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HISTORIC TIMES AT TALLADEGA

There's no recorded history of church activity at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) in Talladega. As far as we can determine, the church has never conducted Bible classes or worship services at this facility. The one exception is the work done by individual Christians, incarcerated there, who taught fellow inmates on their own.



Blake Jones

That all changed on Tuesday of last week, October 7, when **Blake Jones** taught the first Bible class with the approval and support of FCI authorities. This was an historic moment for the church. The hourly class is held each Tuesday at 1:00 p. m. Blake is teaching *A Sense of Self* from the NewLife Behavior courses. He will be assisted by **Ray Cox** from Rainbow and **Ronnie Hurst** from the Talladega congregation.

There are 22 students in the class which is held in superb facilities within the confines of the prison. The men, who signed up for the class, already demonstrate good knowledge of the Bible. The class is on a quarterly basis, and the chaplain has asked us to rotate each quarter, teaching in the main institution for a quarter, then in the adjoining work camp the next quarter. We believe this work will grow and additional classes will be available to us once we have the resources to handle them.

This opportunity to teach at Talladega came as a result of our work with the NLB Network of Alabama, the statewide prison ministry overseen by our elders until this past August. At the NLBNOA Workshop this past February, one of the speakers was **Ron Goodman** of the Federal Prison Outreach. We spoke with Ron who has friend in Washington who ranks high in Federal prison chaplaincy. Ron used this contact to arrange for us to meet with the chaplain at Talladega and make a

proposal for classes there. The Talladega authorities liked what we had and arranged for classes after our orientation session and background checks.

This is a major accomplishment for our prison ministry. The goal of the statewide group is to establish Bible classes in every facility in this state. There is really only one major Federal in Alabama, and that is the one at Talladega. This will soon change because the Federal government plans to build a women's prison at Aliceville. We will immediately go to work on that to see if we can get in on the ground floor there. Prison ministry represents an exciting opportunity for the church to save souls!

NORTH CAROLINA STUDENT CONVERTED

Rainbow's correspondence ministry is having great success teaching students enrolled by **Know Your Bible TV** program out of Summerdale, Alabama. We are receiving 100 new students from all over the U. S. each week from Know Your Bible. **Denis Williams**, who heads the correspondence ministry at Roebuck Parkway in Birmingham, is using our system and taking even more enrollments weekly from Summerdale. Denis reports tremendous success as well with eight baptisms recently.

Ethel Jackson is one of our Know Your Bible students who was immersed into Christ recently. Ethel lives in northeastern North Carolina near the Atlantic coast. When she requested to be baptized, we contacted **Glenn Brickhouse** at a congregation near her, and he baptized her in one of the ocean sounds near where they live. Ethel told us the water was kinda rough, but it worked out okay.

Ethel will be a tremendous center of influence that we believe will bring many more to Christ. She asked us for a dozen of our courses which she will use for a Bible class she teaches. The group will study our courses, and Ethel will send in the completed answer sheets which we will grade and send each student the certificate of recognition. Ethel is excited about using this concept! Our combined correspondence teaching/prison-jail ministry has resulted in 122 people being brought to the Lord to date in 2008!



Responses

Shaya Clifton responded to the Lord's invitation Sunday morning. She has requested the prayers of the congregation as she strives to be a faithful Christian wife and mother. The Clifton family, Charles, Shara, Colton and Gracyn, have just recently placed membership here at Rainbow.

ATTENTION: LADIES

Several dishes were left following the fellowship meals we've had during the last several weeks. Please be sure to stop by the kitchen in the new fellowship hall to see if they may be yours!

Top 10 Reasons to Be a Bible Class Teacher (Part 1)

1. **Student Potential.** Not every student will succeed in your class. However, this fact should not keep you from believing that every student has the potential for success. This potential is so exciting—each new year presents new challenges and new potential successes.
2. **Student Successes.** Each student who didn't understand a concept and then learned it through your help can be exhilarating. When you reach that student that others have written off as being unteachable, this can truly be worth all the headaches that do come with the job.
3. **Teaching a Subject Helps You Learn a Subject.** You will never learn a topic better than when you start teaching it. There is an old adage that it takes three years of teaching to truly master a subject, and in my experience this is the truth.
4. **Daily Humor.** If you have a positive attitude and a sense of humor, you will find things to laugh about each day. Sometimes it will be silly jokes you will make up as you teach that might get a laugh from your students. Sometimes it will be jokes that kids share with you. And sometimes students will come out with the funniest statements without realizing what they've said. Find the fun and enjoy it!
5. **Affecting the Future** Yes it might be trite, but it is true. Teachers mold the future during each class. In fact, it is a sad fact that you may teach these students more Bible than their parents will.

Part 2 will be in next week's issue.



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Candy Drive

This year we are going to do something a little different - Cindy King (Bama Fan) and Tina Parker (Auburn Fan) will be our challengers. If Auburn brings more candy than Bama the night of Trunk or Treat, Cindy will be dressed in all War Eagle wear and vice versa. The weighing of the candy will take place on **Sunday, October 26th**. Two bins have been placed in the foyer to collect the candy! For more info, please see Daniel Cameron..



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...

