

New Prayer Concerns:

Please keep the family of Dora Goodwin in your prayers. She passed away Thursday the 25th at the age of 91. She was the aunt of Edith Jensen, Joy Cook & Nora Day, and the great-aunt of Renee.

Janice Rabon fell and injured her hip. She came home from the hospital on Friday. She will need to wear a brace on her leg to help protect the hip joint for 5 weeks or so.

Edith Jensen is in the hospital.

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:

July

- 6th - Lacey Connelly's birthday
- 9th - Rachel Johnson's birthday
- 9th - Kenneth & Joanne Newberry's anniversary
- 10th - Gracie Waddell's birthday
- 12th - Cheryl Waddell's birthday
- 16th - Caleb Mahler's birthday
- 18th - Hilda Barnett's birthday
- 19th - Kaye Gilbert's birthday
- 23rd - Chad & Amy Waddell's anniversary
- 25th - Edward Comerford's birthday
- 28th - Robby & Mariam Dittmann's anniversary
- 29th - Cyrus Johnson's birthday

Upcoming Events:

- July 1st Wednesday Fellowship
- July 19th Sunday Fellowship

Contribution:

6/21 - \$809.00

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Welcome to the Bainbridge Church of Christ

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June 28th, 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

OUR ONLY SURE DEFENSE

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For the 1876 centennial celebration of the Fourth of July, Daniel C. Roberts penned a special hymn. He could never have known how applicable it would be 128 years hence.

In 1887, Robert's hymn was chosen as the official hymn of the national centennial observance commemorating the adoption of our Constitution. Along with the original tune ("National Hymn") written for this occasion, the hymn later appeared in the official hymnal of the Episcopal Church in 1892, encouraging a nation beset by war since its inception.

Something else significant occurred in 1892. On September 8, "The Youth's Companion" magazine published a few words for students to recite on Columbus Day. Written by either (or possibly both) Francis Bellamy or James Upham, the words were also sent to public schools across the country. Then on October 12, the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America, more than 12 million children first recited the Pledge of Allegiance, thus beginning a required school-day ritual.

Patriotism soared during World War II, and in 1942 Congress officially made the Pledge of Allegiance part of its code for the use of the flag. Then in 1954, immediately after the Korean War, Congress added two words: "under God."

A man intimately familiar with war and its weapons, then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower explained, "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

The Bible affirms that the real weapons of our warfare "are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). But even spiritual weapons prove ineffective unless we- both individually and nationally- voluntarily place ourselves "under God," as President Eisenhower intimated.

As we now face a new kind of war, in a day when only half our states have laws that encourage the classroom recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, we must again turn where past wars have led us. We must unite as "one nation under God." To be a people under God -led, covered and protected by His almighty hand- is our only sure defense.

Raintree Village Children's Home Items

Today, please bring *pens*.

Next Sunday, please bring *markers*.

GOD OF OUR FATHERS WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

God of Our Fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shiny worlds in splendor thru the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

"Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

by Irving Berlin

"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God Bless America.
Land that I love
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies ,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home."