

# 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	46
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	14
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	17
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1283.00
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:

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 17, 2012

### Everyone Needs Three Fathers

by: Gerald Cowan

Think with me as we focus on fathers, with a glance at mothers as well, paying special attention to the three fathers every person needs.

Everyone needs a natural bio-logical father. Reproductive abilities of men and women are abused today in ways that must be called contrary to nature, violation of God's design and purpose. In vitro fertilization is common. Genetic engineering is within reach. Cloning is probably not far away. These things are not only contrary to nature, they are contrary to God. Those who do them are not "correcting nature" but are "playing God." God did not intend for children to born without a father. Those who cannot have their own natural children can adopt.

Everybody also needs a proper father figure. A father is an example of authority and responsibility given, accepted, and applied. The family is to be patriarchal, not matriarchal. The husband and father is the head of his whole family. Every child deserves adequate provision for his physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual needs. In the absence of a biological father the child needs a father figure to follow, and it must be a man. A stepfather can serve. A male relative can serve if there is no one else. Adoptive fathers can be a wonderful blessing. Foster fathers are also a blessing, but the problem is, they are often temporary. The one male who cannot be a proper father figure is the "live in boy friend." I suppose it is fair to say that not all children appreciate their father, but that does not change the fact that they need one who functions well. *Continued next page...*

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

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 Everybody needs a proper relationship with the Heavenly Father, God. He was the Father/Creator of the physical bodies of Adam and Eve. But that isn't true for us. Our bodies were produced by parents. God is "the Father of our spirits." He is also the Father who adopted us into His family – adoption makes us in some ways more special than any "natural children" of God could be.  
 He is the perfect "father figure" too.  
 Without a biological father we would not exist. Without a proper father figure we might not know how we ought to live. But without a Heavenly Father your prospects for life after death would be terrifying. The only way to have God as your Heavenly Father is to choose Him.  
*Via Bulletin Gold*

**Happy Father's Day**

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Sea Notes Choral Society  
 presents  
 Dave Christensen-Director  
 Jane Boberg-Accompanist  
 2012 Independence Celebration  
 Free Concerts  
**America**  
*Land of the Free, Home of the Brave*

Monday July 2 8 pm  
 Tuesday July 3 8 pm  
 Wednesday July 4 3 pm  
 Location: Southport Baptist Church



**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.**



**Men's Meeting**

The men will have their monthly meeting next Sunday at 5:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend



Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome	Today Albert Sturdivant	06/24/12 Charlie Gamble
Song Leader	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Opening Prayer	Leslie Bell	John Bowling
Communion	*Albert Sturdivant	*Charlie Gamble
	Lynn Means	Ed Williams
	Bill Bartlow	Bill Bartlow
Scripture Reading	Leslie Bell	Leslie Bell
Speaker	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Closing Prayer	Ed Williams	John Bowling
Nursery	Carolyn Bowling	Gloria Coldwell
Evening	Leslie Bell	Albert Sturdivant

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

HEALTH  
 Nancy Spencer  
 George & Jane Montford's son - stroke  
 Shirley Knowles

General  
 High School Graduates  
 Ocean Trails finding Nursing Director

Deaths  
 Tess Stanford's sister

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:00 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.

**Labor of Love**

The Labor of Love will meet this Saturday, June 23, in the fellowship room at noon. Gloria Coldwell will be presenting our devotion.