We rejoiced this past Sunday as **Shara Clifton** came forward, responding to the Lord's invitation, asking for the prayers of the church. She said that she hadn't been the wife, mother, or Christian that she needed to be. Let's all continue to pray for and support our sister in Christ. Shara and her husband **Charles** are our newest family here at Rainbow and we welcome them with open arms. They have a son named **Colton** and a daughter named **Gracyn**. If you haven't already, drop them a note or a card in the mail to welcome the Clifton's to our family. Their address is:

Clifton Family
220 Mary Lou Circle
Gadsden, AL 35904

God continues to bless us with such great encouragement as just in the past seven days we have seen three souls respond asking for our prayers (**Laura Wallace, Jonalyn Amberson, and Shara**) and **one being added** to the body of Christ (**Larry Shelton**) through baptism. Let's continue to remember all of these precious souls in our thoughts and prayers.

Rainbow, I pray that we (as a congregation) always have a tender heart. I pray that we always have a willingness and desire to be the people God wants us to be. I pray we never let pride stand in our way of being the men and women God intends us to be. I pray that this spirit of revival never ceases.

Successful Meeting

Our Gospel Meeting with **Lonnie Jones** was held last week and it was a tremendous success! As expected, Lonnie did a fantastic job with every lesson. They were thought provoking and encouraging.

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Thank you Lonnie for doing such a great job!

Rainbow, you also helped make this meeting so successful as a result of your attendance. Many of you were here for every service; some of you only missed one. This meeting wouldn't have been so successful if not for your attendance. You showed what loyalty is; keep up the great work!!

Mark your calendar now for next year's Homecoming. **Sunday, October 4th 2009**, when our special guest speaker will be **David Shannon**; it will be here before we know it.

Remember In Prayer...

Elbert Lewis, preacher at Colvin Street Church of Christ in Anniston, had an appt in Birmingham about a cyst on his back. Also, his wife, **Hedi Lewis**, is undergoing tests at this time.

Joyce Neal is in McGuffey's for rehab.

Cathy Langston is in need of our prayers at this time.

Don Dover is scheduled for a procedure on Oct 21st.

Charlie Bell is now at home.

Dot Greenhaw is in McGuffey's room 216 for rehab.

Vennie Guyton is in McGuffey's Rehabilitation Center, room 431 after suffering a fall.

Joyce Flynn continues to have problems with her hip.

Marie Colvett, mother of Nancy Wallace, is not doing well 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, Jennifer Davis, Kari Dowdy Davidson, Addie Lou Dover, Dewey East, James Gardner, Bobby Golden, Carol Golden, Robert Guyton, Perry Hathcock, Elmus Honeycutt, J.R. Jackson, Elizabeth Khan, Craig King, Gene Mayhall Sr., Ruth Mayhall, Arlie Neal, Redda Norton, Don Parker, Ron Patterson, Max Pruett, Jerry Reeves, Berry Shirley.

Shut In Members: **Martha Austin, Charles Bell, Leona Chance, Sarah Foote, Gurnie Foote, Dot Greenhaw, Vennie Guyton, Betty Jones, Butch Jones, 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.
Ladies Bible Class meets each
Wednesday morning at 10:30.
All ladies are invited to attend!

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

RAINBOW RECORD

SUNDAY MORNING	260
BIBLE STUDY	157
SUNDAY EVENING	N/A
MIDWEEK STUDY	136
LOCAL BAPTISMS	12
OTHER RESPONSES	26
WBS/JAIL BAPTISMS	122
ZIMBABWE BAPTISMS	159
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,114

SERVANTS

SUNDAY, Oct 19, 2008

Welcome
Scripture Reader Alex Wallen
Opening Prayer Chris Mikle
Closing Prayer Gary Udaka

MCGUFFEY CLASS: Group No. 2
Leader: Gary Udaka

WEDNESDAY, Oct 22, 2008

Announcements John Wallace
Prayer Wayne Gobble

SERVE THE FAMILY

Berry Shirley, Presiding
Doyle McCarver Wayne Gobble
Elmus Scott Jerry Stanley
Robert Edmonson P.J. Duncan
Adam Brown Dax McDonald

USHERS:

Don Dover Roy Harris
Mike Simmons Steve Lorren

GREETERS: Chris & Shari Daniel

SUNDAY AM COMMUNION CUP PICKUP:
Larry Naler Family

NURSERIES:

BABY: A.M. Rhonda Buckner
P.M. Della McCarver
TODDLER: A.M. Megan Brooks
P.M. Debby Rode

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Don Dover

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

We had another super week as our Rainbow WBS teachers taught 372 people the gospel of Christ! This means that, on average, our teachers taught 53 people a day! Rainbow teachers taught last week and these are the names and number of people each taught:

Bobby/Carol Golden	7
Tony/Jane Cleveland	48
Ray Cox	40
Eugene/Barbara Brown	78
Kathy Overbey	102
Alan Gentry	8
Jan Hamrick	20
Betty Hale	31
Kellie East	1
Joyce Flynn	24

MEMORIES

20 YEARS AGO: The Golden Age Appreciation Banquet was held by the youth group for all those over 60 and/or are retired.

30 YEARS AGO: Kay Crawford placed membership with us here at Rainbow.