

The Hand

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From the editors of Reader's Digest comes this true and inspiring story: When Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them.

What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas's picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas's drawing was simply this: a hand. A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image.

"I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one student.

"A farmer," said another, "because they grow the turkeys."

"It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us." "I think," said Lavinia, who was always so serious, "that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them."

Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was.

Douglas mumbled, "It's yours, Teacher."

Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas...

Perhaps, she reflected, this was her Thanksgiving, and everybody's Thanksgiving — not the material things given unto us, but the small ways that we give something to others.*

From the hand of God comes every good and perfect gift (James 1:17).

"For the LORD is the great God,
And the great King above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
The heights of the hills are His also.
The sea is His, for He made it;
And His hands formed the dry land."
-- Psalm 95:3-5

Salvation and the gift of eternal life is a gift from the hands of God, for Jesus, God's Son, had nails driven through His hands and His feet onto the cross where He died for your sins and mine. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24 NIV).

How much does God love us? Look at what His hands have done for us.

Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and eternal life on His terms?



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Paul's Letter to Philemon*

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Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** We are studying through the Book of Acts.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: November 11th,** at the building at 6:30. We will continue our study of Habakkuk. Please join us!
- **Sojourners: Mike and Nadine Huddleston, Larry and Kay Little and two other couples** hope to be here the last week in June and the first two weeks in July.



NEWS

- We are currently working on getting **House to House** leaflets mailed out to households in the Valley next month. **The Gospel of Christ** leaflet should be arriving any day now if it has not already been delivered.
- The **lounge area** adjoining the kitchen was **flooded** last Thursday, possibly because of a misplaced downspout. The old carpet has been removed and new linoleum has been purchased to cover the lounge floor.
- **Paul and Dawn** are in the Albany area today visiting Paul's **sister Linda**. She has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer that has metastasized to her liver. She is in the hospital now but will be placed on hospice soon.

- Arthur will be preaching today.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for our country!** Pray that we have our priorities right and that we know who our King is.
- **Please pray for Robin Barry and his wife Katie and daughter Liz who have all been sick. Rob tested positive for Covid on Sunday last week and has been working from home as he recovers.**
- **Pray for Paul's sister Linda** as she will be placed under hospice care.
- **Pray for Ted.** We pray that all the cancer in his kidneys was taken care of when he underwent the cryoablation.
- Pray for **John Chacona**, Ted's brother.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his aggressive esophageal cancer. The doctors were not able to get all the cancer when they did his surgery, so he must undergo more chemotherapy as soon as his resection surgery heals.
- **Doug Kashorek has asked for prayers for himself and his wife Lori who has lung cancer.** Lori is on hospice care now. Their son Tim and his wife Rachel have also announced they are expecting a baby in June 2021.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.