

PRAYER LIST

CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister, cancer surgery in Houston TX on 12/2/2015
SHERRI CLOPTON, surgery 12/9, in Jackson
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, back surgery recovery at home
NAN LEGGETT, friend of Mike & Renée Cumberland;
MIKE McCRARY, Josh McCrary's dad
REATHA RAINER, moved to Alzheimer's unit
MRS GENE RALEY, Stan's mom – health issues
STAN RALEY, pneumonia
FAYE RARICKS, friend of Dewey Wall
ALETHA RAY, Moriah McCrary's mom – cancer 10218 US Hwy 98 ~ Fairhope, AL 36532
RANDY RIVES & family, passing of his cousin, Teresa, last week, in north Alabama
TED RIVES, hospice care; recent apparent stroke
DAVID ROBINSON, Lona Moffett's dad
AL ST. CLAIR
ROB WARREN
EUGENE WHITE, health issues
WHITWORTH Family, passing of 3 year old Daniel
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

December 13 : Rob Warren
December 19 : Bruce & Sherri Clopton

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

Adult Christmas Party



This year's party is set for Thursday, December 17th. We will be dining and playing Dirty Santa at *Western Sizzlin' Steak House*, located on North Frontage Road, in Meridian; festivities to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Those wishing join in the fun, whether or not you decide to participate in the Dirty Santa game, please sign up on the flyer on the foyer table, or contact Renée and she will add you to the list. Please indicate the number attending in your party so we can give a total to Western Sizzlin' a week before the party. If you do plan to participate in the Dirty Santa game, please keep in mind the gift price, which remains at \$20.

Take Time To Be Holy

William Dun Longstaff, the well-to-do business man recalled that the preacher said, "My text is found in 1 Peter 1:16, 'Be ye holy, for I am holy.'"

The more he thought about it, the more logical and practical it became.

And soon he was regarding the idea of holiness, not as an appendage to the gospel, but as the heart of it all.

Later, a returned missionary to China addressed a conference of Christian people at Keswick, England.

When missionary Dr. Griffith John used the phrase "Take time and be holy" in his address, something clicked in Longstaff's subconscious. He substituted "to" for the word "and," making the phrase "Take time to be holy" his very own.

And before he knew it, the words and phrases were becoming lines and stanzas, and he was reading the first stanza of his own original hymn. — Ernest K. Emurian

Take Time to Be Holy^{1[1]}

1 *Take time to be holy, Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, And feed on His Word:
Make friends of God's children, Help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing, His blessing to seek.*

- 2 *Take time to be holy, The world rushes in;
Spend much time in secret, With Jesus alone:
By looking to Jesus, Like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct, His likeness shall see.*
- 3 *Take time to be holy, Let Him be thy guide;
And run not before Him, Whatever betide;
In joy or in sorrow, Still follow thy Lord,
And looking to Jesus, Still trust in His Word.*
- 4 *Take time to be holy, Be calm in thy soul;
Each thought and each motive, Beneath His control
Thus led by His Spirit, To fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted, For service above.*

^{1[1]}Eckert, Paul, *Steve Green's MIDI Hymnal*, (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.) 1998. http://www.tanbible.com/tol_sng/taketimetobeholy.htm

Sing In the New Year



At the Collins' house on Friday, December 31st, from 8:00 pm 'til 2016. Please bring finger foods and/or left over Christmas goodies. 1105 62nd Court, Meridian MS 39305 Sign the list in foyer if you plan to "sing in the New Year" with us.

Bible Direction

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Are need to ask ourselves, are we getting our instructions from the source? Do we know what God's word says or do we know what someone else thinks it says? There are a lot of problems out in the world today. One only has to turn on the TV to any news channel and see that there is much pain, suffering and sorrow out in the world and it's getting worse. Too many people are setting aside the commandments of God in favor of the wishes of men. More people need to read their Bibles. Imagine what a wonderful place this world could be if everyone read and followed the teachings of God. All of society's problems are a result of not knowing and living God's word.

The first step is to read God's word and know what it says for ourselves. 2 Timothy 2:15 reads, "*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*" The King James Version reads, "*Study to show yourselves approved.*" Read and learn what God expects and then from there, we can share it with others. The word of God has the power to change people for the better, but if we don't know what it says, we cannot use it to help ourselves and others.

The Word of God says a lot about what's wrong in our society today. Let me encourage you who may be reading this to get your Bible sometime today and everyday thereafter and read for yourself, 'What does the Bible Say?'