



THE RAINBOW BEACON

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Volume 40, Issue 11

COLLIN JARBO PUTS ON HIS LORD IN BAPTISM!

What a happy time in our auditorium this past Sunday evening after worship as everyone stood around talking and laughing and enjoying convivial fellowship. The moments became more electric when **Blake Jones** and **Collin Jarbo** strode down the aisle to the front of the auditorium. The small groups moved to the pews because they knew that Collin had studied with Blake on Friday evening as he pondered obedience to the Lord, and their anticipation was Collin was about to be baptized. They were right. After a few comments, Blake took Collin's confession of belief in Jesus Christ as God's Son and then baptized him into Christ. It was a momentous occasion.



Collin is truly an outstanding young man. He is President of the Freshman Class at Gaston High School, a budding star athlete, achieving varsity status on both the football and basketball teams as a freshman. Collin is 6' 4" in height and still growing! He plays forward in basketball and quarterback

on the football team.

Collin's greatest potential is in service to Christ. This young man has a pleasant easy-going manner and usually wears a friendly smile on his face as he greets others. He is active among our young people, joining in their activities as a leader. In the all boys class last year, Blake was impressed with his Bible knowledge. He led a song and read scripture when the young men conducted worship. Now, after putting on Christ, Collin will work to take on an even greater role as he matures in his Christianity.

Collin's mother is **Pamela Jarbo**, "Pam" to most. She was a little teary on Sunday evening, so obviously proud and happy for her son.

His father, **Vincent**, is an executive with J. P. King Auction Co which requires a lot of travel.

Thank you, Lord, for Your continuing encouragement!

KIM MASTERS FEATURED IN GADSDEN TIMES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE

Kim Masters teaches 2nd Grade at Floyd Elementary School. She has been named not only Floyd Elementary's Teacher of the Year, but Elementary **Teacher of the Year** for the entire Gadsden School System! This is quite an achievement, and it drew the Gadsden *Times*' attention which featured Kim in a big front-page spread in Monday's issue, complete with color photo.

Times Reporter Tamara Henderson stressed the liveliness of Kim's teaching and her technique of teaching the children through questions that caused them to think. You can read the complete article which is on the hallway bulletin board.



Rainbow is blessed to have teachers in our Bible classes who, like Kim, involve the children in studies that pique their interest and deeply involve them in the class. Kim has just returned to teaching here after taking time off to birth and nurture her second child, **Conner**. **Collin** is her older son. **Jim Masters** is the man of the house. He is a fireman. **Nola Hampton** is her mother.

Kim was raised in a military family and moved often. Teachers were a constant, and influenced her to become one. The influence of another teacher, the Master Teacher, is obvious in her life because she models Him every day.

INSIDE

Baby Shower Scheduled for Shanna Barnard
11 Zimbabwe Baptisms
Blake's Box

Page 2
Page 3
Page 3

From the Elders

"The Elders want to thank the congregation for your time and input late last year for our planning meeting. We are excited about our plans for 2008 but they will only be possible with **YOU!**"

Our **Special Contribution Sunday** will be **March 30th**. More details will be included in next week's issue of the Beacon.

SINGINGS, SINGINGS, SINGINGS!

This is a great time of year to raise your voice to God in song! **Eugene Brown** leads a group **just** about every week to a singing some place. There are about **a** dozen that usually go in the church van and stop along the way for a delicious meal together. See Eugene if you want to be a part of this group. These are some of the singings contemplated to be on the schedule:



- Mar 14th:** Plainview Church of Christ (Hazel Green)
- Mar 21st:** Pelham Church of Christ
- Mar 28th:** Cullman Church of Christ

11 BAPTIZED IN ZIMBABWE!

Velaphi Mlangeni, director of our WBS Mission Office in Zimbabwe, traveled with wife Stella into the bush this past Sunday and preached at Madlulani Village with 11 people giving themselves to Christ in baptism. One couple had been leaders of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Velaphi reports this first heard the message on his World Radio program heard in prime time each



Velaphi with one of the women baptized at Madlulani

Sunday evening on a 20-station network which blankets Zimbabwe. After listening to Velaphi's sermons, they invited him to come to Madlulani to preach. Velaphi got the church at nearby Chesa to make contact and then followed up this weekend. The 11 baptisms mean the formation of a new congregation at Madlulani!



Our **Friends and Family Day** will be held on **March 30**. It is the day we offer a special invitation to others to join us in worship and to eat a fellowship meal with us following our worship. Also, remember to bring a covered dish meal to provide enough food for you and your family and for your guests. There is always more than enough, so this is just a friendly reminder!

