

New Prayer Concerns:

Janice Rabon visited the doctor last week to make decisions about the next steps in her recovery.

Patricia Williams came forward to request prayers regarding her work situation.

Others in our Prayers:

Ruby Comerford, Hannah Mahler, Joe Dawson, Gynell Chambliss, Barbara Free, Harry & Vivian Singletary

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, Davis Wallace

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.

October Celebrations:

2nd Matthew Hill's Birthday
4th Joe Waddell's Birthday
4th Kevin Hill's Birthday
9th Justin Hill's Birthday
12th Ellis & Betty Jean Sizemore's Anniversary
13th Rachel Joiner's Birthday
14th George E. Joiner's Birthday
22nd Tommy Harper, Sr.'s Birthday
22nd Perry Waddell's Birthday
30th Emma Jean Thompson's Birthday
30th David & Tammy Hill's Anniversary

Upcoming Events:

TODAY - Sunday Fellowship

Contribution:

10/11 - \$412
YTD thru Sept. - \$33,487.98

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Welcome to the Bainbridge Church of Christ

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October 18th, 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

A Prayer for our Elders from Channelview church of Christ

“Our Father, let me a pillar of strength to our elders, not a thorn in the flesh to sap their strength, nor a burden on their back to pull them down.

Let me support them without striving to possess them. Let me lift their hands without placing shackles upon them. Let me give them aid that they may devote time to saving others and less time to gratifying my vanity.

Let me see them as shepherds of the whole flock, not compel them to spend precious time bragging on me. Let me be unselfish in what I do for them, not selfish in demanding that they do for me. Let me serve church more, happy that they serve me less. Let me receive not an accusation against them except at the mouth of two or three witnesses. Help me to be merciful in judgment upon them – for I have never walked in their shoes. Help me, Lord, to be a Christian at all times that their work may be made easier and my own soul may be brought close to Thee. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord is this petition offered unto Thee. Amen.”

Valuable Oranges by Norman Martin

One of the most tragic accidents that ever happened came about in the mid-Atlantic, April 14, 1912.

The Titanic, one of the largest vessels of all time, hit an iceberg and sank within a few hours. Many stories of heroism and courage have been written about this accident. Many women chose to go down with their husbands. The band played “Nearer My God to Thee.”

One woman who was allotted space on one of the rescue boats asked permission to return to her stateroom. She was given three minutes. In that stateroom money and jewels were scattered all over the floor, but she took no heed of them. Rather, she snacked three oranges and hurried back to the boat.

It seems almost incredible that the woman preferred oranges to diamonds. But, you see, death had boarded the Titanic, and with one blast of its awful breath, transformed all values – precious things became worthless and worthless things became precious.

Death has a funny way of changing things. All the things we work for and worry about seem reasonable until they are viewed in the light of our own death. The pursuit of pleasurable things seems most reasonable until one ponders the grave. Death just has a way of changing one's perspective.

The thing that happened on the Titanic actually happens every day – but remember: values transformed at death are values transformed too late. Will you transform your values now?

Raintree Village Children's Home Items

Today, please bring *paper plates*.

Next Sunday, please bring *dishwasher detergent*.

Directory Update

We are in the process of updating the directory and the birthday/anniversary list. There is a copy of the current directory in the foyer. Please verify your information. If it is correct, please initial it. If not, please make any changes, additions, and/or deletions. If you have any questions, please see Robby or Mariam Dittmann.

Be Mindful If You Are Absent

There are many things that are unique to a small congregation; some positive and some negative. In a small congregation, we are more likely to notice when someone is in need than in a large congregation where people can come and go without notice. Yet, while we may be more likely to see a need, we have fewer workers to meet those needs.

Please be mindful of the congregation when you cannot be present. Remember that the absence of a few can leave a large hole. The absence of a few men can make it difficult to organize the worship service. The absence of one or two families can empty an entire classroom.

If you won't be here for worship, let someone know who can relay the message. If your children won't be in Bible Class, make sure you let their teachers know. When someone works to put together a lesson and has no students, it can be very discouraging.

Remember that this congregation is your Christian family, and when we don't know where you are, we worry!

A Thought to Ponder

The man who criticizes you for the way you do a good work, places himself under a solemn obligation to do that work in a better way!