

### Newest Prayer Concerns:

Elder Lester Gatlin came home from the hospital on Monday. Please keep Lester and Dora in your prayers. He is slowly regaining his strength. The children will be staying with them while he is recovering. Lester goes back to the doctor on Monday.

Missy Williams was sick in the hospital the week before last with stomach flu. She was at services last Sunday, but is still weak and not feeling 100% yet.

Nada Whittington is scheduled for surgery on her hand on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hughston Clinic in Columbus. She and Royce will be going up on Wednesday and hopefully be home late Thursday.

Elder Royce Whittington had an MRI on his knee and will see the doctor on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Tommy Harper, Jr. rescheduled his medical exams for Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that Tommy will have peace and ready recollection of all that he has learned.

Amy Waddell's grandfather quit breathing yesterday morning. She has gone to be with him.

### Others in our Prayers:

Jay and Sherry West and family, Mary Rae Mahler, Tommy Joiner, Lauren Bowles, Sherry West, Hilda Barnett, Nada Whittington, Woodrow Odom, Dana Day, J.T. Atkins, Dora Gatlin, Majorie Cross, Martha Hall, Charlie Hall, Jeanie Reynolds, Pearl Cook, Scott Adams, Ethan, Sue Gray, Kathie Klodfelter, Jamie Thorpe, Andrea Meadows, Jessica Hawkins, Jordan Poitevint

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Our Elders and their families, Our Deacons and their families, Our Minister and his family, Luis Bazan—Caracas, Venezuela, Our Troops, Our local Law Enforcement, 2008 Elections, Our Youth & Youth Leaders, Our children & grandchildren

### February Celebrations:

**5th** Greg Waddell's Birthday

**7th** Donna Hosey's Birthday

**8th** Marsha Harper's Birthday

**14th** Tommy Harper Jr.'s Birthday

**15th** Luke Martin's Birthday

**16th** Matthew Dittmann's Birthday

**19th** Bob Day's Birthday

**20th** Greg & Dee's Anniversary

**22nd** Ruby Comerford's Birthday

**22nd** C.E. Comerford's Birthday

### Upcoming Events:

**25/26th** Raintree Children's Home truck will arrive to pick up: mops, brooms, hygiene items, white socks, cereal, fruit juices, canned foods, bleach, school items

### 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!

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# Welcome to the Bainbridge Church of Christ

1001 Culbreth Street  
Bainbridge, Ga. 39819

**February 24, 2008**



### 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

## Elder Paul Thomas

Paul Thomas, 74 years old of Clayton, IN, died Friday, February 8, 2008 in St. Vincent Hospital. He was born April 1, 1933 in Martin Co, IN, son of the late Albert Thomas and Nancy Taylor Thomas. He married Iris Jean Lacy on February 9, 1957 and was happily married for over 50 years. He was an active member and Elder of Belleville Church of Christ, coached Little League Baseball for Liberty Township for many years, Precinct Committeeman for Liberty Township & Volunteer Firefighter for Liberty Township where he served as secretary/treasurer. He worked as a forklift truck driver for GM Allison's. Surviving are his wife, Iris Jean Lacy Thomas, sons, Caleb (Jean) Thomas of Cloverdale, Michael (Lori) Thomas of Clayton, David (Debbie) Thomas of North Salem, Philip (Laura) Thomas of Lizton, daughter, Leah (Donald) Perry of North Salem, 12 Grandchildren, 3 Great-grandchildren, brothers, Thornton Thomas, Houston Thomas, & Justin Thomas, and sisters, Thelma Hoyt, Sue Jones, & Mary Kelley. He was preceded in death by brother, Ward Thomas, sister, Alberta Troyan and his twin sister, Pauline Hodges.

## Bainbridge Church of Christ Website

The Bainbridge Church of Christ has entered cyberspace! We now have a website. The web address is...

[bainbridgechurchofchrist.home.mchsi.com](http://bainbridgechurchofchrist.home.mchsi.com)

Check out the site, and if you have any suggestions, there is an email link for the WebServant. Please let him know what you think.

## Ladies Day



Ladies Day 2008 was a tremendous success! Sisters came from 5 counties to join us in a wonderful day of friendship, fellowship, and learning. There are no words to describe the sound of a room full of Christian women joining in song to praise their Savior. Thanks again to the wonderful sisters who made it all possible.



## Are you Jesus? Author Unknown

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

All but one. He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did.

The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, 'Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?' She nodded through her tears.. He continued on with, 'I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly.'

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, 'Mister. ..' He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, 'Are you Jesus?'

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: 'Are you Jesus?' Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

*James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*