

New Prayer Concerns:

Janice Rabon will be having hip surgery on May 12th.

Sherry West is on IV medication for inflammation.

The 16 yr old son of Dale Coker, coworker of Steven Chambliss, was injured in an accident and was transferred to Augusta.

Others in our Prayers:

Phil Hatton, Rusty Hatton, Hugh Howell, Barbara Grower

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 17th - Sunday Fellowship

Contribution:

Not reported

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Welcome to the Bainbridge Church of Christ

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May 10th, 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

She Loved It! © 2003 Jim Elliff

She loved it! The deep blue four-inch vase sat in her glass cabinet for thirty years until her death. I'm convinced that she loved it more every year she lived. She didn't have to say much about it. Just that fact that it sat there among other valuables and was dusted with cherished thoughts was enough. You could see mom having good memories.

I remember when I bought that blue vase for mom. I was on a trip with a school group when we stopped at a truck stop. There on the shelf was the blue vase, and in my pocket was some of my very own money. I'm not sure, as a grade-school boy, that I had bought anything costing three dollars on my own before, but I didn't hesitate. I really wanted to buy it for mom.

When mother died, I took the vase and put it in my own cabinet. It represents the unselfish, encouraging nature of my mother. She was always like that—making out that you were so special. She always told us that the four children were equally loved and appreciated, but I knew she loved me the most. We all thought that about ourselves.

Selfish moms have it hard. They must struggle daily with the demands of their calling. But thankfully most moms have a generous, self-sacrificing nature for their children. It is not to be despised. If it is once a day her selflessness is called on, it is twenty times a day. And if it is twenty, it is 150,000 times in the twenty or so years while the children are being raised. And that's just for starters.

Moms must be professional givers. They give their precious time, skills, energy, encouragement, and love unstintingly. It takes Christ in the woman to do that well.

I know that a lot of sinful stuff is hidden to the eyes of our children. Surely my parents weren't perfect either. But they did seem perfect to me. It's good of God to keep kids in the dark about how awful parents are. But, for the life of me, I think my mom really was special—mostly because she was so full of Christ.

"Let her works praise her in the gates," the Proverb states. Indeed. The goodness of a Christ-filled woman is tangible, seen in a myriad of acts of love for her kids.

Why does she do them?

Part of the reason is what is called "common grace." God graciously puts familial love in the hearts of all mothers. Society is better because of it. But add Christ to that, and you have something far richer.

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Raintree Village Children's Home Items

Today, please bring *disinfectant*.

Next Sunday, please bring *toothpaste*.

Raintree Village Annual Mother's Day Collection:

Raintree Village is a family services program supported and sponsored by the churches of Christ. Child placement and care services are provided on the campus in Valdosta. Each year for the past two decades Raintree Village has asked individuals in the churches to remember the needs of children on Mother's Day with a "Special Collection". Your opportunity to make a personal gift will be provided today with a special collection.

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Only a Christian mom can love that child "for Christ's sake," and "as unto the Lord." Only a Christian mom can show her child what it means to be a true believer in Christ. Only a Christian mom can pray effectively for her child. Only a Christian mom can teach her children the truth about Jesus. Only a Christian mom can teach her kids what marriage is all about, even when times are difficult. And only a Christian mom can die as a lover of Christ, contentedly anticipating eternity in the house of her heavenly father.

You young men, marry a truly Christian woman. And children, thank God for the love God has had for you that he put you in a home with such a mother. Fathers, cherish the mother of your children who lives so unselfishly. What beauty is there; what nobility of character; what Christlikeness!

The blue vase reminds me of her. Perhaps like no other item in our home. And I'm sure that the porcelain skunk with the bushy tail reminds my brother of mom also. The skunk rested, tail in the air, next to the blue vase in my mother's cabinet. But now it's in my brother's house. As with the vase, it was an early token of my brother's affection.

Skunks and truck stop vases are the stuff of love in a child's mind, but cherishing skunks and vases is a mother's special talent. May God bless them for it.

A mother holds her children's hands for a while...their hearts forever.

-- Author Unknown

I never knew how much love my heart could hold until someone called me "mommy."

-- Author Unknown