

Newest Prayer Concerns:

The Central Church of Christ in Savannah will be installing its first Elders today, including Robby Dittmann's father, Jim Carter. Please pray for these new elders and for this congregation as they adjust to the scriptural leadership model.

A.M. Brand needs our prayers as he faces some difficulties.

Others in our Prayers:

Louise Williams, Charlie Hall, Lester Gatlin, Amy Waddell and her family, Missy Williams, Jay and Sherry West and family, Mary 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

April Celebrations:

3rd Buster Joiner's Birthday
12th Chris Hill's Birthday
13th Chris Hill Jr.'s Birthday
19th Mary Joiner's Birthday
22nd Charlie Hall's Birthday
23rd Kimberly Day's Birthday

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

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April 6, 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



“The Power of Enthusiasm”

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “*Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.*” Enthusiasm is one of the greatest forces in the world. It will win ball games, sell products, convert souls, and give us success in everything we strive to do.

The word ‘enthusiasm’ comes from the Greek word “*enthousiasmos*”, which means possessed or inspired by God. In this sense, therefore, every Christian is possessed of God and should include enthusiasm and joy in everything he does.

The Bible word for enthusiasm is ‘zeal’. In 2 Kings 10:16, King Jehu was assigned the task of destroying the influence of Baal. He said to a friend along the way, “*Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord.*” Imagine what could be accomplished if every Christian had the spirit Jehu. Just as the church at Laodicea was admonished to “*be zealous, therefore, and repent,*” God wants His church today to be enthusiastic and zealous. Christians have more to be excited about than anyone else on earth. Christians should be enthusiastic in their everyday lives. Paul writes, “*I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*” (Philippians 4:13)

Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm. It can spread throughout a congregation and cause Christians to “*shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life...*” (Philippians 2:15-16) Someone has said, “You cannot kindle a fire in any other heart until it is burning within your own.”

Ask yourself these questions... Is the fire burning in your heart? Do you shine like a star? If people go with you, do they see your zeal for the Lord?

Notes from the Elders:

We would like to thank each one who had a part in our Lads to Leaders program. Your time, efforts, and interest paid off. A job well done.

March was the end of our help/support with Timberline Church of Christ in helping Louis Gomez. Our contribution was not enough to continue with that support.

“The Bible as a Letter”

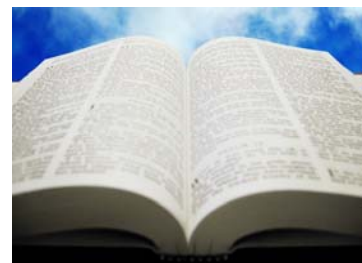
Soren Kierkegaard, a brilliant 19th century philosopher, said this about the Bible: “*The Bible should be read as a letter from God with our personal address on it.*”

How true! The Bible tells us who’s behind our amazing lives. The Bible makes clear the source of our existence and explains how we’re to live out our years on earth. The Bible gives us the best rules for living with others and for living in our own skin.

Scripture tells us of the wisdom of the saints and the foolishness of scoundrels. It explains how God tries to relate to us. It guides us and provides strength and courage through our daily lives.

The Bible tells how God walked among us on earth in the person of Christ. Most importantly, it details how Christ revealed God’s immeasurable love for all humankind.

Finally, the Bible assures us that God not only cares for us here and now but will care for us in the hereafter. Forever and forever!



Join us Wednesday nights as we study the book of Revelation. While this book seems difficult to understand, applying simple Bible study techniques will help unravel the mystery.