

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.

SUNDAY		ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	34
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	8
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$765.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 st Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 13, 2012

MOTHER'S

Alan Smith

I wrote in yesterday's thought that mothers have a powerful influence, not only over their children, but over the very course of history. You may have thought that was an exaggeration. But, think for just a moment about Jochebed.

Jochebed is not one of the better known characters in the Bible. In fact, when I mention her name, you probably have to think for a moment about who she was. But Jochebed was the mother of Moses. And here was a woman who made a vast difference in what Moses became. Her faith and her courage led to a plan of action whereby Moses was saved instead of being killed as a baby. Though Jochebed served only as Moses' nursemaid, she used that opportunity to teach Moses about God, about truth, about righteousness. She taught him about what his heritage was, what it meant to be a Hebrew. Imagine what this world would be like if there had been no Jochebed. Her influence set the course for Moses' life and, in turn, influenced the entire course of history. She made a tremendous difference in this world.

Like Jochebed, many righteous mothers have made a difference by their good example and their powerful teaching. Unfortunately, the opposite is also true. Many mothers have made a difference in the wrong direction by

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"...The Churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16

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 their bad example and inadequate teaching. One of the most tragic passages in all the Bible is found in II Chronicles 22:3-4: "He [Ahaziah, one of the kings of Israel] also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly. Therefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction."

I wonder how things would have been different if Ahaziah had had a mother like Jochebed. But Athaliah, his ungodly mother, made a difference that was tragic. Her mothering led to her son's destruction and the decline of the whole nation of Israel .

Mothers make a tremendous difference. The church needs to make every effort to train and develop godly mothers who will make a difference in their homes and in this world in the direction of righteousness. Thank you for those of you mothers who do. Though you may not realize it at the moment and you get frustrated as you wonder what good it does to chase down children all day, cleaning up messes and changing dirty diapers, never forget that you make a difference. A bigger difference than you will ever know. May God strengthen you and bless you!
 via Bulletin Gold

Church Sign Board Message
 "The Mother's heart is the Child's classroom."
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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

The Bible study topic for Wednesday night: A Chronological Study of the Life of Jesus
Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Elder Selection
Next Sunday, May 20th, by close of service is the selected date for the congregation to make Elder selection recommendation(s).

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**Labor of Love**  
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 The Labor of Love will meet this Saturday, May 19th in the fellowship room at noon. The devotion will be presented by Carolyn Bowling.



Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today	05/20/12
Song Leader	Willie Gore	Albert Sturdivant
Opening Prayer	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Communion	Leslie Bell	John Bowling
	*Willie Gore	*Charlie Gamble
	Albert Sturdivant	Bill Bartlow
	Lynn Means	Albert Sturdivant
Scripture Reading	Leslie Bell	Leslie Bell
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	Ed Williams
Nursery	Lelia Gore	Gloria Coldwell
Evening	Albert Sturdivant	John Bowling

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

Health
 Nancy Spencer
 Willard Welcome (Susan Connolly's uncle)

Traveling
 Marselle Eversole

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

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**When the Bible says "watch and pray" it doesn't mean "watch and criticize," "watch and gossip" or "watch and judge." Mark 13:33**



**The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. Our new series will be "Parables of Jesus".**  
**Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise.**  
**You are welcome to join us after class for lunch and fellowship at a local restaurant.**

**Mothers Make A Difference**  
**by: Alan Smith**  
 A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?" When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word "Mother".