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P.E.P. Class Now Forming!

As you may have heard by now, Rainbow will soon begin a new **Personal Evangelism Program**. The main objective of this new program is to seek and save lost souls! We will challenge ourselves, as members, to put our faith into action by learning how to make contacts and conduct Bible studies with friends, family members and acquaintances. As we go “about our Father’s business”, Rainbow will no doubt reap the benefits in our community of being a congregation focused on carrying out the Great Commission.

Here are some of the details about the program. Dax McDonald has been appointed to lead this new program. This is a ten week class that is set to begin Sunday, April 27th and will conclude on Sunday, June 29th. June 29th is a 5th Sunday Fellowship Day, so we will celebrate all the graduates on this day. The class will be taught by Blake Jones in the small room of the new fellowship building. Blake Jones will also develop the curriculum, which is based on the Fishers of Men program. Each student will be given a binder full of materials to use in conducting Bible studies. Along with the binder, each student will also receive a CD with soft copies of the materials in the binder that he or she can print from his/her own computer to use in conducting Bible studies. Our goal is to have 40 members graduate from the program. Ages 15-99 are strongly encouraged to participate. After graduation, all students will continue to meet on at least a quarterly basis to discuss their successes with the program. This will be done in either fellowships at someone’s home or at the church building. The P.E.P. planning committee includes: Robert Edmonson, Marilyn Gentry, Jan Hamrick, Blake Jones, Cindy King, David Lasseter, Dax McDonald, Madison McGlaughn, Chris Mikle, and Stanley Stroup.

If this program sounds intriguing to you, we encourage you to sign up! Each student is required to complete a registration form. Since the P.E.P. class challenges each student to complete work each week, make contacts with potential Bible study participants, and conduct Bible study participants, and conduct Bible studies with some of the contacts, your registration confirms your commitment to this class.

We have all been called to be priests by seeking and saving the lost. The Gospel is relatively easy to teach and most have already been exposed to the story of Jesus. We need people who are willing to get involved and go a bit further. Who knows, this program may be the perfect way for you to use your God-given talents most effectively, and just envision the number of souls that will be added to the Lord’s Church!

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**7 MEN BAPTIZED AT THE ECDC,
NEW CLASS BEING ADDED!**

Tony Cleveland baptized seven men at the Etowah County Detention Center on Tuesday. This brings to **40** the total number of "new births" to date in 2008 from our combined prison/jail and correspondence ministries. We couple classroom teaching of these men and women with our correspondence curriculum. We continue to do this as they begin their walk in Christ, nurturing and building their knowledge in what God expects of them as His children.

The chaplain at the ECDC approached Tony about adding a class in another unit. We are currently teaching the NLB curriculum in three classes for men, two classes for women and two Hispanic classes (taught by Iglesia de Cristo evangelist Carlos Perez) which is seven classes total. This will make eight. In addition, the Glencoe congregation teaches a class and East Gadsden and Central rotate in teaching a class. So, all told, the church is currently teaching ten classes each week at the ECDC.

This new class will bring the total number of weekly classes at the ECDC to ten. Rainbow teachers include Berry Shirley, Jimmy Large, Ray Cox, Garry Watkins, Gerald Yenkey, Betty Hale, Cheryl Bowling, Rita Bowdoin, Jane Watkins, Suzi Morgan, Barbara Brown, Sherold Bordenave, Cindy King. We feel sure we left someone out. Our teaching resources are tight, and it appears we may begin classes at the Federal Correctional Institute in Talladega within 60 days.

Tony approached Bob Statom and Johnny Moore at Central about their congregation taking responsibility for this new class at the ECDC, and they were receptive to the idea. Garry Pruitt and Walter Sivils will also share the teaching duties for the new class. The class will be held each Thursday morning from 10:00 until 11:00. The class will hold its first session on Thursday, April 17.

Tony, Berry and others serve the Lord's supper at the ECDC, a labor of love we share with Central on a rotating basis. These men provide the Supper to more than 120 people each Sunday. There is a large congregation of Christians there.

The church is also doing all we can to help these men and women when they are released. Most of the time, they go back into the free world with no money and no job. Tony has found jobs for many, and we continue to grow in this way. Betty Hale and Rita Bowdoin have gone to tremendous lengths in helping women who have been released.

God is blessing us tremendously in our prison/jail ministry. He opens new doors for us daily.

A SPECIAL THANKS!

Steve Lorren would like to thank the members who came and helped out at Clean Up Day last Saturday. Their hard work paid off as the building looked fantastic!! They are as follows:

Donnie & Rochelle Keener	Mike Bowdoin,
Eugene Brown	Jan Hamrick
Don Dover	Norman Flynn
Wayne & Susan Gobble	Kevin Gobble
Jeff Birchmore	Blake & Bekah Jones
Tim Parker	Cheryl Bowling
Jason & Arthel Higginbotham	

Richard Bynum's son-in-law, **Lt. Colonel Michael Dalesandro**, is stationed in Baghdad and lives in the Green Zone which has really been under attack recently. Please pray for Michael and send him a card of encouragement at this address:

**LTC Michael Dalesandro B
Company DSTB,
4th ID Unit #43120,
2nd BCD Camp Liberty APO, AE09344**

**Please pray for our sick and remember them with
cards, calls and visits**

Michelle Stanley is having tests run today at St. Vincent's in Birmingham. She should know the results by the first of next week. Please remember her in your prayers.

