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Rainbow Church of Christ Special Contribution Day March 30th, 2008

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!**

HERE IS HOW WE NEED YOUR HELP IN 2008

- 1) Contribute your time and talents. Ask the Deacons, Elders and Staff how you can assist with the work at Rainbow.
- 2) Increase your weekly contribution by 11% for 2008 to cover our additional expenses and this with your help will increase our weekly contribution to \$7,300 per week.
- 3) Contribute toward 4 special needs on Sunday, March 30th as follows:
 - **Tile flooring for the nursery.** We have the tile and need to pay for labor. \$600
 - **Landscaping** – around the building Estimated at \$5,000
 - **Missions-** Replacing the short fall from some of the congregations that have completed their commitment or discontinued the Zimbabwe support. \$9,300 per year
 - **Additional Chairs and Tables** in the Fellowship Building \$2,700

Total \$23,600 goal
Raised \$11,000 to date
Need \$12,600 to reach goal

One family has recently contributed \$5,000 that has provided for the replacement of the baptistery and the computer for Tracy, our secretary. Another family has given \$6,000 toward the mission short fall leaving \$12,600 we need to raise.

Remember the exhortations of the Lord in Malachi 4:10 “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not through open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

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Beautiful Alexis Nicole Mcgatha was born to Josh and Tori (Teague) Mcgatha on Feb 27th in Kansas. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 12 oz. Proud grandparents are John and Ginna Lengyel!

Registration is set to begin March 23rd for our new **P.E.P. (Personal Evangelism Program)**. More detailed information about this program will be included in next week's issue of the Beacon. Please see Dax McDonald with questions.

Attalla Church of Christ will be holding their Gospel Meeting **April 6th –April 9th**, with James W. Watkins speaking. More information has been posted on the hallway bulletin board.

A new **McGuffey's** sign up sheet for 2008-2009 has been posted on the hallway bulletin board. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please place your name and number on the list as soon as possible.

Preacher on the Loose

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?" — David L. Roper, "Kids of the Kingdom"

Well said: "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine . . ."
—Proverbs 17:22

Friends and Family Day

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. Please remember to bring a covered dish meal to provide enough food for you and your family.

Saturday, March 29th will be "**Work Day**" at Rainbow. We will start the day at 8:30am with a pancake breakfast and begin working at 9am. 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 **Martin's**.

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.

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.



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 21st:** Pelham Church of Christ
- Mar 28th:** Cullman Church of Christ
- Apr 11th:** Jacksonville Church of Christ
- Apr 18th:** Antioch Church of Christ
- Apr 25th:** East Gadsden Church of Christ
- May 2nd:** Hartselle Church of Christ



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

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut, with only one boat. The few, devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for their own safety, they went out day and night tirelessly searching for the lost.

Some of the people who were saved, and various others in the surrounding community, wanted to be associated with the lifesaving station. New boats were bought and new crews were trained. The little lifesaving station grew.

Some of the members were unhappy that the building was so small and they were so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided for those who were being saved from the sea. They replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the new bigger building. Now, the lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely. It became sort of a club. Fewer members were now interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions so they hired professional lifeboat crews who were specially trained to save lives.

About that time, a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and they hired crews brought in boatloads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick and some of them were from a foreign country and couldn't speak their language. The beautiful new club was in chaos. So the property committee of the lifesaving station called an emergency meeting and decided to build a shower house outside the club where victims of shipwrecks could be cleaned up and properly instructed regarding the rules of the lifesaving station.

At the next meeting there was a split in the club's membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities because they were unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Other members, insisted saving lives was the primary purpose. But they were

finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives, then they could start their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new lifesaving station experienced the same changes that had occurred with the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another lifesaving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit the sea coast today, you find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those water, but most of the people drown.

We, as the Lord's church, have been given the wonderful responsibility of being His lifesaving station (**Matthew 28:19-20**). We, here at Rainbow have a wonderful opportunity every Lord's day to bring people to our Bible classes and worship services. In two weeks, **March 30th**, we will be having our **Friends and Family Day** and we have set a goal of **400 in attendance**. Let's all be inviting our friends and family and praying for those we invite.

Our Sick:

Kim Clay, daughter of Larry and Jane Naler, is now at home recovering from last week's surgery.

Litule Mlangeni, daughter of the Zimbabwe mission director, Velaphi Mlangeni, is very ill and is need of our prayers.

Ginger Lasseter is now at home recovering from surgery at UAB.

John Geer, Nikki Duncan's dad, had knee replacement surgery last week and 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 Jones received a good report from his doctor last week.

Arlie Neal is 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.

Vennie Guyton is now at home..

Please continue to remember the following in prayer:

Judith Bone, Charles Bell, Gayle Bellew, Catherine Bowen, Douglas Brown, Paige Buckner, 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, Berry Shirley, Sarah Simmons, Bryson Smith, and Judy Smith, Diane Waits.

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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
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RAINBOW RECORD

SUNDAY MORNING	259
BIBLE STUDY	160
SUNDAY EVENING	n/a
MIDWEEK STUDY	151
LOCAL BAPTISMS	4
OTHER RESPONSES	4
WBS/JAIL BAPTISMS	28
ZIMBABWE BAPTISMS	21
INDIA BAPTISMS	5,247
CONTRIBUTION	7,132

MEMORIES

10 YEARS AGO: A free CPR training class was offered in our fellowship room. It was instructed by Beckie Buckner.
20 YEARS AGO: 733 were in attendance for the Gadsden area joint worship service.
30 YEARS AGO: Thanks were given to Brenda & Willis Lorren for the hallway table, mirror and lamp.

SERVANTS

SUNDAY, Mar 23, 2008

Welcome Norman Flynn
 Scripture Reader..... Joseph Wallace
 Prayer Gary Udaka
 Closing Prayer Eugene Brown

MCGUFFEY CLASS: Group No. 4; Leader: Jim McKleroy

SUNDAY EVENING

Opening Prayer Stanley Stroup
 Closing Prayer Polk King

WEDNESDAY, Mar 26, 2008

Announcements John Wallace
 Prayer Wayne Gobble

SERVE THE FAMILY

Jack Lasseter, 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: Chris & Shari Daniel

SUNDAY AM COMMUNION CUP PICKUP: Chris Daniel Family

NURSERIES:

BABY: A.M. Sue Gobble
 P.M. Ashley Kener
TODDLER: A.M. Rebekah Jones
 P.M. Megan Brooks

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Blake & Rebekah Jones

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

We had another great week as our Rainbow WBS teachers taught 308 people the gospel of Christ. This means that, on average, our teachers taught 44 people a day! 16 Rainbow teachers taught last week and these are the names and number of people each taught:

Kathy Overbey	95
Bobby/Carol Golden	13
Betty Long	53
Alan Gentry	5
Tony/Jane Cleveland	72
Ray Cox	6
Joyce Flynn	11
Eugene/Barbara Brown	34
Craig King	3
David Lasseter	1
Jessica Sims	1
Betty Hale	9
Sherold Bordenave	5