



## THE RAINBOW BEACON

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### Did You Know?

That the Bible nowhere says “Accept Jesus as your personal Savior?”

That “The Rapture” is not once mentioned in the Bible?

That no one was ever told to “Ask Jesus into your heart” in answer to the question, “What must I do to be saved?”

That every verse in the New Testament in which baptism and salvation appear together lists baptism prior to salvation?

That nowhere in the New Testament is there a command or example for a baby to be baptized?

That “faith only” is mentioned just once in the Bible, and then it says “not by faith only” (James 2:24)

That Peter was not a pope and that he had a wife (Matthew 8:14)?

That it is against God to call any man “Father” while using it as a religious title (Matthew 23:9)?

That there is no example or command in the Bible for preachers to wear special robes, clothes, etc.?

That everyone that has put on Christ in baptism is a “saint” (Ephesians 3:8; 4:12; 5:3; 6:16; Phillipians 1:1; 4:2)?

That there is nothing in the Bible mentioning or even suggesting that you can be brought out of or prayed out of purgatory?

That denominational churches did not exist in the first century?

That you can be saved without ever “joining” a denominational church?



## **A Word From Will**

It has been a busy summer for the teens this year. It has definitely been an eye opening experience for me. Between Backwoods, Vacation Bible School, youth devotionals and fun nights, we have had little time to breathe. But, it truly has been one of the best times of my life. Brooke and I are so lucky to be able to work with the church here at Rainbow. School is about to start and we have to make some plans for the rest of the year. We will have a meeting next Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, after the evening services. It will not be a very long meeting. I just want everyone to know what we have planned so that you can be involved in any way you can. I will need volunteers for the monthly devotionals for the rest of the year. As of right now, the devotionals will be on the third Sunday night of each month. So, if you have a date that you would like to host a devo, just let me know. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their participation. With your help, we can make the rest of this year a time that our teens will never forget. If you have any questions or suggestions, just give me a call or email me. Have a good week!

### **Navigating the School Year's Do's**

- Do know your children's teachers and textbooks. Volunteer as a room mother.
- Do have a daily (every day - no exceptions) family Bible time.
- Do converse with your children each day about the school day.
- Do your homework, so that you can successfully refute evolutionary concepts and humanistic teachings.
- Do be a presence in your children's schools, even on the high school level.
- Do examine, without bias, other education options such as homeschooling. Too much is at stake to keep your children in a situation where souls are at risk.
- Do be involved in the homework process. This will help you know when you need to counteract humanistic material being presented.
- Do put a Bible in your kids' backpacks and encourage them from early ages to take it out and read it through the day. This won't work if you wait until high school to begin.
- Do go to bat for your children if they face persecution for speaking their convictions. Let them own their beliefs, but when the going gets tough, help them find ways to avoid compromise.
- Do be at home when they get home in the afternoons. Make that time a pleasant and warm homecoming every day.
- Do use school travel time to communicate calmly. Listen to Bible reading or uplifting spiritual singing.
- Do make decisions when your children are young, about activities in middle and high school in which they will plan not to participate. In our house, they knew from their preschool years that they would NOT attend proms or parties where alcohol was served. Standards of modest dress and decorum were required way before peer pressure set in. This does not magically dissolve all of the temptations the devil hurls their way, but it goes a long way in giving them resisting power. - Cindy Colley, Think Magazine, September 07

**Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. - Ephesians 6:4**

**Next Week:**

**Navigating the School Year's Don'ts**

**-House to House, Heart to Heart**



## 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*

### Busy Fall...

This summer we stayed busy doing so many different things, but now as the fall months draw closer, I just want to remind us of a few dates to put on our calendars.

#### August

- Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> – TwentySomething's devotional at the home of Blake and Rebekah Jones at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> – Golden Generation will meet in the fellowship hall.
- Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> – Members In Action will be having their devotional.

#### September

- Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> – TwentySomething's devotional
- Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> – Rainbow's Annual Gospel Singing
- Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> – Golden Generation will meet
- Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> – Members In Action will be having their devotional

#### October

- Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming with David Shannon
- Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> – TwentySomething's devotional
- Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> – Gadsden Area Joint Worship Service
- Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> – Golden Generation will meet
- Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> – Members In Action will be having their devotional
- Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> – Trunk or Treat

## Visitation Group Kickoff

Aug 16 following evening services  
Bring fingerfoods and drinks

It's not too late to join the visitation group! A sign up sheet is posted on the hallway bulletin board..



### Elmus Honeycutt

510 E. Grande Ave.  
Apt. 1220

Rainbow City, AL 35906

### Elders/Deacon Meeting Today

Elders Meet Separately at 2:00  
Deacons Meet Separately at 2:30  
Joint Meeting at 3:30

### Antioch Church of Christ

2009 Gospel Meeting  
( Located off Tabor Road )  
Aug 16—19th

Sunday, Aug 16— 10am Bible Class  
11am Worship  
Larry Kirby, speaker  
7:30pm Worship  
Chance Goodwin, speaker

Monday, Aug 17—7pm Worship  
Dustin Brock, speaker

Tuesday, Aug 18—7pm Worship  
Matthew Crowe, speaker

Wednesday, Aug 19—7pm Worship  
Emerson Blythe, speaker

## Pantry Item of the Week

### Canned Meat

A container has been placed in the foyer for donations. The pantry is open Monday through Friday from 8am - 11am.

