

# WELCOME VISITORS

## MESSENGER FOR CHRIST



## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Handprint  
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**Text: Mark 10:13-16** People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Recently a friend wrote the following statement relative to her five year old little boy: "*Cleaning today getting ready for family to come for the holidays I saw a dirty little handprint next to the light switch. I almost wiped it away, but something stopped me quickly. I realized how precious that little handprint is, it shows that my little boy is alive and healthy in this home. I thought how badly I'd miss that little hand if it were suddenly taken from me. Guess what? For this season there's a little handprint stain on my wall. I love it there. My house may not be spic and span but that's because a family lives here and we may be too busy hugging, laughing or sometimes arguing, to always sweep or mop. But on my death bed, I bet I don't say, "man, I should've cleaned more".*" Wow, what a statement of love, and concern, for little children!

We live in an age where we see a lot of unruly children. Sadly, many of them have grown into their teen years and are even more unruly. What's more, many of them will grow into adulthood with an even more, unruly lifestyle. But, you know what? It doesn't have to be that way if we give them the proper love and understanding they need when they are young. Proverbs 22:6 tells us that we should train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

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	37
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	18
Evening	6:00 PM	Wednesday	13
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$735.00
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:

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

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 If we truly love and nurture our children; if we teach them the ways of the Lord; if we show patience and yet instill discipline, when they are still small, they will, likely, grow up to be individuals that we can be proud of and that will please God.

Anyway, the manner with which my friend handled the “hand smudge” problem, prompted me to take pen in hand and write the following poem:

The Handprint

Today I found a hand print,  
 That I started to wipe away,  
 But something said “don’t do it”  
 You’ll be happy you didn’t some day.

That dirty little hand print,  
 Looks so bad there on the wall,  
 But what if there were no little child,  
 To put it there, at all!

Children are so precious,  
 We love them all so much,  
 So why get upset,  
 When we see a smudgy touch?

So innocently was it put there,  
 As they went about their play,  
 Able to run, and jump and yell,  
 And all the other stuff they can do today.

Tomorrow holds no promise,  
 For what a child can do,  
 Or even if he’ll be here,  
 This is a fact that’s true.

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 Study of Galatians  
 Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



So cherish the child each day,  
 Hold them close and hug,  
 Tell them that you love them,  
 And cherish that hand print smudge.

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Bulletin Gold  
 (This applies to Grand Children too)

Opportunities to Serve		
Welcome Song Leader Opening Prayer Communion  Scripture Reading Speaker Closing Prayer Evening Nursery	Today Lee Shepherd John Bowling Willie Gore *Dick Phillips Lynn Means Josiah Garner Lynn Means Rick Massey Lee Shepherd Devotion Shirley Hatcher	08/14/16 Willie Gore Dick Phillips Don Lockey *Albert Sturdivant Lynn Means Lee Shepherd Lee Shepherd Rick Massey Willie Gore Devotion Gloria Coldwell
<p><u>The nursery will be open following the communion for children 3 years and under .</u></p>		

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

Health  
 Bob Sinsky                      Brenda Alton

General  
 Davidson Family

Traveling  
 Gloria Coldwell

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

James 5:16  
 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Women's Bible Study

The Ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. We are studying "God's Commandments Old and New Testament". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

FYI  
 • FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

To listen to some of the bible study lessons Jim Hobbs has been teaching on Sunday mornings, go to "Listen2lessons.net. " or go to the Rutherfordton church of Christ Web site. You may have to download Quicktime.