

New Prayers Concerns:

Lester and Dora Gatlin's granddaughter, Noel Green, is still in serious condition.

Ginger Hill's grandfather, Council Strickland, passed away on Dec. 14th. Continue to remember the Hill family in your prayers.

Carolyn Miller, Dora Gatlin's sister-in-law, passed away Jan. 9th. Funeral arrangements are still pending.

George Joiner was in a motorcycle accident last Monday. He has a badly broken arm and bruises, but is resting at home.

Missy Williams had a biopsy on Friday.

Others in our Prayers:

Sherry West, Missy Williams, Dale Newberry, Gertrude West, Hilda Barnett, Royce & Nada Whittington, The Hall family, Dora Gatlin.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Our church family, Our Elders and their families, Our Deacons and their families, Our Minister and his family, Luis Bazan – Caracas, Venezuela, Our Troops, Our local Law Enforcement, Our Youth & Youth Leaders, Our children & grandchildren

Prayer List Updates:

If you have prayer list items that need to be added or deleted, please make sure to let one of the Elders know! Names will be removed from the prayer list after 3 weeks if there is no update.

January Celebrations:

3rd - Marshawn Harper's Birthday

4th - Jonathan Hill's Birthday

10th - Hannah Mahler's Birthday

12th - Ashley Waddell's Birthday

16th - Maighen Hosey's Birthday

17th - Wesley Thompson's Birthday

18th - Jacklyn Hill's Birthday

28th - Joy Cook's Birthday

Upcoming Events:

Tuesdays - Ladies Bible Class

January 11th - Elders' Address

January 11th - 5:00pm - Ladies' Day Planning meeting

January 18th - Sunday Fellowship

January 31st - Supper Club

February 23rd - Children's Home truck arrives

March 21st - Ladies' Day

Contribution:

1/4 - \$707.51

2008 Total - \$48,952.54

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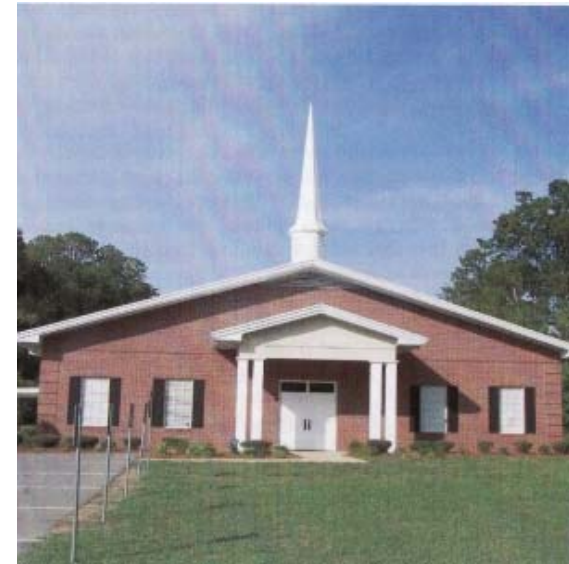
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Welcome to the Bainbridge Church of Christ

1001 Culbreth Street
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January 11th, 2009



Elders

Lester Gatlin
Royce Whittington

Deacons

Mitchell Comerford
Don Rabon
Chad Waddell

Minister

Tim Mahler

Services:

Sunday: 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Worship
6:00pm Worship/Youth Program
Wednesday: 6:30pm Bible Study

What is an Elder?

adapted from an article by Ralph Anderson

He is a good son, devoted husband, successful father, and diligent student of the Bible. He guards the faith and confronts those who are hostile to it. He tenderly protects the little lambs.

He is a counselor in time of need and a comforter in time of sorrow. He is called upon to be a diplomat, politician, psychologist, lawyer, referee, and friend.

Too often his heroism, prayers, and "burning midnight oil" go unnoticed by those he shepherds.

He is an ordinary human being with a special portion of love for truth, Bible knowledge, mercy, Christian experience, patience, integrity, temperance, and hospitality. He may be the very reason that you and your family are faithful

Try to imagine what the church might be like if God had not set elders in it. And then try to think of ways that you might make their job more rewarding. Smile and say some kind words of appreciation to them. Thank God for their dedication and loyalty, both to you and to God's word.

The Tick

by Steve Klein

Ever had a tick get on you? Ticks are small, blood-sucking mites. They spend a good bit of time just waiting in the bushes, grass, and woods for a victim – you! Once you happen by, they jump on and attempt to quickly crawl to a protected spot on your body. Then they sink their mouth parts into you flesh and begin to feed on life blood. If undetected, a tick will fill itself full and then drop off, often leaving its host with some debilitating disease, such as spotted fever, Lyme disease, tularemia, encephalitis, or ricketts.

The tick is a lot like many kinds of sin:

- It may get on you when it small and almost undetectable.
- It doesn't demand much sacrifice, but it may cause a little irritation.
- Once embedded, it's hard to get off.
- It gets bigger the longer it stays on you.
- It leaves you seriously ill.

Some advice for dealing with ticks and sin:

- Don't walk in places that are infested. (Eph 5:15)
- Examine yourself daily. (2 Cor 13:5)
- Have others examine you, and help examine them too. (Heb 3:13)
- If one gets on you, get it off immediately. (Jam 5:16)
- If you realize you are getting sick, see the doctor. (Mark 2:17)

Raintree Village Children's Home Items

Today, please bring *bandaids*.

Next Sunday, please bring *paper towels*.

The truck will come on Feb. 23^d.

*Gina Sterling
and
Mr. and Mrs. Garth Connelly
announce the engagement of their daughter,
Miss Lacey Renee Connelly,
to
Mr. Caleb Holden Mahler,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mahler.*

More!

The more you give, the more you get.
The more you laugh, the less you fret.
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly.
The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare.
The more you love, the more you'll find,
That life is good and friends are kind.
For only what we give away
Enriches us from day to day.

On the lighter side...

The Bible teacher asked the children, "If I sold my house and my car and gave the money to the church, would that get me into heaven?"

"NO!" shouted all the students.

"If I cleaned the church building and mowed the yard every week, would that get me into heaven?"

Again the class answered, "NO!"

"OK, if I were kind to all the animals, gave candy to the children, and loved my wife, would that get me into heaven?"

"NO!" was the reply.

"Well," continued the teacher, "then how can I get to heaven?"

A 5-yr old boy shouted, "You gotta be dead!"