fun
E D D games. We will also review the tentative schedule for
D L L the first half of the year. Of course, food is a must.
Y Y Men bring a dessert and women an appetizer to share
Y based on the 3rd letter of your first name. Couples can
bring either one. Example: Jeff = Fudge.

Please RSVP on your welcome card! Questions contact Jeff Toom @ 330-523-0352 or jeff@toom.cc. Thank you.



Thank you to all who provided poinsettias for the stage! If you did not take yours already, please take it home today. This will be the last day we will have them out.



2018 Offering envelopes are available in the fellowship area. If you would like envelopes and there is not a box there already for you, please mark your welcome card or contact Michelle Morgan to get a box.

If you prefer to use online giving or texting, please check the website giving page <http://www.b-r-c.info/giving.html> for information on how to do that. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Morgan and she will be happy to help you get that set up.

Today is the deadline for any donations to be applied to the 2017 giving statement.

The new Words of Hope devotionals for January are available on the bulletin table.



GriefShare is a thirteen week video seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. It's a place to be around people who understand what you are feeling. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information about recovering from your grief and renewing your hope for the future. Check the website for current schedule www.b-r-c.org



REACT Student Ministries.....

For Sunday, December 31st

TODAY –serving by teaching Children’s Church during 10:30 service

Sunday 1/7/18 -Regular Youth Group



Our **youth group All-Nighter** is scheduled for January 12 at 7pm to January 13 at 7am and cost is \$20. Please make sure to sign up by talking to or texting David. There is a limited number of spots available so please reserve your spot with your payment.



\$100 is due for **Genesis** by TOMORROW. This does not include any apparel you opted to purchase so please make sure to include that in the check, and if you aren't sure you can ask David whether or not you did. Checks can be made payable to Brunswick Reformed Church.

Information for camp will be out next week



Today is the day that you can sign up to volunteer for our Night to Shine prom sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. This year we are inviting more guests so we are in need of more buddies than we had last year. Please

plan on signing up at the table in the fellowship area today, and see Pastor Jay with any questions that you might have. The training session for this event will be Saturday January 13th from 9-10:30am here at the church.



Kids Hope Mentors! January important dates

January 3rd-kids back in school!

Friday Jan 12 & Monday Jan 15th -NO SCHOOL

12/31/17

NEW LIFE RESOLUTIONS

The wise men were astrologers that studied the sky and were also _____.

Knowing that these gentiles from Persia made such _____ to see Jesus really shows us how Jesus really is King of the entire world.

It can seem crazy to think about the commitment of the wise men, but consider their _____.

The wise men knew that finding and worshipping their King would be a task that might be _____ but _____.

I’m not going to give you specific tasks you should do, but rather a new set of _____ that reflect a changed heart.

1. The first new life resolution is replacing _____ with _____.

Let everything we do each day represent our passion towards _____ Christ!

2. The next new life resolution is to change our attitude of _____ to an attitude of _____.

Having these experiences doesn’t always mean you even need to plan out time for it. They can just be a way of looking at an otherwise pretty normal _____ with a different attitude.

They weren’t content to sit there _____ at the sky all day if it didn’t _____ anything.

3. The last new life resolution is to change the attitude of _____ to an attitude of _____. What this one is really about is being aware of our spiritual state.

12/31/17

NEW LIFE RESOLUTIONS

From *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

“healthy and outgoing activities which we want him to avoid can be inhibited and nothing given in return, so that at least he may say, as one of my own patients said on his arrival down here, ‘I now see that I spent most of my life in doing neither what I ought nor what I liked.’”

Whenever I read this, I’m challenged to look over my own life recently and make sure that I’m not _____ from God, but _____ him, relentlessly, with his help to be as much like Christ as possible.

Even a greater example of these attitudes that the wise men is the _____ they had come to worship, _____! Jesus exemplified great ambition by giving up the comforts of being in Heaven to accomplish a mission here on earth.

In doing so, he _____ us, and allows us to sing about the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love..

We see throughout His ministry how He would constantly be on the _____ and _____ people, making _____!

Christ is well-aware of the _____ of our sin, but is still in control, ruling as our King despite our depravity.

I would encourage you to think about this and share your specific goals with those you’re close with so they can _____ you to follow them with these attitudes.

Pray for each other. There are opposing forces to the will of God. Do not allow sin and evil to creep into your lives, but grow towards Christ with your brothers and sisters.

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday: **Women of Wisdom and Men’s Sermon based small group**, *24 Hours that Changed the World*, 10am-12pm, Green Room

Titus 2 Women’s Bible Study, 9:30am-11:15am, Red Room, with childcare, studying “The Differences Between Men and Women”

Sermon based small group, 6:30pm-8pm, Green Room

Thursday: **God’s Friends Forever**, 6:30pm-8pm, fellowship area

Worship Team rehearsal, 7:15pm

Friday: **Shining Stars** meet at Southwest Commons at 1:30 p.m., studying *Joshua*

Saturday: **REFIT®**, 9am-10am, fellowship area



Next Sunday Pastor Dan will begin a new 12 week sermon series in the book of Nehemiah titled - "Let Us Rise Up and Build!"

There will also be a sermon based small group on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30pm at BRC (led by Pastor Dan) where you will have the opportunity to dig deeper into the sermon content, ask questions and discover how God is leading us as a church into 2018. Please join us!

Sermon-based questions are available in the fellowship area and on the website

Our offering on 12/17 was \$7,259 and 12/24 was \$10,514 towards the annual budget.
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