

# Brunswick Reformed Church

3535 Grafton Road – Brunswick, OH 44212



Ministers:  
The Congregation  
Pastors:  
Dan Toot  
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Worship & Christian Education  
Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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

July 23, 2017

Welcome to worship.

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

Sunday: 9:00 am Worship service

9:00 am: "Christianity's Family Tree" meets in Room 8

10:30 am: Worship Service

10:45 am: Children's Church for Pre-K through 3rd Grade (going into).  
Fourth grade and older are invited to remain in the worship service.

**Starting on August 6<sup>th</sup> the class on World Religions** will start once again at 9:00am. It will run for 5 weeks and finish on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you haven't already signed up and want Pastor Jay to order you a book this week please write World Religions on your welcome card.

## **REACT Student Ministries.....**

For Sunday, July 23



9:00 a.m.: Middle School & High School Sunday school class meets in Room 10. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!

Our kickoff event for youth group will be at 12:30 on September 10 and parents will be welcome to join us to hear what we're all about and get some important information about our ministry.

## The Heidelberg Catechism Question

Question 12. According to God's righteous judgement we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

Answer. God requires that divine justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.

Question 13. Can we pay this debt ourselves?

Answer. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.

## **THIS WEEK:**

Monday: GriefShare, meets from 7-9 p.m., Room 8

Wednesday: Women of Wisdom, 10 am, Room 8

Wednesday: Sign Language class, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Our offering for last week totaled \$6,530.  
(\$8452.04 needed for budget).

## Jesus encounters a Sinner and a Pharisee

One of the worst things that we can do for our faith is \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves with other people.

Comparisons usually conclude one of two ways, either we come out looking great, or we come out feeling completely awful.

I think comparisons are difficult for us not because of our ability to judge the other person, but because of our inability to correctly judge \_\_\_\_\_.

As we move forward on our spiritual walk with God there is one comparison that we can and should be making, and that is to compare where we are now to where we have come from.

### Luke 7:36-50

The Pharisee starts out by doing something good, inviting Jesus over for dinner, but really is just attempting to gain \_\_\_\_\_.

But then the sinner shows up, and she has a very different reaction to Jesus' presence.

The Pharisee had made two assumptions about Jesus, and the both were \_\_\_\_\_.

In Matthew 18 Jesus tells us that we should be forgiving others because of how much God has forgiven us. It's that second part that Jesus is portraying in this parable.

- This is another place in which comparisons can be detrimental, is when we look at \_\_\_\_\_ of our own sin.

The standard for how we are to live our lives is only compared to Jesus Christ himself, the standard is \_\_\_\_\_! Romans 3:23

Because Jesus was perfect in his life and he died for us, we receive the benefit of both substitutionary atonement and imputed righteousness.

We don't have to be afraid or feel guilty for our sins because they are covered over by the blood of Jesus Christ, we should just be grateful for the large debt that was paid for us.

- That is what the sinner did at the Pharisee's house, and we do that now through praise, worship, and repentance.

### Challenges

- Ask yourself if lately you have been acting more like the Pharisee or the sinner?

### The Pharisee:

- He invited Jesus over for dinner so that he could look good.
- He made assumptions about Jesus based on the religion and rules that he thought he understood.
- He showed no gratitude toward Jesus because he thought that he was \_\_\_\_\_ enough on his own.

### The Sinner:

- She knew the depth of her sin, and was so overwhelmed by the debt that was paid for her by Jesus that it brought her to tears.
- She quite certain who Jesus was, and that he was the one that paid her debt and forgave her sins.
- She was fully reliant on God, and showed her \_\_\_\_\_ by washing Jesus's feet and anointing him with expensive perfume.

## **Community Services Center:**

Back to School is fast approaching. Please remember those less fortunate. They are in need of socks, underwear and tennis shoes, any sizes. These can be new or good, clean used items. If you can help please drop these items in the plastic bin on the Secret Sister shelving. Thank you in advance. Contact Nancy Hanwell - [330-725-5107](tel:330-725-5107) if you want more information

The BRC **Operation Christmas Child** Packing Party is less than 5 months away and that time will fly by quickly. Our goal is to pack at least 500 shoeboxes again this year. Thanks to the generous Good Friday offering we are well on our way. Our first priority is crayons. We like to include 24-count crayon boxes. Keep your eyes open for Going Back to School sales starting soon. If you spot any fantastic sales, email Cindy Toom ([ctoom@hotmail.com](mailto:ctoom@hotmail.com)) and she will spread the word. An OCC donation box is available on shelf across from the kitchen. Thank you in advance for any donation you are able to provide.

FYI - starting this year any candy and toothpaste CAN NOT be packed into the shoeboxes due to increasing customs security at the destination countries.

**Kids Hope USA** is collecting school supplies to fill 12 backpacks for those who need them the most. Please consider giving pencils, crayons, art boxes, glue sticks, colored pencils, and pens. We will be collecting these through the start of school in August.

The **God's Friends Forever** team is having their kickoff meeting for the fall on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This is a great time to get involved! New people are welcome to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Haynes.

Once again, our church has been chosen to be a host for the **Tim Tebow Night to Shine** event! If you are interested in being on the planning team, please plan on attending our first meeting August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. This meeting is for the planning team, we will be looking for many volunteers for this event at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Haynes or Pastor Jay.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Please pray for relief and healing for Kathy Rogoff who fell and broke her wrist and two places on her spine.

Please pray for the family of Rev. Tony Campbell, an employee of the RCA in charge of all missions, who passed away from a heart attack this week.

