### PRAYER LIST

CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister, breast cancer LINDA BULLOCK

MIKE CUMBERLAND, out-patient therapy DAVE DAVIS

**ODELL GURLEY**, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment

**EVELYN GUY**, diabetic issues

**CINDY HARPER**, suffering from the shingles **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

**ANNALYSSA KING**, recovering at home following November 9th back surgery

ZANE LaBELLE, teen son of Lamar King's cousin

NAN LEGGETT, friend of Mike & Renée Cumberland; lives in Bogue Chitto, MS; chronic Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease. Member Mt Zion Church of Christ

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**, hospice care

**DAVID ROBINSON**, Lona Moffett's dad

AL ST. CLAIR

**ROB WARREN** 

**EUGENE WHITE.** health issues

**VELMA "DUCK" YATES** 

**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES** 

**CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE** 

#### ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

#### NONE THIS WEEK

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

### **Guest Speaker**

Next Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>
Robert Martin will be here
speaking to us on the mission
work in the South Pacific



## Congregational Bonfire & Devo

Home of the St. Clair family Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm

Please sign up on the flyer on the foyer table if you are planning to attend, giving the number attending. Adults are asked to bring snacks.

If you need further info, contact Byron or Brandie Madison, or Al or Kathy St. Clair.

## Understanding the Soil

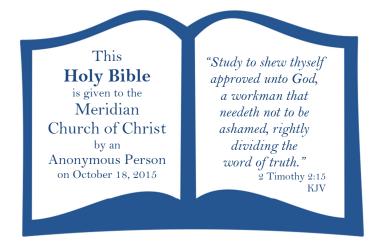
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...Next there is the Shallow Heart represented by the stony places. This refers to the individual who initially gets very excited about the gospel and then because of the adversities of life, their faith having no foundation, quickly dries up and withers away. Next, Jesus speaks of the Distracted Heart represented by the seed that fell among the thorns. This speaks of the individual who receives the message, responds with joy and even is fruitful for a while. And then it happens, they allow the "cares of this world and deceitfulness of riches" to crowd into their lives, and as a tragic result, their fruitfulness is lost. Finally, Jesus speaks of the Fruitful Heart represented by the good ground. This speaks of the individual who understood the Word, applied it to their lives and as a result brought forth fruit in keeping with their abilities and opportunities.

This parable ought to cause us to do two things. First, it should cause us to examine the kind of lives that our fruitfulness would be described by. Second, it should give us information concerning those that we seek to share the message with. The parable doesn't encourage us to avoid any type of soil but it does encourage us to examine the soil first before planting the seed.

Brian Mitchell, Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, MO via BulletinDigest.com

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