

### New Prayer Concerns:

Robby Dittmann is continuing to recover from a sinus infection.

### Others in our Prayers:

Wayne Bonner, Jim Shockley, 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:

#### June

1<sup>st</sup> - Jay West's Birthday  
3<sup>rd</sup> -- Dee Waddell's Birthday  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Mitchell & Renee Comerford's Anniversary  
4<sup>th</sup> - Lester Gatlin's Birthday  
10<sup>th</sup> - Eric Martinez's Birthday  
11<sup>th</sup> - Tim & Hannah Mahler's Anniversary  
11<sup>th</sup> -- Lester & Dora Gatlin's Anniversary  
13<sup>th</sup> - Troy Mahler's Birthday  
15<sup>th</sup> - Patricia Williams' Birthday  
15<sup>th</sup> - Bob & Nora Day's Anniversary  
18<sup>th</sup> - Mariam Dittmann's Birthday  
19<sup>th</sup> - Charlie & Martha Hall's Anniversary  
24<sup>th</sup> - Don & Janice Rabon's Anniversary

### Upcoming Events:

June 21<sup>st</sup> - Father's Day  
(no fellowship meal)

### Contribution:

5/31 - \$709.00

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# Welcome to the Bainbridge Church of Christ

1001 Culbreth Street  
Bainbridge, Ga. 39819

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Worship From The Heart by Ken Williams

A little boy asked his father what was the highest number he had ever counted. Replying that he didn't know, the father asked his son *his* highest number. It was 973.

"Why did you stop there?" wondered the father. "Because church was over."

I suspect that you have probably sat through worship services where your mind was focused on something just as trivial rather than on God.

It's easy to let the mind wander.

"I can't wait to see the ballgame this afternoon." "I wonder what we're having for lunch." "I've never noticed before that the carpet down there is starting to unravel a bit."

Is it any wonder that we so often leave the worship assembly with the feeling that it wasn't very meaningful?

Worship should be a time when we are confronted with the majesty and glory of God. As we reflect on God's power, we realize how much we need Him in our time of weakness. As we reflect on God's wisdom, we realize how much we need Him in our times of indecision. As we reflect on God's holiness, we are made aware of our own sinfulness and the need for forgiveness. As we reflect on God' love, we realize the effort God has gone to make that forgiveness available.

It's not a ritual we go through every week. It is an opportunity to express our praise to the One who means more to us than all the earth. As we truly worship and praise God from the heart, we become more aware of how much we want to live close to Him. We leave with the challenge to "*be holy as He is holy.*"

*"For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him: Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Give to the LORD, O family of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of His holiness! Tremble before Him all the earth."* (Psalm 96:4-9)

## Raintree Village Children's Home Items

Today, please bring **toothbrushes**.

Next Sunday, please bring **children's scissors**.

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## Keep the Scriptures Handy by James Cudd

Whitney Hand, freshman guard for the OU Women's Basketball Team, scribbles a Bible verse on her hand before a game. She said, "They help remind me that nothing is such a big deal to not remember what is most important." We admire such respect and high regard for the Word of God.

The children of Israel were admonished to respect God's Word. "*You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes... you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*" (Deut 11:18-20) Sounds like they were to keep the Scriptures ever before them; never to lose sight of them; keep them handy. They were to allow God's Word to guide their minds and their hands as they worked throughout the day.

The Jews actually wore portions of scripture in little containers called phylacteries on their forehead and left arm. They also attached a small container of Scripture, called a mezuzah, to the front door and on every door in the house. Each occupant touched the mezuzah reverently each time he or she passed through a door.

You may not write Bible verses on your hand, on the door, or on the wall, but do you have Scripture written on your heart? God's Word is to be "*Heard, received, accepted, and at work in our lives.*" (1 Thes 2:13) God writes the Word upon our hearts, and we become "living epistles" that others may read, and our lives can influence them for the Lord. (2 Cor 3:1-3)

Does your life reflect a respect for Biblical teaching? Does your daily life honor the inspired Scriptures? Do you love them and live them wherever you go? Are you obedient to God's Word?

The Word of God is profitable and powerful for our lives. The Apostle Paul declared that the Scriptures make us competent and equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3:16-17) – **profitable Word!**

David revealed, "*I have stored up your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*" (Psalm 119:11) – **powerful Word!**

Keep the Scriptures handy, whether you are playing in the NCAA tournament tonight, taking a biology test, out on a date, conducting a business transaction, or enjoying a much deserved vacation. Lay up God's Word in your heart.

*"Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors."* (Psalm 119:24)