Please continue to keep Cora Carroll and Pastor Jay in your prayers after the loss of Cora's Mom Janet Watkins last week. They thank everyone for the support they have received.

Continue faithful in prayer for those with ongoing health concerns: Wendell Blauser, Marie Buser, Rick Demeter, Margie Draiss, Sue Exoo, Jeanette Fagan, Nancy & Bob Hanwell, Zak Harbaugh, Flora Kostyak, Rose Murray, Eileen Raich, Gini Reinke, Dick Read, Gene Shuster, Milly Sutherland, Nancy Sutton, Ted Szenger, and Mary Trzop. Continue to pray for our military personnel.



Please pray for the missionaries we support, Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather in South Sudan who sent us an update letter which is available if you want to read it on the literature rack in the fellowship area. And also new missionaries that we are supporting, Mark and April Homkes and their family that left this week for Nicaragua. If you want to keep up with Mark and April there is a Facebook page dedicated to their trip and their work.

BRC has started supporting the Homkes Family from Center Point Church in Lewis Center Ohio as they have followed God's calling down to Nicaragua. Mark will be serving as a Programs Coordinator for Nicaragua Christian Academy Nejapa Vocational School, working to design, expand, and oversee a vocational program for Nicaraguan youth. He is also looking forward to being a Youth Group Leader at NCA International. April will be working with two ministries, Nicaragua Christian Academy and Tesoros de Dios (God's Treasures). As a Speech-Language Pathologist, she is excited to show Christ's love through her direct work with the children in these programs and their families. If you want to follow their journey as we support them financially and with prayer you can follow them at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/188865271643196/>

## Church Picnic

After publicizing the date of the church picnic, there were multiple schedule conflicts brought to our attention. The church picnic date HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>. Details to follow. Please sign up again on the welcome card for the new date so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

## All Church Picnic



Come join us on August 13<sup>th</sup> for food, fellowship, and fun!

After worship, all of the greater NEO Reformed Church in America churches, Brooklyn Reformed Church, New Hope RCA, Brunswick Reformed Church, and Renew Church Cleveland along with Calvary Reformed Church - Cleveland, will share in a joint picnic at the South Mastick Picnic Area (off the Valley Parkway, Rocky River Reservation).

## Serving at BRC

### Sunday, July 23

**Greeters** (9) -Guy & Candice Lenart  
(10:30) - Ilze Fultz

**Nursery** (9) – summer rotation  
(10:30) - Jennifer Poore, Jade Poore

**Ushers** (9) - Nick Virzi, Mel Wilk  
Assisting - Paul Buser, Mike Pasko  
(10:30) - Ilze Fultz, Patty Walker

Assisting - Steve Dickens, Pete Nixon

**Hospitality Team** - Bill & Nancy Sutton  
-Rick & Sharon Meyer, Jaime Coyne

**Elder** – Betty Shuster

**Deacon** - Cindy Toom

### Sunday, July 30

**Greeters** (9) -Bob & Nancy Hanwell  
(10:30) - Carol Rounds

**Nursery** (9) – Summer rotation  
(10:30) - Kristin Toot, Sami Coyne

**Ushers** (9) - Paul Buser, Mike Pasko  
Assisting - Bob Jacobs, Dennis  
Parker

(10:30) - Steve Dickens, Pete Nixon  
Assisting - Bob Besida, Eric Kramer

**Hospitality Team** - Bill & Nancy Sutton  
-Guy & Candice Lenart, Deb Reichle

**Elder** - Kathy Rounds

**Deacon** - Brian Coyne

### Sunday, August 6

**Greeters** (9) -Deb Reichle  
(10:30) - Patty Walker

**Nursery** (9) – Summer rotation  
(10:30) - Melissa Fazekas, Ellie  
Carlisle

**Ushers** (9) - Bob Jacobs, Dennis  
Parker

Assisting - Eric Raich, Earl  
Holzheimer

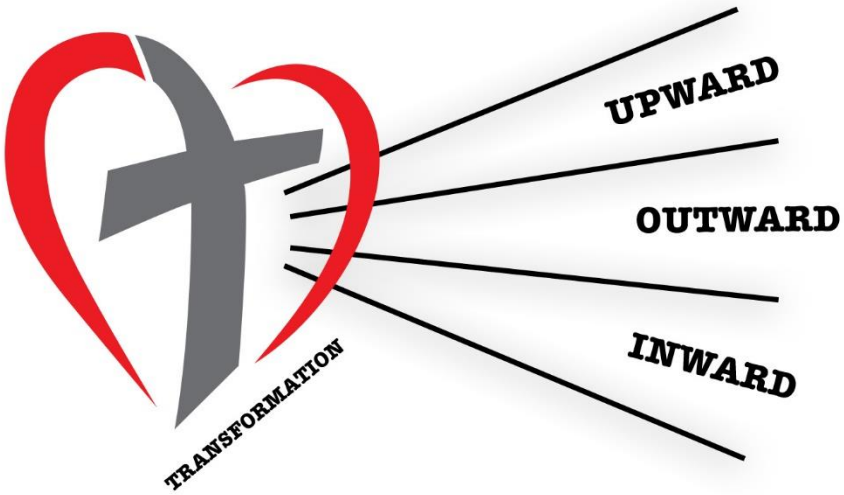
(10:30) - Bob Besida, Eric Kramer  
Assisting - Kenny Wright, Mark  
Herbert

**Hospitality Team** - Bill & Nancy Sutton  
-Betty Shuster, Cindy Toom

**Elder** - Mark Herbert

**Deacon** - Luke Carlisle

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



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!