



THE RAINBOW BEACON

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Dependency

We often sing the beautiful hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour." The song was written by Annie S. Hawks. She was a young mother of three who was overcome with a feeling of closeness one day while doing her daily household chores of motherhood. She knew she needed God at all times. Late in life, she stated she didn't know how true the words were until she had fallen under the shadow of great loss. She knew again she needed Him every hour.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain.
I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou Thou blessed Son.*

Do you really believe you need God every hour? Many wouldn't dream of living without their technology. Many are convinced they need it every day, even every hour. Have you seen the look on someone's face when the suggestion is offered to do without TV for a week or tell a cell phone or internet addict to do without these items for a week? Encourage a PDA junkie to withdraw for a week. The point isn't that they are wrong, simply think of the dependency we have on these things. Now ask the question "Are we dependent on God?" The other day I received the following e-mail (interesting source for this particular article).

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treat it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

***We need the Lord every moment. Do we know it?
"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).***

-Author Unknown

MICHIGAN COUPLE, SON BAPTIZED FOLLOWING BCC STUDIES

Billy Lambert and the **Summerdale Church of Christ** near Foley are achieving magnificent accomplishments in the Lord's work. This relatively remote congregation has established a nationwide TV ministry that is having remarkable success. The program, *Getting to Know Your Bible*, is seen on DirecTV, Gospel Broadcasting Network, Comcast and numerous other cable systems and broadcast outlets. The program will begin telecasting on DISH Network this Fall.

Billy is the speaker for the program and offers a Bible correspondence course on each program. When we first met him back in January of this year, 300 enrollments



Billy Lambert

were being received weekly. This has now doubled! The addition of the DISH network will certainly extend the number. We began to take 50 new students weekly from Summerdale in late January. That grew to 150 a week, but we are forced to cut back to 100 because our teachers have been devastated with various medical problems. If we are able to add new teachers,

we can have as many new students from Summerdale as we want. Let us know if you want to be a part of this great effort.

The *Know Your Bible* enrollees are higher caliber students for the most part. Many of them are true seekers of truth. An example is a Michigan family baptized this past week. **Donald** and **Barbara Lofquist** in White Cloud had sought the true church for years and years. They saw Billy preach on TV and marveled at the way he held to the

scriptures. They enrolled in the correspondence course, and we became their teacher. The two studied the courses together. The sixth course in the Rainbow 10-course curriculum is really a questionnaire leading the student through the "musts" of salvation. When they had completed this course, they were so convinced of the need to be immersed for forgiveness of sins they went to a nearby church and asked to be baptized. Donald said they immediately knew they had made a mistake because of something the preacher said which showed the preacher did not know the true reasons for being baptized. They did not want to create an embarrassing scene, so the Lofquists went through the baptisms.

When we phoned them last Saturday after receiving their request to find someone to baptize them correctly, Donald answered the phone with "*You have made my day!*" We then phoned the Fremont, MI Church of Christ, only 15 miles away, and talked to one of the elders, Charles Wiseman. He assured us he would contact them immediately and either baptize them in a portable baptistery or in the river, whichever they preferred. The Lofquists attended the Fremont worship this past Sunday and were baptized into Christ along with their 17-year old son. We talked to them Sunday night on the phone and they were ecstatic over finding the true church and undergoing the "new birth"! Barbara said they were already teaching her mother.

Summerdale's TV program and the Rainbow correspondence system make a tremendous tool in reaching out to the lost. **Roebuck Parkway** is using this tool, taking 150 new students weekly. The **Madison, Alabama** church is poised to begin. **Jerry Weldon** and **Mebane St Church of Christ** in Burlington, NC are arranging to take all North Carolina students who enroll. To all Christians and congregations reading this: We will give you our system and help you arrange with Summerdale for students they enroll. Let us know your interest. Phone 256-547-3731.

ALABAMA INMATE REPORTS HER BAPTISM IN LOUISIANA PRISON

Joyce Flynn received a letter from one of her students this past week telling of her baptism in Louisiana. She writes this, *I*



John Gallagher presents **Joe Owen** an NLBNOA T-shirt last October.

was baptized while still in Newellton, LA by Joe Owen. I am very fond of brother Joe, and his wife, Carla. They would come and visit us on Sundays and teach us lessons. We still write each

other. Joyce's student is back in Alabama and continues to study with Joyce. We actually convert more people than we realize because often we do not know a student has been baptized.

Joe Owen is 76-year old Christian with some severe heart problems. For many years, Joe drove the 80 miles each week over to St. Joseph, La where he preached for the small congregation. Joe and this 25-member church wrought great things for God. Joyce and other Rainbow teachers taught men and women in prisons at Waterproof and Newellton by correspondence, and Joe and his people would go into the prisons on Sunday and conduct worship and Bible classes and baptize our students who requested it. More than 50 were baptized. The work has cooled off because Alabama has moved its prisoners from these contract prisons back to Alabama. Joe and Carla maintain contact with those they baptized even today. And, of course, we continue to teach those who have returned here.



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*

The Revival Continues...

