

# She Gave Her Diamond Ring

There was a crucial point at which Collingswood church, THIS church, was ready to close its doors, but the Lord sent Ray and Kathleen Bailey. They ministered here in the 1970's and rebuilt our church family for over ten years. This week Kathleen Bailey passed on to her eternal reward at the age of 95. A faithful Christian woman, a preacher's wife, a devoted partner to her husband; she embodied all the godly qualities of the woman of Proverbs 31.

Their youngest son, Bob, grew up at this church during his High School years. He loved this place. Like all six of their children, Ray and Kathleen raised Bob to know the Lord. He now serves as an Elder at the South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas.

Kathleen loved kids and there was a special place in her heart for Collingswood. She said, "I never felt more fulfilled than I was during our years at Collingswood." All winter, Kathleen would keep a bottomless pot of Texas chili on her stove and would invite young couples over to study the Bible with Ray. They taught and baptized many, like Mike and Janet Spokony, and Greg and Linda Krinks. Greg went on to serve as an Elder at Pitman Road Church of Christ.

After serving here, they weren't ready to retire. They just kept going. They took charge of the Lakeview Christian Home in Carlsbad, New Mexico. "The Golden Rays" was a seniors ministry they led in their later years. After a lifetime of ministry, Ray passed away in 2008. Kathleen has been ready for some time to be reunited with her husband and to see the Lord Jesus she served her whole life.

Though they had retired and moved to New Mexico, the Bailey's heard about our building program back in 2003 and wanted to help. Ray and Kathleen came back to visit us, spoke to our members and encouraged us in our dreams for the future. A few weeks later Kathleen sent us her diamond wedding ring to use for our building fund. We wanted to give it back but she insisted that this be used for the Lord.

Kathleen gave her time, she gave her love, and she gave her diamond ring. We will never know until eternity how much we owe to those who have faithfully gone before us.

*Mark*

## TODAY

**Fall Congregational Meeting & Fellowship Meal** after Worship. We will have our Meeting **first**, followed by a delicious meal! **Team 4** is setting-up and cleaning-up.

Want to learn more about being a part of  
Collingswood Church of Christ ?

Well... Come to our *NEW Member's Class*

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**, right after Worship  
in the "Teen Room" right across the lobby.  
This brief, no-obligation class includes refreshments.

## UPDATES:

1. **Ladies Harvest of Praise Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>:** "Abundant Redemption" from 9:00AM to Noon. **Please sign-up.**
2. **Haircuts for Missions Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>:** Noon to 5:30

**Cathedral Kitchen: Tuesday, October 25, 3:30-5:30**  
See Vivian if you can help.

**Jr. High Youth Group:** Meet at the church on **Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9pm. We'll have some Halloween themed activities as well as a devo and treats!

**Sr. High Youth Group: Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** meet at the Church building at 2pm to go to a Sr. Home. *Please wear a costume that will bring cheer not fear.*

**New Visions Shelter "Personal Care Packages" for the Homeless:** In October we are collecting personal care items for the homeless. We are making Ziplock bags with these items: *disposable razor, trial-size or small bar soap, trial-size deodorant, winter hat, gloves, or scarf.* **Place items in the oval basket in the church lobby.**

**Our Condolences to Karen McEntire in the Passing of her Father.** Rich Ruland passed away peacefully at his home. He was on hospice. Funeral details will soon be announced. Keep the McEntire family in prayer.

**Our Fall Special Collection: is coming up November 20<sup>th</sup>.** This is our annual "Catch-up Sunday" when we collect funds to close the gap in our budget and put money aside for our Missions.

**"12-Hours of Prayer" Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>:** is Saturday, on the day before our "Catch-up Collection." We link our prayers in 1-hour shifts and you choose the time you want to come in. If you really believe in prayer, sign up on the bulletin board.

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Carl Smith

**Welcome & Scripture:** Scott Schoener (Psalm 30:1-5)

**Opening Prayer:** Josh Henderson

**Lord's Supper:** Larry DeSimone, John Derricott, Rich Fabi, Hardee

**Scripture Before Message:** Jiony (Romans 7:21-25)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer:** Rick Boyle

**Greeters:** Rick Boyle, Hardee Perazzelli, Wini Boyle, Elaine Firman

**Nursery:** Sandra M. & Tina Next Week: Hoa & Thaleena

**Red Cleaning Team** Oct. 26-29 **Lillian** coordinates

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Preacher  
Church Office- (856) 854-0197

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**Worship Total ..... 128**  
Bible Class..... 82  
Wed PM..... 41  
L.I.F.E. Groups..... 34

**Contribution ..... \$2,993**  
**Budget Goal .....\$4,260**  
**Budget Shortfall .... \$31,431**

**15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 26**

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"Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

