

New Prayer Concerns:

Lester and Dora Gatlin will be in Riverchase Nursing Home in Quincy.

Barbara Grower, Tim & Hannah Mahler's aunt, has cancer and is in hospice care.

Hugh Howell, Kim Day's co-worker, is having a difficult time and has requested prayers.

Marvin Sapp, friend of Matthew Dittmann, is in the NFL draft today.

Others in our Prayers:

Rusty Hatton, Bill West, Louise Williams, Karen Travis, Jesse Brown, Wayne Bonner, Dale Newberry

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Lester & Dora Gatlin, Royce & Nada Whittington, the Hall family, Missy Williams, Sherry West, Robby Dittmann, Pearson Martin, Frank Faircloth, Hilda Barnett, C.E. Comerford

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.

Upcoming Celebrations:

May

5th - Ginger Hill's Birthday

12th - John Gilbert's Birthday

12th - Troy & Erin Mahler's Anniversary

19th - Royce & Nada

Whittington's Anniversary

26th - Rhonda Talley's Birthday

29th - Tammy Hill's Birthday

31st - Lavada Allen's Birthday

Upcoming Events:

May 6th - Wednesday Fellowship

May 17th - Sunday Fellowship

Contribution:

4/12 \$582

4/19 \$900

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Welcome to the Bainbridge Church of Christ

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April 26th, 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

He Still Moves Stones © 2009 James McAlister

A stone presented a formidable problem that first resurrection morning. Massive and threatening, it blocked the entrance to Jesus' tomb for the women needing to anoint His body. "Who will move it for us?" they puzzled, but found no answer.

When they arrived at the garden, however, astonishment gripped their hearts. The stone had already been set aside, allowing them to enter the tomb. But the dead Jesus they expected to find was not there! Risen, an angel told them, just as He had said.

That great stone of worry, the deepest of concerns in the early morning hours, had been rolled away for their benefit, not His. And on the inside of the empty tomb they discovered not the worst of their expectations, but the best. Though Jesus had promised to rise from the dead, they hadn't believed . . . until they saw that the stone had been moved. Then gripped by both fear and joy, they raced to tell others.

This was not the first stone to conceal a great work of God from those who desperately needed deliverance and relief. It had happened before at the tomb of Lazarus. Because of that stone, the family couldn't see in, nor did they want to. After four days of death, putrefaction and stench on the other side of the stone surely awaited them. Or so they thought.

But Jesus had promised, "Your brother will live again." Still, they hadn't believed . . . until He moved the stone. Then Lazarus, dead just moments before, walked out of his dark tomb into a bright new life.

The glimpse of resurrection and life eternal foreshadowed with Lazarus was secured when Jesus Himself passed from death into life; not even an immovable stone could hold Him there.

Stones persist today and gain their power in the same way as they did in the time of Jesus: our reluctance and refusal to believe what He has said. For me, ominous stones of fear, confusion, doubt, bitterness and a host of their companions have repeatedly entombed my future and outlook in darkness and blinding hopelessness.

But He still moves stones, and for every one that has gained ascendancy, there's a life-giving promise begging me for belief and obedience. Am I anxious? He promises peace that passes understanding (Phil. 4:6-7). Am I confused? He promises wisdom (James 1:5).

The empty tomb of Jesus on that first resurrection morning paints this picture of truth: a stone is powerless in the face of promise. And on the other side of the stone we will discover not the worst of expectations, but the best. He lives, and so shall we-for time and eternity.

Raintree Village Children's Home Items

Today, please bring *hand soap*.

Next Sunday, please bring *glass cleaner*.

Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes

Our young people participated in the Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes conference during Easter weekend. Please take time to compliment them on the great effort they put into these activities all year. Please also take a moment to thank the adults who work with our youth.

Edward Comerford participated in Photography, Advanced Bible Reading, Know the Books, Guard, Good Samaritan, Song Leading, Advanced Song Leading, Speech, and Advanced Speech.

Jacklyn Hill participated in Know the Books, Drawing, Good Samaritan, Speech, and was a **Finalist** in Songs of Praise.

Kevin Hill participated in Drawing, Good Samaritan, Song Leading, and Speech.

Mary Mahler participated in Drawing, Good Samaritan, and Scrap Book.

Luke Martin participated in Photography, Know the Books, Guard, Song Leading, Advanced Speech, and placed **Third** in Speech.

Ashley Waddell participated in Photography, Know the Books, Gifts, Good Samaritan, Advanced Speech, and placed **First** in Speech.

Gracie Waddell participated in Painting, Photography, Know the Books, Good Samaritan, Songs of Praise, and Speech.

Lynsey Waddell participated in Photography, Know the Books, Gifts, Good Samaritan, and was a **Finalist** in Speech.

Perry Waddell participated in Oral Bible Reading, Know the Books, Guard, Good Samaritan, Song Leading, Advanced Song Leading, and was a **Finalist** in Photography.