

Important People

Take this quiz:

- Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- Name the last five “Miss Americas.”
- Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
- Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
- Name the last decade’s World Series winners.

How did you do? Remember these are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners. Few remember yesterday’s headliners.

Here’s another quiz. See how you do on this one:

- List three teachers who aided your journey through school.
- Name five friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- Name two people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- Think of ten people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- Think of ten people with whom you enjoy spending time.
- Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? Those who make a difference in our lives are not those with the most credentials, money, or awards. **They are the ones who care the most.**

“...when he saw him, he had compassion on him...” —Luke 10:33

House to House / Heart to Heart

Moving Members Into Ministry in 2009

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A Word From Will

Great things are happening at Rainbow! The youth group and several others just returned from Exposure 2008. We had an awesome time. It was a great time for me to get to know the youth on a more personal level. This year's theme was 212 Degrees: One Degree Makes all the Difference. Water boils at 212 degrees, but it is only hot water at 211 degrees. The idea is that one degree makes all the difference in your service to Christ. There were six in our group who responded to the invitation of Christ throughout the week at Exposure: **Jonalyn Amberson, Kevin Gobble, Megan Brooks, Kellie Overbey, Madison McGlaughn, and Katie Alford.** Let's do all that we can to pray for and encourage these young Christians. I would also like to take this time to give a special thanks to the parents and others who chaperoned the youth during the trip. All of you are very brave. The title for Exposure 2009 is Driven By Truth. I cannot wait for it. Exposure was a great way to start off this year with a bang. I would encourage all of Rainbow to give that extra degree in their service to Christ in 2009, because one degree really does make all the difference.

- Will

Address Updates

Please take a moment and update the following addresses in your directory to keep it current:

Jean Bowling
745 Walnut Street
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4102 Wright Circle
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Butch Jones & Devin
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Remember In Prayer...

Kathy Henderson, daughter of Jean Bowling, will undergo brain surgery at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

Wilma Thompson is not doing well at this time. Please remember her in prayer.

Jerry Bullock, husband of Toni Sims mother, has been diagnosed with brain tumors. Please keep him in your prayers.

Vona Elaine Scott is now in Healthsouth Rehabilitation Center following surgery for a broken femur.

Colin Windham is now at home and doing better. He will continue to undergo rehab for three days a week.

Jan Helms came through surgery fine and is now at home recovering.

Donna Dodd, daughter of Roy & Jan Helms, is having some health problems at this time.

Ray Jarret, friend of Roy & Jan Helms, is suffering from cancer and is also having heart problems.

Mark Patterson, brother of Ronny Patterson, is not doing well at this time.

Elbert Lewis and his wife, **Hedi**, are having some health problems at this time.

Jerrie Whorton is not doing well and is need of our prayers at this time.

Sarah Simmons, mother of Gene & Doug Brown, is not doing well at this time.

Rita Bowdoin, Paige Buckner, Kim Clay, Betty Campbell, Richey Coleman, Ray Cox, Jennifer Davis, Kari Dowdy Davidson, Addie Lou Dover, Dewey East, Joyce Flynn, Jimmy Gardner, Bobby & Carol Golden, Dot Greenhaw, Perry Hathcock, Rachel Holland, Elmus Honeycutt, J.R. Jackson, Elizabeth Khan, Craig King, Gene Mayhall Sr., Ruth Mayhall, Arlie & Joyce Neal, Redda Norton, Don Parker, Ron Patterson, Max Pruett, Jerry Reeves.

Shut In Members: **Martha Austin, Leona Chance, Gurnie & Sarah Foote, Dot Greenhaw, Robert & Vennie Guyton, Betty Jones, Butch Jones, Hassie Moon, and Inez Quarles.**



BLAKE'S BOX

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3

A New Year

It's hard to believe, but it is already a New Year. What better way to begin the New Year than with a few New Year resolutions. Here are a couple of resolutions we discussed Sunday morning that I believe will make a difference in 2009.

- If in 2008 you got out of the habit of attending Sunday night and/or Wednesday night services, make up your mind now that in 2009 you will attend all the services.
- Commit yourself to forget your past failures (*Philippians 3:13-14*)
- Commit yourself to give up your grudges (*Colossians 3:13*)
- Commit yourself to restore your relationships (*Romans 12:18*)
- Commit yourself to turn your back on your transgressions (*Romans 6:1-3*)

Sunday, January 4th, was a great day because it was the first Lord's Day of a New Year; but what made it even more special was when two precious souls, a father and daughter, responded to our Lord's invitation. **Selton** and **Jerolyn Long** both responded requesting our prayers.

Jerolyn came forward stating how God had blessed her for over four years allowing her the opportunity to go to college. During that she had to work on Sundays. Then God blessed her with a job where she no longer had to work on Sundays, but she still didn't come to the worship services of our Lord and now she wants to make that right. How wonderful it is to see the wisdom Jerolyn has to recognize how much God has blessed her and the humility to make things right with Him.

