

**Brunswick Reformed Church**  
**3535 Grafton Road Brunswick, Ohio 44212**  
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But we have this  
treasure in jars of  
clay to show that  
this all-surpassing  
power is from God  
and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

Ministers:  
The Congregation

Worship & Christian Education  
Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Pastors:  
Don Poest  
Dan Toot

[www.b-r-c.org](http://www.b-r-c.org)

**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. Stop by our Welcome Center** for more information about Brunswick Reformed Church!

9. BRC is on the web [www.b-r-c.org](http://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. You will find our calling, mission and core value statements on the back of this bulletin.

**May 29, 2016**

Welcome to worship! At each service today we will honor and thank Donna Cook for her years of service as our Director of Ministry. Please stop in the fellowship area after each service for cake and to greet Donna.

On this Memorial Day weekend take time to thank a veteran, and to thank God for our veterans.

Pastor Dan and family will be on a week of vacation this week.

Thank you to the worship team for leading us in worship through music.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship service

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

10:30 a.m.: **Children's Church**, for ages pre-k to 3rd grade, meets in room 8-9.

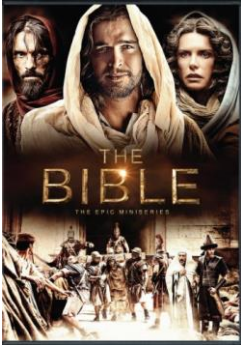
To get a cd of any of our sermons, simply write “cd” and the requested date on your Welcome Card. The sermon audio files, sermon outlines, study questions, verses and bulletins are available on the church website [www.b-r-c.org](http://www.b-r-c.org).

The latest issue of *Today's Christina Living* magazine is available in the literature rack in the café area.



## REACT Student Ministries.....

For Sunday, May 29  
and upcoming events



9:00 a.m.: Middle School & High School Sunday school class, meet in Room 10. Beginning this week, the class will view the 10-wk cable series “The Bible.” We’ll watch each episode together and then discuss it.



### Mission Trip:

The 2016 Sr High Mission Trip will be July 5-9, in Detroit. It’ll be a service project doing some manual labor (but you know Pastor Dan also plans some fun activities too!) A \$50 deposit will be due soon, with total cost of \$100 max. Sing-up on Pastor Dan’s office door (deadline is next Sunday, June 5.) For more information, contact Pastor Dan.

**BRC will honor our high school and college graduates** on June 5. If you or someone in your family is graduating, please note the name and school on your welcome card.



We probably have a good list of those graduating from high school....but not those graduating from college or a technical program. Please let us know!

The deadline for submitting information for the Graduates’ Bulletin is TODAY, May 29th. Info can be emailed to [BRCsensiba@aol.com](mailto:BRCsensiba@aol.com). Questions, contact Rhyna Sensiba.

## THIS WEEK:

Monday: Grief Share, 7:00 p.m. Rooms 8 & 4.

Tuesday: Potter's Workshop will complete their study this week. This will be the last one on the book "Believe" until Fall.

There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Carol & Kathy's house as we finish with the title, "Sharing My Faith."

The Wednesday morning studies have concluded until Fall.

Thursday: Worship Team rehearsal, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Friday: Shining Stars meet at 1:30 p.m., studying *Luke*

Saturday: Refit® from 9-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Area.

**Congratulations** to Pastor Dan for passing his classis exams in outstanding fashion on Tuesday night! His exams in Chicago on June 8 before the Ministerial Formation Certification Agency (MFCA) review board is his final step to be eligible for ordination.

As the Pastoral transition continues, Pastor Don's current office is being renovated. He has moved his main office to his home and will also use Room 1 as a temporary office here at the church. If you cannot reach him at church, try his home phone, 330-273-7396.

The other offices will also be renovated as other staffing changes continue. Pardon and have patience with any mess!



Anyone who is interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School this year should write "VBS" your welcome card (include your name, phone, and area where you'd like to volunteer) or speak with Kristin Toot. VBS is June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:45 p.m. **Online registration is now available.** Additional "invitation" postcards are available at the Welcome Center.

When I was growing up this was the weekend when my mom would plant her flowers. She never dared put them in the ground before Memorial Day for fear that frost would kill them. And most of the time, she would buy geraniums that came in the small red clay pots. She would transplant the flowers from the pots to the flower beds, and my brother and I would grab those pots, because we had plans for them.

Clay pots made great storage containers for lots of stuff that little boys collected. (We had to make sure we covered the hole in the bottom so nothing fell out!) Nails, screws, bolts, nuts, small hinges, screw drivers, etc. quickly filled our collection of pots lining the shelves of our little part of the tractor garage.

But there was a problem—clay pots are very fragile, and young boys are often not careful. So the pots would get knocked around, or accidentally hit with a hammer, and not only would the contents spill, but the pots would crack into many pieces. Just like that, those pots were useless.

Clay pots haven't changed. They should all have a "Fragile" sticker on them. And once cracked, they are useless. Yet the Apostle Paul, in our scripture for today, says that God takes the treasure of his Son Jesus and places him in humans, whom Paul describes as "jars of clay." He does this as a reminder that the glory is in the treasure, not in the container.

The good news is that even when we clay pots get cracked, chipped, broken or shattered, God does not discard us. In fact, God's glory often shines the brightest through the cracks in our facades.

So if you're feeling a bit like a useless, broken clay pot this morning, don't despair. The fact that you feel like a discard does nothing to diminish the glory of Christ within you. It just points people to him rather than to you, which is as it should be. To God be the glory!

Pastor Don

# CARRYING GLORY IN JARS OF CLAY

## INTRODUCTION

What's the most \_\_\_\_\_possession you have?

Where do you store that possession? How do you protect it?

