

# PRAYER LIST

**CHERYL BARRON**, Stan Raley's sister, breast cancer  
**TED BROWN**, Sherri Clopton's dad  
**LINDA BULLOCK**, knee replaced surgery recovery  
**SHERRI CLOPTON**, health issues  
**MIKE CUMBERLAND**, out-patient therapy  
**DAVE DAVIS**  
**MICHAEL DONOVAN**, Sherri Clopton's brother-in-law.  
Small aneurysm on base of brain  
**ODELL GURLEY**, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley)  
granddad; lung cancer treatment  
**EVELYN GUY**, health related issues  
**JUDY JENNINGS**, former member; rare form cancer  
2027 Green Gate PL ~ Grayson, GA 30017-1857  
**BETTY JOHNSON**, home-bound; fell but doing well  
**SAILOR RAE JONES & her mother Melyna**, friend of  
Jennifer Guy. Infant Sailor heart surgery recovery  
**ZANE LaBELLE**, teen son of Lamar King's cousin  
**BETTY LEWIS & family**, loss of 3 yr-old relative  
Tristen Hayes in house fire, 8/27; mother airlifted to  
Jackson, MS hospital; is responding as of 8/28. The  
Two older children doing okay; were released from  
hospital Friday, 8.28.  
**SANDRA LITTLE**, Angela Boman's sister-in-law  
**MIKE McCRARY**, Josh McCrary's dad  
**REATHA RAINER**  
**MRS GENE RALEY**, Stan's mom – health issues  
**STAN RALEY**  
**FAYE RARICKS**, friend of Dewey Wall  
**ALETHA RAY**, Moriah McCrary's mom – cancer  
10218 US Hwy 98 ~ Fairhope, AL 36532  
**TED RIVES**  
**DAVID ROBINSON**, Lona Moffett's dad  
**AL ST. CLAIR**  
**MARTHA TUBBY**, Brandi Madison's mom - surgery  
**ROB WARREN**  
**VELMA "DUCK" YATES**  
**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES**  
**CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**

# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

September 16: Charles Bullock

Note: If you are new to our family, or have changes to your info, please see Renée Cumberland.

## Cookout & Fellowship

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Cooking will begin at 5 p.m.

Eating at 5:30 p.m.

Please sign up on the list on the foyer table  
for what you will bring to accompany the  
meat furnished by Byron & Brandie Madison.

## Quitman Church of Christ Ladies Day

Saturday, September 26, 2015

9:00 a.m. ~ Noon

Registration & Coffee:  
8:30 a.m.

**Lauren Bookout**  
will speak on

**Think On**  
**These Things**  
✦ Philippians 4:8 ✦

Lunch will also  
be provided

124 Long Blvd  
Quitman, MS  
contact: 601-776-2413

# "You Can't Cross a Bridge Until You Get To It"

All my life I have heard the expression, "you can't cross a bridge until you get to it," or "I'll cross that bridge when I get to it." These often-used expressions have to do with worrying about things before they happen.

A traveler was stopped and informed of some dangerous bridges ahead. With confidence he said, "I'll cross them when I get to them." He held the proper attitude. Some, however, aren't like this traveler. They go through life trying to cross their bridges before they get to them. This will fill their lives with frustration. They think and say, "What if I fail," or "Suppose things go wrong." The fact is: At times we will fail and at times things will go wrong; so many are guilty of "premature" living.

So many find it difficult to break the "bridge crossing" attitude. Even when they have all the facts, they still worry. Sadly, this robs them of their peace in Christ (John 10:10).

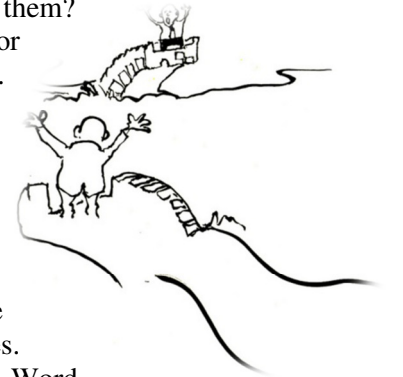
Why do people try to cross those bridges before they get to them? There are several reasons. Let us look at them. Fear is the major reason. This is contrary to what the Bible teaches (2 Timothy 1:7). Some live with an anxious spirit. They simply worry over everything. The apostle Paul teaches us not to be this way, that is, don't fret or be improperly anxious over anything (Philippians 4:6). Insecurity is a real cause of premature "bridge crossing." Many feel they must know what lies ahead. They can't seem to leave it in the hands of God (Philippians 4:19). This will lead one to believe, "If anything can go wrong, it will." They become impatient. Yet, we are taught to be patient in every situation (James. 1:2-5). All of this will bring about a lack of faith in God and His Word (Hebrews 11:6).

Our future is in God's hands. This should comfort us. Jesus doesn't want us to worry (Matthew 6:24-34). We may feel at times that no one cares, but we can always know God cares. Worry just proves we aren't trusting in God and His Word as we should.

One can break these terrible habits. The first thing one must do is to acknowledge there is a problem. This takes honesty and real soul-searching. Resolve to break it and learn to live one day at a time (Ecclesiastes 5:4; Philippians 4:13; Matthew 6:32-34). We can cast all our burdens on the Lord (Psalms 55:22). Let us trust His power and wisdom (Proverbs 3:5). Learn to enjoy this moment, it's all you have (Philippians 4:11). Believe that all things work together for good (Romans 8:28; 31, 32). Let us follow God's orders (Psalms 119:133; 37:23).

Remember, Jesus came to give us joy, hope, power, peace of mind, and most of all salvation. Premature bridge crossing robs one of these. Let us turn our attitude to win over to God. We have the power of choice (Proverbs 23:7). God sees all those bridges; He will be with us (Psalms 139:1-12).

Bulletindigest.com



Jimmy Young  
via Chapman church of Christ  
Ripley, MS