Selton responded saying that he wants to be a better person in 2009. He said that he wants to love more and if he has offended anyone he requests their forgiveness. I am so thankful for men like Selton who have such a great desire to be who God wants them to be.

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The Long family is such a blessing to the Rainbow congregation. They are so active in so many different ways and often times their good works go unnoticed. Selton and his wife **Betty** travel almost weekly to the Gospel Singings in various locations across the state that **Eugene Brown** organizes. Betty is a prolific WBS teacher and Selton along with everything he does for this congregation, he also helps teach with the **Glencoe Church of Christ's** jail ministry. This writer recently learned that he will be teaching every Thursday night during the month of April for them. The Longs are here for every service and active in seemingly all we do. I am so thankful for faithful Christians such as them and so many others which make up the wonderful family here at Rainbow.

Teacher's Appreciation

Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
Served by our Elders

January 11, 2009 following p.m. services

Anyone who has served in any Capacity (i.e. Classroom, McGuffey's, World Bible School, Ladies Bible Class, Jail, etc.) is invited to attend a Teachers Appreciation Soup and Sandwich Fellowship.

Please let Jeff Birchmore or Gene Brown Know by Wednesday night if you plan on attending.

There will be a kickoff **Finger Food Fellowship** for the **MIA's** on Sunday, **Jan 18th** after pm worship service. We will enjoy a meal together and plan this year's activities and service projects. If you are not already an active member of this ministry, we invite you to come join us. If you are between the 20-somethings and the Golden Generation ministries, then this is the place for you!!! Please join us on **Jan 18th** and become a part of "**Members In Action**"!

Larry & Jane Naler will host a **MIA Devotional** at their home on Friday, **January 30th** at **6:30**. For more details, please see Larry or Jane.

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 A.M.
Worship Hour 10:30 A.M.
Worship Hour 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

Ladies Bible Class meets each
Wednesday morning at 10:30.
All ladies are invited to attend!

OFFICE INFORMATION:

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INTERNET LINKS

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Beacon Online: www.rainbowbeacon.org
Joint Worship: www.jointworship.info
Zimbabwe Info: www.zimbabwe-report.info

RAINBOW RECORD

SUNDAY MORNING	263
BIBLE STUDY	153
SUNDAY EVENING	156
MIDWEEK STUDY	130
LOCAL BAPTISMS	0
OTHER RESPONSES	9
WBS/JAIL BAPTISMS	0
ZIMBABWE BAPTISMS	0
CONTRIBUTION	5,940

SERVANTS

Sunday, Jan 11, 2008

Welcome. Norman Flynn
Scripture Reader. Will Stroup
Opening Prayer. Jim McKleroy
Closing Prayer. Craig King

MCGUFFEY CLASS: Group 2
Leader: Gary Udaka

SERVE THE FAMILY

Stanley Stroup, Presiding
Kevin Rode. Shawn Williams
Charles Clifton Wayne Gobble
Kyle Johnson Roy Harris
Robert Edmonson Ken Kinsey

USHERS:
P.J. Duncan Elmus Scott
David Lasseter Donnie Keener

GREETERS: Bernie & Edna Cranford

SUNDAY AM COMMUNION CUP PICKUP:
Steve Lorren Family

NURSERIES: **BABY:** A.M. Kellie East
P.M. Dana Johnson
TODDLER: A.M. Debby Rode
P.M. Rachel Johnson

JAN COMMUNION PREPARATION:
Jack & Virginia Lasseter

Wednesday, Jan 14, 2008

Announcements David Wallace
Prayer Wayne Gobble

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

2009 is off to a great start as our World Bible School Teachers are continuing to lead others to Christ. Beginning next week, we will list the prior week's totals for lessons sent in 2009.

2009 BUILDING LOCK UP

Jan - John Bowling / Wayne Gobble
Feb - Norman Flynn / Chris Daniel
Mar - Gene Brown / Don Dover
Apr - Allen Krienke / Gary Udaka
May - Ken Overbey / Kyle Johnson
June - Doyle McCarver / John Wallace
July - Polk King / Ray Harris
Aug - Jeff McLaughn / Alan Gentry
Sept - Bruce Phillips / Dax McDonald
Oct - Pat Morgan / Jeff Birchmore
Nov - Larry Naler / Donnie Keener
Dec - Craig King / Mike Bowdoin

MEMORIES

00 YEARS AGO: Fourteen members at Rainbow were recognized as being "Daily Bible Readers" by either reading or listening to the Old or New Testament or both. A banquet was held at the Top of the River restaurant. The honorees were: Tonya Barnett, Martha Austin, Gene & Barbara Brown, Polk & Shirley King, Jeanie Gagnon, Selton Long, Garry Watkins, Jason Higginbotham, Chris Barnett, Judy Gail Bynum, Ann Weldon and Jerry Weldon.