Saturday, March 29th will be "**Work Day**" at Rainbow. We will start the day at 8am with a pancake breakfast! We need all the help we can get, so please make plans to be here and help out as we prepare for our annual "Friends and Family Day" on Mar 30th.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a **baby shower** in honor **Shanna Barnard** on **April 6th** from 2-4 in the fellowship hall. Shanna and Tim are expecting a boy and are registered at Wal-Mart and Sears.



Jacksonville Church of Christ is having their Spring Gospel Meeting this week, **March 9th—13th**. They will have a period of singing at 6:45 each evening and services will begin at 7:00.

Our next **joint worship** will be **April 13** at 6pm at the East Gadsden Church of Christ building. Alan E. Highers, of Henderson, TN will be the guest speaker. This will mark the 20th year of joint worship services, with the first being held in May of 1987 at Convention Hall with James Watkins speaking. More info at www.rainbowbeacon.org.

Piedmont Church of Christ will be having a Gospel Meeting March 16-19. The speaker will be W.T. Allison of Hamilton, AL, and the song leader will be Ronny Johnson.

The **MIA's "Mountain Retreat"** is set for **April 12-15**, and is open to MIA members who are single and to the members who are married. The cost of the retreat is \$300 per room. Please see Susan Stroup with questions.



SUN AM COVENANT CLASS

Blake Jones is conducting an adult class covering "Old Testament Covenants" on Sunday morning at 9:30 in the auditorium. The term "covenant" may at first seem a bit intimidating, but Blake uses his always practical style to engage the class in an enlightening and uplifting study of God's promises.



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

Let Your Light Shine!

Years ago in a small town one man's job was to watch the railroad crossing. When a train would approach at night he was to wave a lantern to warn those driving on the road that a train was approaching and to stop until it passed.

One night the train was coming and the man took his place to warn any oncoming cars. He could see a car approaching in the distance so he began waving his lantern. The car continued and man continued waving his lantern. The train was only seconds away from crossing; the car wasn't slowing down. The man waved his lantern even harder. Finally the man jumped out of the way of the oncoming car, and as the car crossed the tracks it was hit by the train. Everyone in the car was killed.

At the investigation the man explained to the authorities how he tried to warn the oncoming car, but it wouldn't stop. The officer in charge said to the man at the crossing, "Sir, you waved your lantern, but you forgot to light it."

We have been called to be the lights of the world. We have been given the responsibility to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we can. But it does no good to tell people about Jesus if the light within us is not shining.

We are only a few weeks away from our first **Friends and Family Day** of 2008 which will take place on Sunday, **March 30th**! Our elders have set an attendance goal for the day of **400**. This goal is very attainable; but it will require us all inviting our friends and family to be a part of this special day. Rainbow, let's start now inviting and praying for those we invite and living a life in front of them where our light shines.

To help us get ready for this day, we will be having a **Clean-Up Day** on **Saturday, March 29th** beginning at 8:00 a.m. to help us get the building and grounds ready for all of our guests. If you have any questions about the clean-up day, see **Steve Lorren** who is our deacon serving over this area.

Our Sick:

Ginger Lasseter is now at home recovering from last week's surgery at UAB.

John Geer, Nikki Duncan's dad, had knee replacement surgery Monday at Gadsden Regional Hospital. He will be staying with PJ and Nikki for the next several weeks.

Michael Turner, neighbor of Sandy Dean, is in UAB following a serious auto accident on Saturday.

Wilson & Treva Jones are doing better and were able to attend services Sunday.

Arlie Neal is now at home recovering.

Kathleen Honeycutt is recovering at home.

Betty Jones, mother of Blake Jones, is in Coosa Valley Health Care. She is in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's.

Joey Brinkley is awaiting test results.

Diane Waits, niece of Jan Helms and sister of Katrina Shelton, had a stint put in but is now at home and will be able to return to work in a couple of weeks.

Douglas Brown, should know something from his test results this week.

Vennie Guyton is now at home..

Please continue to remember the following in prayer:

Judith Bone, Charles Bell, Gayle Bellew, Catherine Bowen, Paige Buckner, Kim Clay, Carol Golden, Mitch Dover, Brenda Amberson, Charles Amberson, Eugene Brown, Joseph Brown, Betty Campbell, Leona Chance, Jennifer Davis, Don Dover, Steve Durrett, Sarah Foote, Eula Fulton, James Gardner, Dot Greenshaw, Betty Jones, Butch Jones, Cathy Jones, Wilson Jones, Wanda Logan, Jason McArthur, Gene Mayhall, Sr., Ruth Mayhall, Don Parker, Ron Patterson, Myra Pointer, Jerry Reeves, Sarah Simmons,

President Eliot of Harvard was 88. Asked how he accounted for his good health and vigorous mind he said, "A calm temperament expectant of good."

