



THE RAINBOW BEACON

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Mark Your Calendar!

**December 23
&
December 30**

Mid-Week Services
will be on Tuesday nights
instead of Wednesday nights
this year
due to the holidays.

Watch the bulletin
for more details



Welcoming Party



For
**Will Smith &
Brooke Littlejohn**

**Sunday, Dec 14th
From 2-4 pm**

Teacher's Appreciation Fellowship

Sunday, January 11, 2009
See Page 2 for more details

Rainbow will host a "Welcoming Party" for Will Smith and his fiancé, Brooke Littlejohn, in the new fellowship hall. Will has accepted the position of youth minister and will officially begin working Jan 09. Parents, grandparents, and our youth are encouraged to attend.

See Debbie McGlaughn for more information.



Thanks to all those who helped out to plan, serve and clean up at Rainbow's Annual Christmas Party last weekend. All your hard work payed off! All who attended had a wonderful time, enjoying games, fellowship and a wonderful holiday meal! **Great Job!!**



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Teacher's Appreciation

Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
Served by our Elders

January 11, 2009 following p.m. services

Anyone who has served in any capacity (i.e. classroom, McGuffey's, World Bible School, Ladies Bible Class, Jail, etc.) is invited to attend a Teachers Appreciation Soup and Sandwich Fellowship.

A sign up sheet has been placed on the hallway bulletin board.
Please see Jeff Birchmore or Gene Brown for further information.

Bruce Phillips has resigned from his position as deacon after serving in this capacity for several years. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to Bruce for all his hard work and dedication.

Upcoming Event

January 18th–19th

No Debt, No Sweat! Seminar

Presented by Steve Diggs

More details coming soon!!

Cards of Thanks

Have been received from Rita Bowdoin and the family of Charles Box. They have been placed on the hallway bulletin board.

Contact Elder for December: Gene Brown

**Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat
Feb 11-14**

Sponsored by Jacksonville Church of Christ
See bulletin board for more details.

Knowing

I heard about a preacher who was talking with a man, and he asked him, "Do you know the Bible?" The man said, "Yes, sir." He said, "What part of the Bible do you know the best?" The man said, "The New Testament."

The preacher went on to ask him what part of the New Testament he knew the best. The man said, "Well, I suppose I know the story of the Good Samaritan best of all." The preacher said, "Tell me that story."

The man said, "Well, as best as I can recall, there was a good Samaritan traveling down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and he fell among the thorns and they sprang up and choked him and left him half dead.

"But a man came by feeding his swine and he said to the man, 'I will arise and go to my father.' So he took up his bed and walked. But while the soldiers were chasing him through the forest, he got the hair of his head caught up in the trees and he hung there 40 days and 40 nights, and the ravens fed him.

"Just then, Delilah came along with a big pair of shears and she cut off his hair and he fell on stony ground. But the good master of the house resurrected the man and he journeyed on his way.

"All of a sudden, he came to the wall of Jericho and there's Jezebel sitting on the wall and she mocked him. And he said, 'Chunk her down to the dogs.' And they chunked her down 70 times 7, and great was the fall thereof, and of the fragments that remained they picked up twelve baskets full, and whose wife shall she be in the resurrection?"

Now I would hope that your Bible knowledge is not quite as bad as that, but I think it's safe to say that few of us know the Bible as well as we should. In the last TFTD message, I spoke about three pillars of spiritual growth -- knowing, doing and becoming. God has always stressed the fact that his people need to know His word. And contrary to popular opinion, when it comes to spiritual matters, ignorance is not bliss.

In the days of Hosea, God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being priest for me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." (Hosea 4:6).

What was the problem? It wasn't that they didn't have access to God's Word. They just simply didn't care enough about it to listen to it. Does it scare you just a bit to realize that God could possibly say the same thing about us -- "my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge... because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." Folks, we need to once again become known as a people of the book, a people who study and know and love the Bible. Throughout the Bible, God's repeated command to the people of God is "learn, study, grow."

92% of households in this country have a Bible. We have the Bibles, but we don't pay much attention to them. A Gallup poll from 2000 shows that only 59% of Americans read the Bible at least occasionally. The percentage of Americans who read the Bible at least once a week is 37%.

Contrast this with the people of Berea. We read in Acts 17, "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they re-ceived the word with all readiness, and searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11)

May we continue to study and learn and grow in our knowledge of God and our responsibility before Him. -Selected



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*

EXPOSURE 2008 Is Almost Here!

