



THE RAINBOW BEACON

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Situations In Life

You have probably seen the little verse on posters and bookmarks which reads: ***“God give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”***

There is certainly a great deal of insight conveyed in these words; insight which, if applied, would help Christians to deal much more successfully with the situations of life and to lead settled and peaceful lives.

There are things that we simply cannot change. Some are unchangeable by their very nature (weather, certain illnesses, etc.), while others could be changed only by people other than ourselves, and these people refuse to change those situations. Some things we can change, if only we have the courage to try.

Such things as bad habits and certain marital and family problems can be changed with effort and commitment. Knowing the difference between the two helps us to save ourselves much needless frustration and worry on one hand, and to avoid making excuses on the other.

This principle is well illustrated in the life of King David. In 2 Samuel 11 and 12, we learn of David’s fall into the depths of sin-lust, adultery, dishonesty, and murder because of a sinful relationship with Bathsheba (11:5,27). Because of his sin, God told David that the child would die (12:14). After David had repented of his wrongs, and when the child became ill, David “pleaded with God for the child,” and “fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground” (12:16). When he later heard that the child had died, he stopped fasting, and basically got back to life as usual (12:20). When asked about this unusual behavior, which seemed to be a reversal of standard mourning activity, David replied: “While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, ‘Who can tell whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’ But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me” (12:22-23).

Notice that David first tried to change the situation while it seemed there was yet any hope that he could. When he knew there was nothing he could do, he accepted the situation and resolved to get on with life. And he clearly knew the difference between the two.

We all have both types of situations in our lives. We can learn to be more effective servants of God and have more peace of mind if we will learn to apply this principle to our lives, whatever the adversity.

-Author Unknown



A Word From Will

Next week will be a busy one for the teens at Rainbow. We will be attending **Backwoods Christian Camp** for the annual Teen Week. There are over thirty of us making the journey to camp. Those that are attending are: **Hannah Blisard, Alyssa Parker, Alyssa Krienke, Katy Alford, Rachel Johnson, John Head, Collin Jarbo, Jonalyn Amberson, Madison McGlaughn, Tyler Daniel, Heather Johnson, Anna LeBlanc, Katie Wallace, Kevin Gobble, Kaylen Carlton, Kylee Carlton, Dakota Duncan, Alex Wallen, Sam Wallen, Jasmine Bozarth, Colton Clifton, Nathan Johnson, Nik Amberson, Devin Jones, Dana Johnson, Mike Simmons, Jan Hamrick, Zach Griffin, Debbie McGlaughn, and Carrie Wallen, Blake and Rebekah Jones**, and myself. This is a great group and I am so excited to be making the trip with them. This will be my first Backwoods experience and I can't wait for what the week has in store for us. If you have any questions or you haven't signed up yet, just come and see Blake or me.

We also had a meeting this past Sunday to make some plans for the next couple of months. There was a great turnout for the meeting and I thank all of the ones who showed up. It is so good to have such a great number of parents who are interested in their children's spirituality. I would like to thank all of you who volunteered to host devotionals or help out in some other way. I am so excited about our plans for the summer. I hope that all of you are too. If you were not able to attend the meeting and would like to help in some way, just let me know.

I am also planning on taking a group to Skyline Christian Youth Camp on June 28th. I have given most of my applications out to interested campers, but I am getting more. If anyone would like to go to camp, see me as soon as you can and I will give you an application. Also, I need to know who is planning on going as soon as possible so I can make the proper arrangements. If you have any questions about SCYC, come and see me and I will answer them as best I can.

Have a great week,

Will

"IF I WERE THE DEVIL!"

Have you ever thought about what you would do if you were the devil? Well, here is what I would do:

"I WOULD TEAR UP MARRIAGES AND FAMILY LIFE"
Lack of trust, communication breakdown, lack of affection and love, lack of sexual fulfillment, arguments over money - these seeds I would plant into marriages already under strain and pressure. I would attack lots of marriages and families, not just a few of them. Divorce, desertion, and separation would become as common as cheeseburgers and French fries. I would drive a wedge between parents and children. Suicide would become the leading cause of death among young people. I would convince husbands that their primary responsibility is to make money, not spend time with their wives. I would convince children that their parents really don't love them, and that they should run away from home.

"I WOULD CONVINCING PEOPLE THAT GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL EVIL"
Heart attacks, cancer, accidents, unemployment, discrimination, loneliness, guilt, materialism - these would be come the roadblocks to a relationship with God. I would convince people that God had sent these into their lives to punish them. I would want them to think of God as looking over Heaven's balcony trying to think of new ways to bring pain to people. I would work very hard to see that God is blamed for my actions.