Winston Churchill said, "Rational, industrious, useful human beings are divided into classes: First, those whose work is work and whose pleasure is pleasure; and secondly, those whose work and pleasure are one. Fortune's favored children belong to the second class. Their life is natural harmony."

Some things make life pleasant; others make it miserable. The following rules are not always easy to follow. But they help me. Maybe they will be of worth to you:

1. Make up your mind to be happy. Find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the best of your circumstances. Everyone has some sorrow. Seek to make the smiles outnumber the tears.
3. You can't please everyone. Don't let your critics run and ruin your life. The more you accomplish, the more resistance you'll meet.
4. Don't borrow troubles. Imaginary problems are heavier than the actual ones.
5. Hate poisons the soul. Don't cherish grudges.
6. Don't hold postmortems; brooding over sorrows and mistakes.
7. Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself; especially those who have blessed your life.
8. Keep busy. A busy person doesn't have time to be unhappy.

"I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live" (Ecc 3:12)

Rainbow Church of Christ
 2201 Rainbow Drive
 Gadsden, AL 35901
 Phone (256) 547-3731

NON-PROFIT
 ORGANIZATION
 U. S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 PERMIT NO. 92

RAINBOW BEACON ON LINE AT
www.rainbowbeacon.org

ELDERS

Mike Bowdoin 442-0389
 John Bowling 442-6608
 Eugene Brown 547-1673
 Norman Flynn 413-1688
 Craig King 442-1630
 David Wallace 546-0642
 John Wallace 442-5887

MINISTERS

Norman Flynn 413-1688
 Blake Jones 442-0988

DEACONS

Jeff Birchmore 547-3718
 Tony Cleveland 538-5295
 Wayne Gobble 613-3500
 Steve Lorren 442-8192
 Chris Mikle 413-1038
 Tim Parker 442-4877
 Bruce Phillips 549-1236

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 at 10:30 A. M.

WORLD WIDE WEB PAGE

www.rainbow-coc.org

OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESSES

rbcoc@bellsouth.net
tracyedmonson@bellsouth.net

CONTACT FOR MARCH

CRAIG KING - 442-1630

RAINBOW RECORD

SUNDAY MORNING	248
BIBLE STUDY	156
SUNDAY EVENING	150
MIDWEEK STUDY	136
LOCAL BAPTISMS	4
OTHER RESPONSES	4
WBS/JAIL BAPTISMS	28
ZIMBABWE BAPTISMS	21
INDIA BAPTISMS	5,247
CONTRIBUTION	6,519

MEMORIES

10 YEARS AGO: Weekly Bible classes began at the Etowah County Jail, kicking off our "jail ministry".

20 YEARS AGO: The Ladies Bible Class met at the home of Oma Watson. A Teacher Workshop was held after classes Sunday morning.

30 YEARS AGO: Our attendance was as follows:
 Sun Bible Study: 152
 Sun AM Worship: 211
 Sun PM Worship: 153

SERVANTS

SUNDAY, Mar 16, 2008

Welcome Norman Flynn
 Scripture Reader..... Jared King
 Prayer Bruce Phillips
 Closing Prayer Wilson Jones

MCGUFFEY CLASS: Group No. 3; Leader: Wayne Gobble

SUNDAY EVENING

Opening Prayer Chris Mikle
 Closing Prayer David Lasseter

WEDNESDAY, Mar 19, 2008

Announcements Craig King
 Prayer Doyle McCarver

SERVE THE FAMILY

Tony Cleveland, Presiding

Jason Mikle Jeremy Lorren
 Will Stroup..... Kevin Gobble
 Devin Jones..... David Lasseter
 Tyler Daniel..... Alex Wallen

USHERS: Chris Daniel, Dax MacDonald, Joel Cleveland,
 Zack Buckner

GREETERS: Tony & Jane Cleveland

SUNDAY AM COMMUNION CUP PICKUP: Jim Masters

NURSERIES:

BABY: A. M. Rita Phillips
 P.M. Kellie East
TODDLER: A. M. Mary White
 P.M. Tara McDonald

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Blake & Rebekah Jones

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

We had another great week as our Rainbow WBS teachers taught 345 people the gospel of Christ. This means that, on average, our teachers taught 49 people a day! 15 Rainbow teachers taught last week and these are the names and number of people each taught:

Kathy Overbey	77
Bobby/Carol Golden	6
Betty Long	56
Alan Gentry	5
Jan Hamrick	20
Tony/Jane Cleveland	47
Ray Cox	18
Joyce Flynn	18
Claire Walker	5
Eugene/Barbara Brown	83
Tina Quarles	6
Kellie East	4