



**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.

**MESSENGER FOR CHRIST**



**BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**February 14, 2010**

**Protecting Our Kids**  
By Lance Cordle

SUNDAY		ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	42
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	12
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	32
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	1162.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
(Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

As Yogi Berra once said, "You can observe a lot by watching." A couple of weeks ago my wife, Laura, and I were walking across the church building's parking lot when we noticed a bird that appeared to have a broken wing. We looked down with pity on the bird and even commented on its condition. Little did we know that we had become part of a natural scenario in which a bird cares for its young.

A few days later, Laura noticed that the bird (we now know to be a killdeer) had laid eggs just beside the steps leading up to the church building. After she had pointed them out to me, I went back to see them. When I approached, the adult bird ruffled its feathers and ran away, trying to distract me from bothering the eggs. I was fascinated by this behavior and took others to see it as well.

As I reflect on the experience, I think of the marvelous foreknowledge that moved the Creator to instill within the killdeer the instinct to protect their young. If God cares so much for such a small, frail-looking creature, surely he cares for us. That is exactly the point of Jesus in Matthew 6:24-34.

But even more importantly, I think, such instincts teach us that the duty of a parent is to protect his or her children. The distraction techniques of the killdeer are just the way the protective instinct plays out in that species. Other animals have other methods, but the instinct was placed there by God.

Man, however, is different in that he can think, and knows that he should protect his children. He may not always do so, however. It is a sad commentary on our society to see mothers and fathers fail to protect their children. They should be doing everything within their power to provide them food, shelter and clothing. The Bible clearly says that a Christian man who fails to provide for his house has denied the faith (1 Timothy 5:8).

Providing physical shelter is not the only way of protecting children. Emotional and spiritual protection is also needed. Our children need to know that we love them. They need lots of hugs and kisses. They also need to know that their mothers and fathers love each other. The security of a good, solid marriage will help keep children from seeking emotional fulfillment elsewhere. Finally, being attentive to our children's behavior and reasonably monitoring their activities can protect them from the tragic circumstances of evil people and things such as pornography, drugs, etc.

-----Via Bulletin Gold

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

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sister to Sister  
Ladies Banquet  
Central Church of Christ  
Wilmington, NC.  
Theme:  
Our Bridge Over Troubled Waters  
Time 4:00 PM, February 20, 2010  
(This Saturday)  
Price \$25.00 includes meal  
See the bulletin board for details.**



**Seminar by John Clayton  
Does God Exist?  
March 5-7  
Friday 6-9 PM  
Saturday 9 AM – 4 PM  
See the bulletin board for details.**

**Blunt Children**

**Who is the boss at your home?**

**Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad is such a goofball.**

**Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.**

**I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.**

**Copied; via The Lantern**

**GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION**

The Gospel must be **HEARD**  
Romans 10:17, John 8:32  
The Gospel must be **BELIEVED**  
John 8:24, Mark 16:16  
Sins Must be **REPENTED** of  
Luke 13:3, 5 - Acts 2:38  
Christ must be **CONFESSED**  
Matt. 10:32-33, Romans 10:10  
There must **BAPTISM** (immersion)  
For Remission of Sins  
Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21  
There Must be **CHRISTIAN**  
**GROWTH** and **FAITHFULNESS**  
1 Peter 2:2, Revelation 2:10, 2 Peter 3:18

**The Bible study topic for Wednesday  
night:  
Worshiping the Lord  
In the Beauty of Holiness**

**Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.**



**Wednesday night's meal will be  
prepared by John & Belinda Lloyd.**

**Opportunities to Serve**

<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>02/21/10</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>Leslie Bell</b>	<b>John Lloyd</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>John Bowling</b>	<b>Willie Gore</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Willie Gore</b>	<b>Albert Sturdivant</b>
	<b>*Aaron Phillips</b>	<b>John Bowling</b>
	<b>Bill Bartlow</b>	<b>Scott Bowling</b>
	<b>Spud Spencer</b>	<b>Lynn Means</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>John Lloyd</b>	<b>Aaron Phillips</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Rick Massey</b>	<b>Rick Massey</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Scott Bowling</b>	<b>Leslie Bell</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Barbara Bartlow</b>	<b>Belinda Lloyd</b>
<b>Evening</b>	<b>Scott Bowling</b>	<b>Leslie Bell</b>

**Please remember to pray for the sick, lonely, and especially anyone outside Christ.**

Health  
Michael Satterfield  
Nathanel Jackson  
Tonya Hewett  
Peggy Crisco  
Cornelia Goings  
Billy Crisco  
General  
Crystal Etheridge  
Garner Family  
Traveling  
Jamie Garner  
Libby Hobbs  
Deaths  
Crisco Family



The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



**The ladies bible study will be held in  
the fellowship room on Tuesday,  
February 16, at 10:00 am. Please join  
us if you can.**

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**Mark Your Calendars**

**April 23-24, 2010**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Eastern North Carolina  
Men's Retreat  
Camp Caroline, Arapahoe, NC**