God, as he so often does, reverses our normal human tendencies

2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-4:9, 16-18

## Contrasting Glories

The law (Ten Commandments), written on stone, had a form of glory  
it came direct from God

Moses' face shone brilliantly after being in God's presence

Yet it was a ministry of condemnation and death

it was a ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ returns

it was a glory constantly fading

The Gospel (story of Jesus Christ), written on hearts, has its own glory  
it also comes direct from God

the glory of Jesus surpasses all others

This is a ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ and life

the freedom comes from being declared righteous by faith

this received glory will never fade away

this glory grows as we are transformed into the image of Christ

## How Do We Handle This Glory?

*Since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart*  
we receive it as a gift to be handled well and with care

we never lose heart

*We have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception*

*We commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God*

We recognize that some are blinded and will never see the truth

*We do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord . . .*

*. . . and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake*

We are carriers of the Light

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay*

We accept the fact that life can be incredibly \_\_\_\_\_

*We do not lose heart*

we trust that God is at work within us

we trust that God is at work ahead of us

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen*

How Do We Live This Out?

We accept what we are—jars of clay

We accept \_\_\_\_\_ for what they are--jars of clay

We humbly accept the treasure God has given us within

We live according to the \_\_\_\_\_, not according to the clay

We celebrate that as the jars crumble, the treasure does not

We celebrate that as the jars disintegrate, the treasure \_\_\_\_\_

CONCLUSION

What is the most valuable possession you have?

How well are you storing and protecting that treasure?



**Prayer concerns:** Candice Lenarts' father continues to slowly fade away physically, although he's strong spiritually. Continue to pray for those with ongoing health concerns: Bob Beck, Ken Buser, Bob Cooperrider, Rick Demeter, Jeanette Fagan, Nancy & Bob Hanwell, Anna Henry, Ashley Holler, Peg Jenkins, Flora Kostyak, Rose & Bob Murray, Eileen Raich, Dick Read, Gini Reinke, Nancy Sutton, Ted Szenger, Mary Trzop and Nickey Whited. Continue to pray for our military personnel.

*Thank you for all the cards, gifts and well wishes last Sunday!  
You are appreciated!*

Cathy Poest

We need women who have attended a past renewal to form the next Women's Renewal Team. Come join us Sunday, June 5th from 2-3 pm to get things started. Please see Pastor Don, Patty Carroll or Jaime Coyne with questions.

The Heidelberg Catechism Question 1.

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Christ has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Advance: Elders meet on Monday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Advance: Celebration Team meets on June 14, 6:30 p.m., Rm 16.

## CARRYING GLORY IN JARS OF CLAY

2 *CORINTHIANS* 3:7-4:9, 16-18

1. What is the most valuable possession you have, and how do you protect it?
2. Why are the Ten Commandments called a ministry of condemnation and death?
3. Why is the ministry of Jesus one of freedom and life?
4. Are there areas of life where you still use secret, shameful or deceptive ways? How can you rid yourself of these?
5. How are you carrying the light of Jesus to others?
6. Why does Paul repeat the statement that we do not lose heart? What does this mean to you?
7. What does it mean that we are jars of clay? Why would God put his glory in us?
8. What does it mean to live according to the treasure, not according to the clay?
9. What comfort do you gain from knowing that as the jars begin to crumble, the treasure does not?
10. What is one thing you will do differently as a result of this message

## Serving at BRC

Sunday, May 29

Greeters (9) - Guy & Candice Lenart

(10:30) - Jim & Eileen Smalley

Nursery (9) - Volunteers

(10:30) - Kelly Rhue, Maddie Cook

Ushers (9) - Rick Meyer, Gene Shuster

Assisting - Dick Sensiba, Earl Gentile

(10:30) - Gary Brualdi, Scott Epperson

Assisting - Ilze Fultz, Patty Walker

Verse Cards (9)-Guy & Candice Lenart

(10:30)-Patty Walker, Kathy Rounds

Sunday, June 5

Greeters (9) - Gene & Betty Shuster

(10:30) - Carol Rounds

Nursery (9) - Volunteers

(10:30) - Kristin Toot, Serena Kramer

Ushers (9) - Dick Sensiba, Earl Gentile

Assisting - Nick Virzi, Mel Wilk

(10:30) - Ilze Fultz, Patty Walker

Assisting - Bob Besida, Eric Kramer

Verse Cards (9)-Pat Lods, Barb Cognata

(10:30)-Gary Brualdi

Sunday, June 12

Greeters (9) - Debbie Reichle

(10:30) - Ilze Fultz

Nursery (9) - Volunteers

(10:30) - Melissa Fazekas, Savannah Dickens

Ushers (9) - Nick Virzi, Mel Wilk

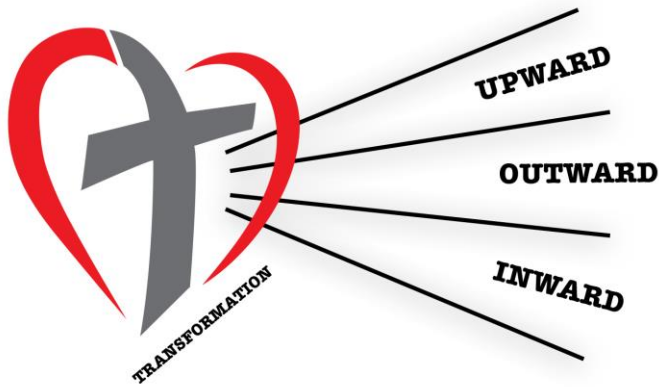
Assisting - Paul Buser, Mike Pasko

(10:30) - Bob Besida, Eric Kramer

Assisting - Carol Dickens, Pete Nixon

Verse Cards (9)-Earl & Karyn Gentile

(10:30)-Tim & Jackie Dalzell



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!

Sermon  Notes

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