PRAYER LIST

CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister, cancer surgery in Houston TX on 12/2/2015

KAITLYN CAFFEY, friend of Harley Madison, in Jackson hospital following accident on ATV

MIKE CUMBERLAND, out-patient therapy DAVE DAVIS

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

EVELYN GUY. diabetic issues

CHRIS HATCHER, brother-in-law of Paul Guy, and husband of Rachel Hatcher, has been diagnosed with nodular melanoma (very aggressive)

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

NAN LEGGETT, friend of Mike & Renée Cumberland:

HARLEY MADISON, accident on ATV

MIKE McCRARY, Josh McCrary's dad

REATHA RAINER, moved to dementia unit at Morning Pointe ~ 1801 Rice Mine Road Tuscaloosa AL 35406

MRS GENE RALEY, Stan's mom - health issues STAN RALEY, pneumonia

ALETHA RAY, Moriah McCrary's mom - cancer treatment; 10218 US Hwy 98 ~ Fairhope, AL 36532

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

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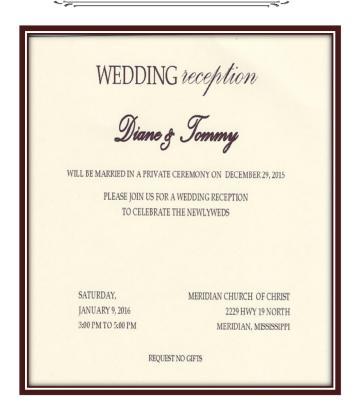
January 8: Sherri Clopton

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

STAY OFF THE GRASS

NO **PARKING** ON THE **GRASS**

Due to the excessive amounts of rain recently, the grassy areas of the church's property are sodden. We are being asked to please not park on the grassy areas in an attempt to avoid making those areas difficult to mow come Spring-time. Thanks for your cooperation.



Diane Martin became the wife of Tommy Beech in a private ceremony at a wedding destination location last month. They wish to celebrate this union with their church family and friends this Saturday.

Wishing the couple many happy years

That is why it is crucial for us to be specific in setting goals that will bring us into a right relationship with God:

- A. Be more God-like (Live a life of love)
- B. Recognize the value of time (Do more for God)
- C. Do not become a slave to the past (Let go and let God)
- D. Establish Godly priorities (Big things first)
- E. Shun the evil of this world (Let your light shine)

To be a Christian is to be part of an intentional and committed community. It is not enough for us to make resolutions at the beginning of the year. Christianity requires us to — "Resolve to grow in the grace and knowledge of the lord." (II Peter 3:18 NKJV!)

We are doubly blessed because we have Christ as an example and God's inspired word to guide us in our resolve. Just as Paul instructed Timothy, we also should resolve to be diligent in our study of the scriptures. Christians never stop learning and a frequent, consistent study of scripture is essential to our growth. (II Timothy 2:15¹)

Finally, Peter instructs us to resolve to grow in our faith:

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. . .. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:5-11 NKJV)

Pray that all of us will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and receive God's blessings of a happy and prosperous New Year! http://www.randolphcofc.org/?p=2669

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will start this Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Collins' home. We will be studying from the book Special Delivery: A Course in Letter-Writing by Jane McWhorter.

The book can be purchased online. So, everyone has time to purchase it, we will not use the book this first week.

If anyone needs help purchasing a book, please let Sabrina know.

Men's Retreat

Who: Men of the Congregation

What: Planning Retreat Where: Clarkco State Park

386 Clarkco Road Quitman, MS 39355

(601)776-6651 clarkco@mdwfp.state.ms.us

When: Friday, January 15-16, 2016 (Time to be announced)

Why: 2016 Planning for the Meridian

congregation

Note: Those wishing to spend the night and partake of breakfast Saturday are welcome.