

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, in dementia facility
% Adrian Rainer
5310 Tara AVE ~ Northport AL 35473
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
RANDY RIVES & family, passing of dad, Ted Rives, Sunday, January 17th
DAVID ROBINSON, Lona Moffett's dad
AL ST. CLAIR
ROB WARREN
EUGENE WHITE, health issues; recent hospitalization
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

January 27 : Alana Fair

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

Fourth Sunday Fellowship Today



POTLUCK DINNER

following morning service. Our Evening worship service will follow at 12:30.

Following the 12:30 Evening Service, the Youth will be going on a Bowling Outing. Be sure to bring money for this. See Byron Madison for more details.

As always, our visitors are our most honored guests. Please plan to join us!

Meridian Church of Christ



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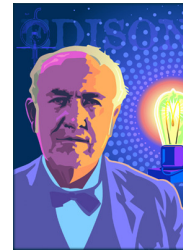
THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION AND YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED.

If you are currently listed in the directory, please review your information for accuracy or changes needing to be made, notifying Renée of any. If you are new to our family, please get with Renée Cumberland for an information form.

If Edison Didn't Invent the Light Bulb...

Via House to House

<http://www.housetohouse.com/HTHPubPage.aspx?pub=3&issue=584&article=4483>



According to Joey Green, author of *Contrary to Popular Belief*, Edison did not invent the light bulb.

Predating Edison's work was that of English chemist Sir Humphrey Davy (1802), French physicist Jean Foucault (1844), American inventor J.W. Starr (1845), Russian electrical engineer Paul Jablochkov (1867), and English physicist Sir Joseph Wilson Swann (1878), each with inventions that were a type of light bulb.

Edison's famed work occurred in 1879, when he patented his carbon-filament lamp. Green suggests Edison became known as the "father of the light bulb by building local power plants to generate and distribute electricity" (199).

Our Deepest Sympathy

is extended to

Randy Rives

and family

in the passing of his

dear earthly father,

Ted Rives

last Sunday,

January 17, 2016

The funeral was

Wednesday.

January 20, 2016

Fay Rives (Mrs. Ted Rives)
109 Executive DR ~ Arab AL 35016

Edison did more than invent something; he provided a means to make its use possible. He took something that was already available and found a way to make it beneficial to more people. Obviously, Edison's work was invaluable!

You and I can do the same thing. We did not invent the Word, but we do have the power to spread its light far and wide (Matthew 5:14, 16). Many are content to leave it in the church building or under a bushel (cf. Matthew 5:15), but God needs men and women who are ready and willing to distribute it far and wide. Nothing is more beneficial to people's lives, and nothing is more necessary for eternal preparation (John 12:48). God is relying upon our finding whatever ways we can to spread the gospel to as many people as possible. We do not need to (and must not) invent or change the message. We just need to get the Word out there!

—Neal Pollard, Denver, Colorado

"Go" —Mark 16:15-16