

# PRAYER LIST

**CHERYL BARRON**, Stan Raley's sister, breast cancer  
**LINDA BULLOCK & family**, passing of Charles Bullock,  
Saturday, October 10, 2015; funeral 10/14  
**MIKE CUMBERLAND**, out-patient therapy  
**DAVE DAVIS**  
**ODELL GURLEY**, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley)  
granddad; lung cancer treatment  
**EVELYN GUY**, health related issues  
**LAVON HENLEY**, former member, passed away.  
**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  
**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  
Surgery recovery at home; doctor gives positive  
report as to having removed all cancerous tissue  
**TED RIVES**, hospice care  
**DAVID ROBINSON**, Lona Moffett's dad  
**AL ST. CLAIR**  
**ROB WARREN**  
**EUGENE WHITE**, health issues  
**EUGENE WHITE & family**, passing of his brother,  
Robert, from Adele, GA; funeral Saturday 10/17  
**VELMA "DUCK" YATES**  
**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES**  
**CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**

## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

October 28: Tom Fair

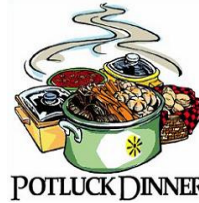
Note: If you are new to our family, or have changes  
to your info, please see Renée Cumberland.

# Fourth Sunday Fellowship...

...today following morning service.

Evening worship service  
to follow at 12:30.

As always, our visitors are our most  
honored guests. Please stay and  
feast-n-fellowship with us.



POTLUCK DINNER

*Together with their families*

*Sara Kate Grigg Craft*

*Joseph Charles Dooley*

*announce the celebration of their marriage*  
*Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, two thousand fifteen*  
*at three in the afternoon*

*Meridian Church of Christ*

*2229 Highway 19 North*

*Meridian, Mississippi*

*Reception immediately following*  
*in the church's fellowship hall*

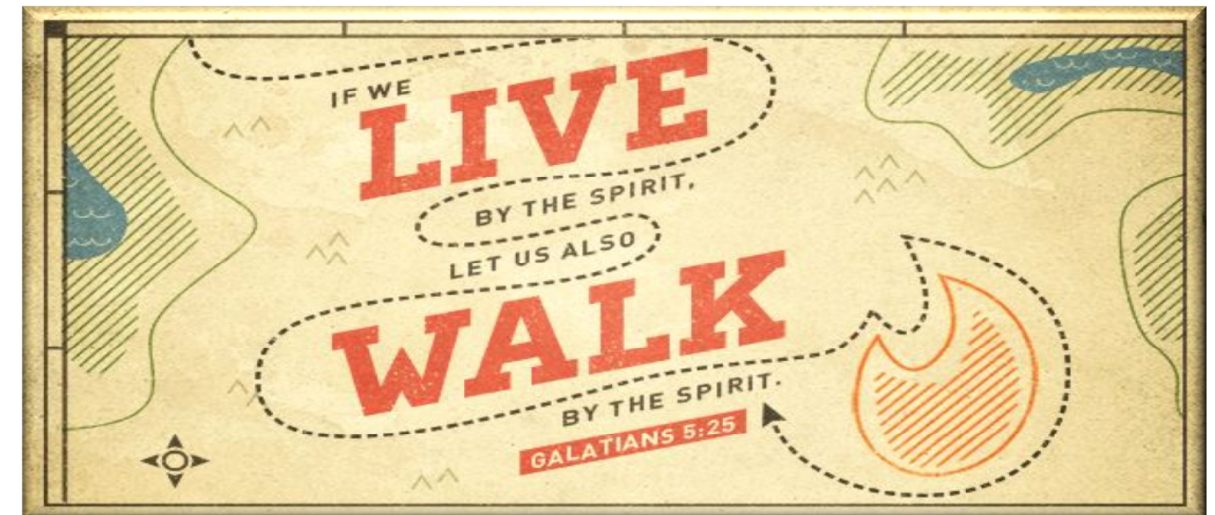
In lieu of gifts, the couple wish donations be made to  
Pine Vale Children's Home  
1872 County Road 700 ~ Corinth, MS 38834

# What Is A Christian?

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The word Christian is a noun, and is used only as a noun, in the scriptures. Thayer says in defining the Greek word "*Christianos*", that it means "*a Christian, a follower of Christ*" (p 672). The passages where the term may be found are in **Acts 11:26; 26:28;** and **1 Peter 4:16**. These are all manifestly references which show the usage of the word is as a noun. We, of course, take many words that are nouns and use them in such a manner as to give them the quality of an adjective. The world has done this with the word Christian, but the scriptures do not. The word does not mean Christ-like! Having many of the same qualities and characteristics of Jesus would not make one a Christian. Note the attributes of Cornelius in **Acts 10:2, 22**. He was in no sense a Christian until he obeyed the gospel and became the Lord's disciple – a Christian was the proper name to be given him then, and only then. Naturally, one who is a follower of Jesus will try to be like Him. Therefore, one can see that to be a Christian requires one to be Christ-like to the extent of his ability. But, if the word means Christ-like, then one who has some of the characteristics of Christ is a partial Christian. Who can believe that? There is no basis in scripture for using the term Christian as an adjective to describe objects, ideas, or people. It is anti-scriptural to say one is a "Christian man" if he is not a Christian.

Paul said, "*For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named...*" (**Ephesians 3:14-15**). Peter said, "*... there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved,*" as he spoke of **Jesus Christ (Acts 4:14)**. Let us use the name Christian as the name we wear as the people of God to honor and exalt that one who was "*given a name which is above every name*" (**Philippians 2:9**) and not try to secularize it into a simple adjective that refers to almost anything that is somewhat decent in the life of an individual, or some good attribute of even an inanimate object of some sort. Let us truly "*glorify God in this name*" (**1 Peter 4:16, ASV**).



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