This past Sunday, August 17th, we were blessed to be able to witness the rebirth of two precious souls. **Colton Thompson** and **C.J. Hayes** both made the most important decision of their lives as they were baptized into Jesus Christ.

C.J. is the daughter of **Anthony and DeAnn Hayes**. DeAnn and C.J. have been attending here at Rainbow in recent months. C.J. is one of the sweetest young ladies you could ever be around. She is fifteen and attends Hokes Bluff High School.

Colton is the son of **Darryl and Marsha Thompson**. Colton is a young man concerned that he is becoming who God wants him to be. Colton is a student at Southside High School.

I know that the physical families of both C.J. and Colton are so proud of them. But I want them to know that their spiritual family is also proud of them. Rainbow, let's all continue to pray for these two and encourage them as they begin their Christian life. TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!

Mission Emphasis Day

Don't forget on Sunday, August 31st, we will be having our mission emphasis day where we will be focusing on how God has blessed us in various ways as we, as a congregation, are striving to reach out to the world around us. There will be a fellowship meal following our morning service and we hope everyone makes their plans to be a part of this.

Rainbow Church of Christ

3rd Annual Singing

Friday, September 19th

7pm - 9pm

Refreshments will be served following singing.
See Gene Brown for more information
on how you can help!!

New Adult Bible Classes

Beginning Sept 7th

Men's Class on Leadership - Blake Jones

Women's Class - Rebekah Jones

I & II Timothy - Norman Flynn

Remember In Prayer...

Robert Guyton is in need of our prayers at this time.

Tina Parker underwent surgery for TMJ last week and is having a difficult recovery.

Ora Biggs, neighbor of Pam Thompson, underwent open heart surgery and has now been in the hospital for 3 weeks.

Marie Colvett, mother of Nancy Wallace, is not doing well.

Teresa Harris, daughter of Arlie & Joyce Neal, came through colon surgery well and the prognosis is good.

Doug Argo, grandfather of new member, Cody Worthy, is suffering from cancer and has requested our prayers during this difficult time.

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

Kathleen Honeycutt is not doing well at this time.

Perry Hathcock is in need of our prayers at this time.

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

Rita Bowdoin, Catherine Bowen, Paige Buckner, Kim Clay, Dewey East, James Gardner, Bobby Golden, Carol Golden, Betty Campbell, Jennifer Davis, Elmus Honeycutt, Kathleen Honeycutt, J.R. Jackson, Elizabeth Khan, Gene Mayhall Sr., Ruth Mayhall, Arlie & Joyce Neal, Redda Norton, Don Parker, Ron Patterson, Max Pruett, Jerry Reeves, and Berry Shirley, Isleen Wallace.

Shut In Members: **Martha Austin, Charles Bell, Leona Chance, Sarah Foote, Gurnie Foote, James Gardner, Dot Greenhaw, Vennie Guyton, Betty Jones, Butch Jones, Cathy Langston, Hassie Moon, and Inez Quarles.**

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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.
Wednesday morning Ladies
Bible Class will resume
meeting in the Fall.

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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	250
BIBLE STUDY	157
SUNDAY EVENING	140
MIDWEEK STUDY	159
LOCAL BAPTISMS	12
OTHER RESPONSES	20
WBS/JAIL BAPTISMS	95
ZIMBABWE BAPTISMS	109
CONTRIBUTION	5,691

MEMORIES

10 YEARS AGO: Ashley Stringer, Jeremy O'Clair, Jerry Weldon and Chris Barnett are busy fulfilling the Great Commission while working in foreign mission fields - Romania, the Carribean Islands, and Moscow.

30 YEARS AGO: We had 234 for morning worship, 186 for evening worship, and 138 for Wednesday night Bible study.

SERVANTS

SUNDAY, Aug 24, 2008

Welcome Norman Flynn
Scripture Reader Kevin Gobble
Opening Prayer Chris Daniel
Closing Prayer Steve Lorren

MCGUFFEY CLASS: Group No. 2
Leader: Gary Udaka

WEDNESDAY, Aug 27, 2008

Announcements Craig King
Prayer Dewey East

SERVE THE FAMILY

Berry Shirley, Presiding

Jim Masters Mike Simmons
Donnie Keener Glenn Amberson
Doyle McCarver Shawn Williams
Gerald Yenkey P.J. Duncan

USHERS:

Don Dover Steve Lorren
Elmus Scott Roy Harris

GREETERS: Tony & Jane Cleveland

SUNDAY AM COMMUNION CUP PICKUP:

Jim Masters Family

NURSERIES:

BABY: A.M. Jonalyn Amberson
P.M. Michelle Stanley
TODDLER: A.M. Rhonda Buckner
P.M. Tina Parker

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Gene & Barbara Brown

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

We had another outstanding week as our Rainbow WBS teachers taught 451 people the gospel of Christ! This means that, on average, our teachers taught 64 people a day! 13 Rainbow teachers taught last week and these are the names and number of people each

Bobby/Carol Golden	6
Tony/Jane Cleveland	77
Ray Cox	37
Eugene/Barbara Brown	155
Becky Bagley	31
Kathy Overbey	89
Alan Gentry	1
Jan Hamrick	21
Joyce Flynn	33
Jerolyn Long	1