James Gardner is in Gadsden Regional with pneumonia. As of Monday, he was doing some better. Please keep him and Martha in your prayers.

Inez Quarles, mother-in-law of Tina Quarles, is now at Attalla Health Care and Rehab after falling and breaking her left hip. Last week's surgery went well and she is now recovering.

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

Redda Norton, friend of Nancy Wallace, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Judith Bone, Charles Bell, Gayle Bellew, Catherine Bowen, Joey Brinkley, Douglas Brown, 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, John Geer, Dot Greenshaw, Vennie Guyton, Kathleen Honeycutt, Betty Jones, Butch Jones, Wilson Jones, Cathy Langston, Gene Mayhall, Sr., Ruth Mayhall, Arlie Neal, Don Parker, Ron Patterson, Myra Pointer, Jerry Reeves, Berry Shirley, Sarah Simmons, Bryson Smith, and Diane Waits.



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



2008 YOUTH RETREAT

TEARING DOWN WALLS & BUILDING UP RELATIONSHIPS

April 12th – 14th
Gatlinburg, TN
Price: \$50 per person

Sign Up Sheet in Teen Room

To see our cabin go to:
www.volunteercabinrentals.com/pigeon-forge-cabins/misty_shadows/misty_shadows.php

There will be a planning meeting for all going and their parents on Wednesday April 9th following our midweek Bible study.



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**.

We have posted a flyer on our hallway bulletin board regarding information on **hosting an international exchange student**. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact **Tracie Kaple**. Tracie is a member at North Broad Street Church of Christ in Albertville. Her contact info is on the flyer.

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.

Our next **joint worship** will be **April 13** at **6:00 p.m.** 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.jointworship.info

The MIA's "**Mountain Retreat**" is set for **April 12-15**. Please see Susan Stroup for more information.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2	Kristin Hollis
April 5	Larry Shelton Gerald White
April 6	Lynette Whitt
April 7	Helen Cloud Collin Masters
April 11	Chance Kinsey
April 14	Nancy Wallace
April 15	Dakota Duncan
April 16	Joyce Flynn Jane Naler
April 18	Blake Jones Justin Rode
April 20	Gary Quarles Tina Quarles
April 23	Renee Chambers
April 24	Nikki Duncan
April 26	Joey Brinkley Sharon McCarver
April 28	Debby Rode
April 30	Dot Greenshaw

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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 at 10:30 A. M.

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INTERNET LINKS

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

RAINBOW RECORD

SUNDAY MORNING	333
BIBLE STUDY	171
SUNDAY EVENING	n/a
MIDWEEK STUDY	137
LOCAL BAPTISMS	4
OTHER RESPONSES	4
WBS/JAIL BAPTISMS	40
ZIMBABWE BAPTISMS	41
INDIA BAPTISMS	5,247
CONTRIBUTION	6,959

MEMORIES

10 YEARS AGO: Our Thursday Night Ladies Bible Class accepted responsibility to manage the pantry. A clothing drive was begun to collect items for distribution.

20 YEARS AGO: Jan Quinton stopped by the office a few years after moving from Gadsden. She stated that she and Greg "missed Rainbow very much" and wished they could come back.

30 YEARS AGO: The "new" parking lot with a drive thru was completed and ready for parking.

SERVANTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008

Welcome **Blake Jones**
Scripture Reader **Joseph Wallace**
Prayer **Bruce Phillips**
Closing Prayer **Polk King**

MCGUFFEY CLASS: Group No. 2
Leader: Jack Lasseter

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2008

Announcements **David Wallace**
Prayer **Roy Harris**

SERVE THE FAMILY

Stanley Stroup, Presiding
Derrick Tolbert **Collin Jarbo**
Andrew Daniel **Kevin Gobble**
Jeremy Krienke **Donnie Keener**
Jim Masters **Joel Cleveland**

USHERS: **David Scott** **Doyle McCarver**
John Lengyel **Shawn Williams**

GREETERS: **Polk King & Betty Hale**

SUNDAY AM COMMUNION CUP PICKUP:
Elmus Scott Family

NURSERIES:
BABY: **A.M. Susan Wallace**
P.M. Kellie Overbey
TODDLER: **A.M. Beth Udaka**
P.M. Megan Brooks

COMMUNION PREPARATION: **Polk King**

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

We had another great week as our Rainbow WBS teachers taught 232 people the gospel of Christ. This means that, on average, our teachers taught 33 people a day! 15 Rainbow teachers taught last week and these are the names and number of people each taught:

Kathy Overbey	57
Bobby/Carol Golden	1
Betty Long	21
Alan Gentry	3
Tony/Jane Cleveland	31
Ray Cox	7
Joyce Flynn	24
Eugene/Barbara Brown	65
Tina Quarles	10
Jessica Sims	5
Betty Hale	5
Claire Walker	3