

New Prayer Concerns:

Robby Dittmann has been suffering from the flu this weekend.

Others in our Prayers:

Wayne Bonner, Jim Shockley, A.M. Brand, Lynsey Grimsley, The Coker family, Janice Rabon, Rusty Hatton

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

31st - Lavada Allen's Birthday

June

1st - Jay West's Birthday

3rd -- Dee Waddell's Birthday

3rd - Mitchell & Renee Comerford's Anniversary

4th - Lester Gatlin's Birthday

10th - Eric Martinez's Birthday

11th - Tim & Hannah Mahler's Anniversary

11th -- Lester & Dora Gatlin's Anniversary

13th - Troy Mahler's Birthday

15th - Patricia Williams' Birthday

15th - Bob & Nora Day's Anniversary

18th - Mariam Dittmann's Birthday

19th - Charlie & Martha Hall's Anniversary

24th - Don & Janice Rabon's Anniversary

Upcoming Events:

June 3rd - Wednesday Fellowship

June 14th - Sunday Fellowship

Contribution:

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Welcome to the Bainbridge Church of Christ

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May 31st, 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 Your Spiritual IQ?

By Gary Knuckles

NBC's Today Show recently featured Pranav Veerna, a six year old boy from Cincinnati, whose IQ is 176 ... greater than that of even Albert Einstein whose IQ was 160. According to the report, only one in one million people have an IQ that high. Pranav can cite presidential facts and figures faster than most people can tell what they had for breakfast! He is especially good with numbers and had fun using them to perform various mathematical functions as well as being able to tell you what day of the week a particular date will fall on in a given year.

It's amazing that he can do all of that at such a young age. I suspect his parents will do all they can to encourage him to learn, but I imagine they will also do what they can to help him enjoy a "normal" childhood. But, I wonder more about the spiritual IQ of Christians. For instance, I wonder how many Christians can cite basic facts such as how many books there are in the Bible, the different divisions of the Bible, the first king of Israel or who preached to the people on the day of Pentecost?

Those things are nice to know, but it seems to me that there are some other things Christians need to know that go well beyond facts and figures. For instance, do you know the plan of salvation well enough that you can relate it to those who are lost? Can you tell others why you worship as you do and give scripture to back it up? These things are important if we are going to "...Give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Pet 3:15).

Another matter relating to spiritual IQ is your level of spirituality. By spirituality I mean the ability to place divine things above the things of this world. It is the distance you have been able to create between temporal interests and eternal concern. For instance, which is more important to you, the approval of God or the approval of your fellowman? Do you "seek those things which are above" or are you concerned with "things on the earth?"

If God were to give you a test on your spiritual IQ, how would you come out? If you aren't sure or you know you need to improve, why not get out your Bible and start reading? Don't forget, knowing it is good, living it is better!

Thoughts to Ponder

A weak faith is weakened by predicaments and catastrophes. A strong faith is strengthened by them.

Raintree Village Children's Home Items

Today, please bring **bandaids**.

Next Sunday, please bring **toothbrushes**.

Special Contribution:

Today is the last day to contribute to the Special Mother's Day Contribution for the Raintree Village. If you wish to donate to this contribution, please see Mitchell Comerford.

The Magic Words

By Mike Suiter

A little boy asked his mother if he could have a cookie and Mom's prompting question was, "What's the magic word?" The little boy thought about that for a minute and then responded, "NOW!" It seems that whenever he was asked to do a chore and didn't respond quickly enough, "NOW" was the magic word! He just assumed that's what Mama wanted to hear.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever"

Psalms 136:1.

We live in a terribly fast paced world. Technology has made it possible for us to relegate many of our responsibilities to machinery. From the alarm clock that wakes us up to the timer that automatically turns off the TV or night light, we are pampered.

We are so accustomed to having services provided that we often take many of them for granted and get out of the habit of saying "Thank you." The "magic words" we were all taught as children, "Please" and "Thank you" often get lost in the distractions of our daily grind.

Here's the application we need to make. When you pray to God, don't forget to say, "Thank you." If you believe in the power of prayer and if you really believe that God is listening when you pray, why not take the time to say, "Thank you for listening and giving answer to my pleas, Lord."

Consider Paul's words: *"Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known to God."* (Phil 4:6).

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of THANKSGIVING." (Col 4:2)