Exposure 2008 is just a few weeks away and we have completed our sign up here and we have 35 campers and chaperones signed up and ready to go! I know that this will be another great camp for us all. Those who have committed to going are the following: **Blake and Rebekah Jones, Will Smith, Brooke Littlejohn, Debbie, Justin, and Madison McGlaughn, Tina, Alyssa, and Corbin Parker, Nic and Jonalyn Amberson, Kellie Overbey, Andrew and Tyler Daniel, Will Stroup, Collin Masters, Beth and Hannah Blissard, Dana, Nathan, and Heather Johnson, Dave Lasseter, Colton Clifton, Katie Wallace, Kaylen and Kylee Carlton, Kennedy Gibbs, Jessica Sims, Daniel Cameron, Wil Bowling, Cindy King, Megan Brooks, Katie Alford and Alex Wallen.** What a tremendous group! (I don't know who the responsible party will truly be; the chaperones appear to need chaperones)

The theme for this year's Exposure is *212 Degrees – One Degree Makes All the Difference*. Exposure will once again be in Huntsville, AL at the Embassy Suites Hotel, December 27th – 30th. The keynote speakers this year are: **Philip Hines, Eric Lyons, Clark Sims and Kelvin Teamer.** The cost for all of our campers and chaperones is **\$50 per person**. I would encourage all of our attendees to thank our eldership for once again paying for half of the cost of this wonderful trip. If you would like to learn more about Exposure go to exposureyouthcamp.net.

We will be having a meeting for all campers, their parents, and chaperones on Wednesday, December 17th, following our mid-week Bible study to go over all the final details.

I believe this is going to be a great trip! We have a great group planning to go and I know it will be great. I ask that everyone begin praying now that this trip will serve as a blessing to all who attend.

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Rebekah Jones** in the loss of her grandfather, Charles Box. Mr. Box passed away Wednesday of last week. Funeral services were held Friday.

Our sympathy is extended to **Nancy Wallace** in the death of her mother, Marie Colvett. Mrs. Colvett passed away Friday in Alamo, TN. Funeral services were held Sunday.

Remember In Prayer...

Pat Morgan will undergo an arteriogram Thursday in Birmingham. A stress test done Tuesday revealed blockages in his heart.

Mark Patterson, brother of Ronny Patterson, is not doing well at this time.

Richey Coleman, neighbor of Becky Bagley, is suffering from cancer and is not doing well.

Rita Bowdoin is doing well following last week's surgery. She is now at home recovering.

Joyce Flynn is recovering from hip replacement surgery and is undergoing physical therapy.

Mary Ivadean Dale, mother of Jane Cleveland, is at Gadsden Rehab and will likely be there for a couple of weeks.

Jimmy Gardner is at home recovering from a fall.

Jeff Smith, brother of Sheila Eklund, is undergoing tests at this time.

Jerry Reeves is now at home.

Elbert Lewis and his wife, **Hedi**, are having some health problems at this time.

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

Charlie Bell is now at home.

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

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

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

Paige Buckner, Kim Clay, Betty Campbell, Jennifer Davis, Kari Dowdy Davidson, Addie Lou Dover, Dewey East, Bobby & Carol Golden, Dot Greenhaw, Perry Hathcock, Elmus Honeycutt, J.R. Jackson, Elizabeth Khan, Craig King, Gene Mayhall Sr., Ruth Mayhall, Arlie & Joyce Neal, Redda Norton, Don Parker, Ron Patterson, Max Pruett, Jerry Reeves.

Shut In Members: **Martha Austin, Charles Bell, Leona Chance, Gurnie & Sarah Foote, Dot Greenhaw, Robert & 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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Joint Worship: www.jointworship.info
Zimbabwe Info: www.zimbabwe-report.info

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CONTRIBUTION	\$7,018

SERVANTS

Sunday, Dec 14, 2008

Welcome. Norman Flynn
Scripture Reader. Joseph Wallace
Opening Prayer Ray Cox
Closing Prayer. Craig King

MCGUFFEY CLASS: Group No. Two
Leader: Gary Udaka

SERVE THE FAMILY

Paul Baker, Presiding

Tim Parker. Glenn Amberson
Jim Masters Roy Harris
Donnie Keener Joel Cleveland
Doyle McCarver Bruce Phillips

USHERS:

Larry Naler Shawn Williams
Tommy Hamrick Don Dover

GREETERS: Glenn & Cheryl Amberson

SUNDAY AM COMMUNION CUP PICKUP:
Jim Masters Family

NURSERIES: **BABY:** A.M. Lindsey Hamrick
P.M. Nikki Duncan
TODDLER: A.M. Tangi Vinson
P.M. Jane Cleveland

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Polk King

Wednesday, Dec 17, 2008

Announcements John Wallace
Prayer George Elliot

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

We had another super week as our Rainbow WBS teachers taught 362 people the gospel of Christ! This means that, on average, our teachers taught 52 people a day! 13 Rainbow teachers taught last week and these are the names and number of people each taught:

Becky Bagley	13
Gene/Barbara Brown	86
Tony/Jane Cleveland	37
Ray Cox	40
Joyce Flynn	35
Alan Gentry	5
Bobby Golden	3
Betty Hale	5
Jan Hamrick	29
Betty Long	22
Kathy Overbey	80
Tina Quarles	7

MEMORIES

5 YEARS AGO: The families of Jack Lasseter, Stanley Stroup, Mike Wallen, and Paul Lasseter placed membership with us.

10 YEARS AGO: "Operation Christmas" was underway at Rainbow. More than 50 of our members wrapped presents, packed food, and delivered gifts for needy families in our area.