"I WOULD CONVINCING PEOPLE THAT THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTES"
That life, its situations and decisions, must be made by lack of any solid, firm truths. Then in a day of science and increasing technology, only the foolish and ignorant would believe in absolute truth. I would definitely separate the secular from the sacred, and hope that people would behave one way in the "church" building and another way in the rest of life. Gradually, I would work to push God to the outer margins of people's lives.

"Well, I might not win everyone to my cause, but I might surprise you at how many I would win! How about you? Are you interested?"

Prentice A Meador, Jr.

VISITATION

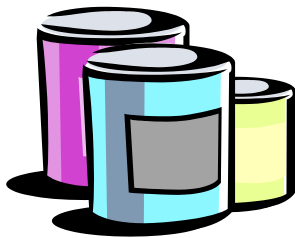
Well, I went to visitation-
Against my will, I guess.
I was hot and tired and troubled,
And I wasn't at my best.
But they told me I was needed,
So they knew I couldn't rest
With my conscience making comments
About how I'd failed the test.

First, I went to see a shut-in
(She'd been one quite some time).
Oh, she missed the brethren,
But she tried hard not to pine.
Next, a brother who'd been absent
Several Sundays in a row,
He thought nobody had missed him,
And said next time he'd go.

Last, I called upon a couple
Who'd just moved into town.
I invited them to visit,
They said they'd come around.
Back home I pondered;
Why, I was feeling fine!
Recalling those gladdened faces,
The pleasure was all mine.

Rainbow Set to Open Food Bank

On Friday, **June 26th**, Gene Brown will travel to Birmingham to pick up our first container of food. This food, stored in the new fellowship hall, will be available to the public Monday through Friday from 8am - 11am. Please pray for this wonderful outreach ministry as our elders pray that many souls will be led to Christ through this. Stanley Stroup will be the deacon over this ministry. If you would like to volunteer to help out with any aspect, please see Gene or Stanley.



VBS - Central Church of Christ

June 15-17

9am-Noon

Ages 2-12 yrs.

Come enjoy 3 fun-filled days of Bible skits, puppet show, crafts, singing, refreshments, and a picnic on Wednesday

Gospel Meetings

Collinsville Church of Christ

June 21-24 at 7pm

Allen Webster - Speaker

Singing on June 19th from 7-9pm

Henry Street Church of Christ

June 14-19 at 7pm

Dr. David Lane - Speaker

Xerox Corporation said it has found a way to create temporary images on paper that would self-erase in 24 hours or less. The special pages could theoretically be used again and again—as many as 50 times.

The idea started three or four years ago when its researchers discovered that 40 percent of printed pages are used for the day, then thrown away. With that in mind, Xerox decided there was clear demand for paper that could be reused, but not recycled, on a daily basis.

The team designed paper covered with special chemicals. Once the paper goes through the printer, the chemicals are exposed to a light source that causes the text on the paper to gradually fade. It disappears completely in 16 to 24 hours, but can be quickly erased by running it through the printer again.

Though documents are not yet printed on this paper, in reality, all printed material is temporary. However, Christians have a more sure Word. The Word of God has been settled in Heaven forever (Psalm 119:89).

- House to House Heart to Heart

We have also a more sure word...

2 Peter 1:19

Moving Members Into Ministry in 2009

Rainbow Church of Christ

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ELDERS

Mike Bowdoin	442-0389
John Bowling	442-6608
Eugene Brown	467-4785
Norman Flynn	413-1688
Craig King	442-1630
David Wallace	546-0642
John Wallace	442-5887

DEACONS

Jeff Birchmore	547-3718
Tony Cleveland	538-5295
Chris Daniel	442-9833
Wayne Gobble	613-3500
Steve Lorren	442-8192
Doyle McCarver	390-0770
Chris Mikle	413-1038
Larry Naler	442-1804
Tim Parker	442-4877
Stanley Stroup	442-4967

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

RAINBOW RECORD

SUNDAY MORNING	254
BIBLE STUDY	177
SUNDAY EVENING	159
MIDWEEK STUDY	n/a
LOCAL BAPTISMS	7
OTHER RESPONSES	26
WBS/JAIL BAPTISMS	17
ZIMBABWE BAPTISMS	102
CONTRIBUTION	5,969