**Rainbow Church of Christ**

2201 Rainbow Drive

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**ELDERS**

<b>Mike Bowdoin</b>	442-0389
<b>John Bowling</b>	328-4727
<b>Eugene Brown</b>	467-4785
<b>Norman Flynn</b>	413-1688
<b>Craig King</b>	442-1630
<b>David Wallace</b>	546-0642
<b>John Wallace</b>	442-5887

**DEACONS**

<b>Jeff Birchmore</b>	547-3718
<b>Tony Cleveland</b>	538-5295
<b>Chris Daniel</b>	442-9833
<b>Wayne Gobble</b>	613-3500
<b>Steve Lorren</b>	442-8192
<b>Doyle McCarver</b>	390-0770
<b>Chris Mikle</b>	413-1038
<b>Larry Naler</b>	442-1804
<b>Tim Parker</b>	442-4877
<b>Stanley Stroup</b>	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	<b>251</b>
BIBLE STUDY	<b>184</b>
SUNDAY EVENING	<b>n/a</b>
MIDWEEK STUDY	<b>151</b>
LOCAL BAPTISMS	<b>13</b>
OTHER RESPONSES	<b>32</b>
WBS/JAIL BAPTISMS	<b>41</b>
ZIMBABWE BAPTISMS	<b>133</b>
CONTRIBUTION	<b>6,393</b>

**SERVANTS**

Serve the Family - August

Will Stroup . . . . .	Colton Clifton
Calem Sander . . . . .	Kevin Gobble
Mark Gentry . . . . .	Tyler Daniel
Daniel Lorren . . . . .	Alex Wallen

Ushers - August

Steve Lorren . . . . .	David Scott
Shawn Williams . . . . .	Jim Masters

Communion Preparation - August

Selton & Betty Long

Building Lock-Up - August

Jeff McGlaughn / Alan Gentry

**Sunday, Aug 9, 2009**

Scripture Reader. . . . .	Jared King
Opening Prayer. . . . .	A.M. Ray Cox
	P.M. Jim McKleroy
Preside Lord's Supper . . . . .	Selton Long
Closing Prayer. . . . .	A.M. Paul Baker
	P.M. Wilson Jones
Greeters . . . . .	Pat & Suzi Morgan
Cup Pickup . . . . .	Donnie Keener Family
McGuffey's. . . . .	Group 2 - Leader: David Lasseter
Infant Nursery. . . . .	A.M. Susan Wallace
	P.M. Alyssa Parker
Toddler Nursery . . . . .	A.M. Betty Hale
	P.M. Rochelle Keener

**Sunday, Aug 16, 2009**

Scripture Reader. . . . .	Corbin Parker
Opening Prayer. . . . .	A.M. Ray Cox
	P.M. Jim McKleroy
Preside Lord's Supper. . . . .	Bruce Phillips
Closing Prayer. . . . .	A.M. Paul Baker
	P.M. Wilson Jones
Greeters . . . . .	Larry & Jane Naler
Cup Pickup . . . . .	Charles Clifton Family
McGuffey's . . . . .	Group 3 - Leader: Chris Mikle
Infant Nursery. . . . .	A.M. Julie Lorren
	P.M. Nikki Duncan
Toddler Nursery. . . . .	A.M. Della McCarver
	P.M. Kim Masters

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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. **11** teachers mailed out a total of **275** lessons for an average of **39** lessons per day!

Gene/Barbara Brown	59
Tony/Jane Cleveland	29
Ray Cox	16
Kelli East	2
Joyce Flynn	17
Alan Gentry	4
Jan Hamrick	18
Betty Long	10
Kathy Overbey	120

**MEMORIES**

**10 Years Ago:** A Bible Bowl League was formed. The first session was to be held by the Central Congregation on a Sunday afternoon.  
**25 Years Ago:** Scott McCullars and David Scott were baptized into Christ!

## **PRAYER AND CARD LIST:**

**August 9, 2009**

**Don Dover** is undergoing medical tests at this time. Please remember him in prayer.

**Elmus Honeycutt** is now at home after undergoing surgery last week. Please note his new address.

**Craig King** is recovering from ankle surgery.

**Tammy Alford** is now at home recovering from last week's surgery.

**Kevin Hale**, son of Betty Hale, is currently undergoing medical tests. Please remember him in prayer.

**Hassie Moon** is in the hospital at this time.

**Dr. Bob Whittaker**, Director of the Nigerian Christian Hospital, was kidnapped in Nigeria last week but has since been released and is now under an American doctor's care.

**Carol Golden** is critical at this time. Please keep Bobby and Carol in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

**Ronny Johnson** is currently undergoing treatments for cancer.

### **Please continue to remember in prayer:**

Doug Argo  
Martha Austin  
Brad Bowdoin  
Rita Bowdoin  
Joseph Brown  
Paige Buckner  
Jerry Bullock  
Betty Campbell  
Linda Cardwell  
Leona Chance  
Bernie Cranford  
Dylan Crowe  
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  
Charles Hampton  
Mandy & Charles Hatfield  
Kathy Henderson  
Rachel Holland  
Mandy Jagers  
Ronny Johnson  
Betty Jones  
Butch Jones  
Wilson Jones  
Elizabeth Khan

Wanda Logan  
Jas Long  
James Lowe  
Willis & Brenda Lorren  
Ryan McMorries  
Lilly Messenger  
Hassie Moon  
Malbert Murphree  
Redda Norton  
Ron Patterson  
Max Pruett  
Inez Quarles  
Jerry Reeves  
Kristi Salers  
Tim Smith  
Matthew Townes  
Mike Wallen