SERVANTS

Serve the Family - June

Collin Jarbo	Nik Amberson
Will Stroup	Tyler Daniel
Colton Thompson	Kevin Gobble
Dakota Duncan	Alex Wallen

Ushers - June

Doyle McCarver	Wayne Gobble
Charles Clifton	Mike Simmons

Communion Preparation - June

Dewey and Janet East

Building Lock-Up - June

Doyle McCarver / John Wallace

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Scripture Reader	Calem Sanders
Opening Prayer	A.M. Selton Long
	P.M. Jim McKleroy
Preside Lord's Supper	Stanley Stroup
Closing Prayer	A.M. Robert Edmonson
	P.M. Ken Overbey
Greeters	John & Judy McCullars
Cup Pickup	Gary Udaka Family
McGuffey's	Group 2 - Leader: David Lasseter
Infant Nursery	A.M. Jonalyn Amberson
	P.M. Kellie Overbey
Toddler Nursery	A.M. Rita Phillips
	P.M. Anna Udaka

Sunday, June 21, 2009

Scripture Reader	Joseph Wallace
Opening Prayer	A.M. Mike Bowdoin
	P.M. Tony Cleveland
Preside Lord's Supper	Ray Cox
Closing Prayer	A.M. Steve Lorren
	P.M. Bruce Phillips
Greeters	Jim & June McKleroy
Cup Pickup	Chris Daniel Family
McGuffey's	Group 3 - Leader: Chris Mikle
Infant Nursery	A.M. Cheryl Amberson
	P.M. Alyssa Krienke
Toddler Nursery	A.M. Julie Lorren
	P.M. Karen Krienke

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WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

Our World Bible School Teachers are continuing to lead others to Christ! Listed below are the names of last week's participating teachers and the number of lessons sent. **12** teachers mailed out a total of **327** lessons for an average of **46** lessons per day!

Gene/Barbara Brown	98
Tony/Jane Cleveland	11
Ray Cox	38
Joyce Flynn	26
Alan Gentry	5
Bobby Golden	1
Betty Hale	43
Jan Hamrick	18
Betty Long	37
Kathy Overbey	50

MEMORIES

10 Years Ago: Ray Cox, Norman and Joyce Flynn joined a 15-man campaign team bound for Zimbabwe.
20 Years Ago: Intra-church softball was played at Gadsden State between a team composed of teenagers and parents versus Zone 2.

PRAYER AND CARD LIST:

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Cathy Spivey is in a Birmingham hospital following surgery for blood clots in her aorta. Please keep her and Dewayne in your prayers.

Charles Hampton underwent heart surgery last week in Dallas, TX.

Mike Wallen is now at home recovering from surgery. The surgery was successful and they are now awaiting further test results.

Beth Seaton, niece of Steve and Cindy Ellis, is in ICU at a Nashville hospital following surgery for cancer. Her prognosis is very bleak. The family has requested our prayers.

Whitney Arnold, grandson of Cynthia Wendorf, and his granddad, **Herbert Arnold**, are in need of our prayers at this time.

Carol Surtees, sister of Chris Daniel's coworker, has been diagnosed with cancer and is in need of our prayers at this time.

Carol Golden has not been doing well recently and has been making frequent trips to doctors in Birmingham. Please keep her and Bobby in your prayers.

Joseph Hamrick has been deployed to Iraq. Please remember him with cards and prayer.

Please continue to remember in prayer:

**Martha Austin
Brad Bowdoin
Rita Bowdoin
Joseph Brown
Paige Buckner
Jerry Bullock
Betty Campbell
Linda Cardwell
Leona Chance
Bernie Cranford
Mary Ivadean Dale
Jennifer Davis
Carrie Dowdy Davidson
Addie Lou Dover
Dewey East
Gurnie Foote
Sarah Foote**

**Jimmy Gardner
Fred Gentry
Dot Greenhaw
Robert Guyton
Vennie Guyton
Mandy & Charles Hatfield
Kathy Henderson
Rachel Holland
Mandy Jagers
Ronny Johnson
Betty Jones
Butch Jones
Wilson Jones
Elizabeth Khan
Wanda Logan
Jerolyn Long
Jas Long**

**Willis & Brenda Lorren
Gene Mayhall, Sr.
Ryan McMorries
Lilly Messenger
Hassie Moon
Malbert Murphree
Redda Norton
Ron Patterson
Max Pruett
Inez Quarles
Jerry Reeves
Kristi Salers
Sarah Simmons
Tim Smith
Matthew Townes
Collin Windham**