

# PRAYER LIST

**CHERYL BARRON**, Stan Raley's sister  
**RITA CHAPLIN** – friend of Renée Cumberland, in Waukegan, IL; diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in several areas. Husband, Stan, gospel preacher.  
**DAVE DAVIS**  
**TERRY FINLEY**, Shannon's uncle, to undergo back surgery for 2<sup>nd</sup> time on March 14<sup>th</sup>.  
**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; lab is positive for cancer  
**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  
**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**  
**ALETHA RAY**, Moriah McCrary's mom – cancer recurrence. Returning to MD Anderson last week; 10218 US Hwy 98 ~ Fairhope, AL 36532  
**FAY RIVES (Mrs. Ted Rives)** – 109 Executive DR ~ Arab AL 35016  
**AL ST. CLAIR**  
**DEE TUCKER**, Shannon Finley's cousin in his 30's, having multiple health issues, including complications related to kidney dialysis  
**ROB WARREN**  
**EUGENE WHITE & family**, recent passing of his sister, Betty White Johnson; funeral last week  
**VELMA "DUCK" YATES**, back issues  
**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**

## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

March 1 : Ethel Clark

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

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



POTLUCK DINNER

## Ladies Bible Class

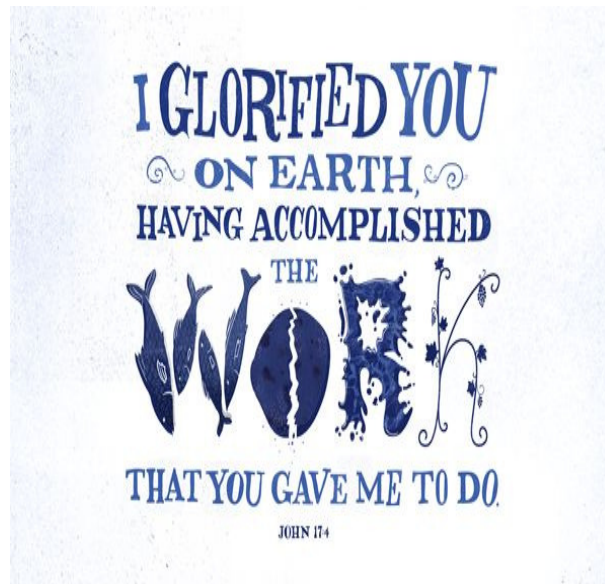
Wednesday of each week at 10 a.m.  
at the Collins' home

We are studying from the book

*Special Delivery:  
A Course in Letter-Writing*

by Jane McWhorter

All ladies are welcome to join this study!



*Verse of the Day from Logos.com*

# Marriages Need Respect

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... signifies the idea of seeing or beholding. Yet, when a modifying prefix is added, it can take a greater meaning. For example, in Luke 1:48, Mary responds to Elizabeth that God "hath regarded" her in choosing her to bear baby Jesus in her womb. The term is *epiblepo*, which means, "to gaze at with favor, pity or partiality, to look upon, regard or have respect to." She knew that God had shown favor and respect towards her! Another term is *apoblepo*, which with this unique prefix added, means, "to look away from everything else, to have respect." We see this term in Hebrews 11:26, when in speaking of Moses, he "had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Could you imagine if husbands and wives demonstrated this type of respect to each other? If husbands looked at their wives with such narrow focus and tuned every other woman out completely, and if wives looked at their husbands with such narrow focus and tuned every other man out completely, we could eradicate all adultery and fornication completely!

Thus, this leads me to contemplate the following— when we consider the many attributes that the Bible uses to describe godly marriages, such as unconditional love, honesty, commitment, trust, kindness, and so forth, husbands and wives are to show respect for each other. Husbands are to respect their wives as the weaker vessels (1 Pet. 3:7). Wives are to respect their husbands as the heads of the households (Eph. 5:22- 24). Each is to respect the role that God has given to the other. Yet, in so doing, each is to lift up the other with favor and regard (Phil. 2:3). I firmly believe that if married couples would follow this simple principle: "...but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves," then marriages would be well on their way to enjoying the blessings that God designed for the home.

Let us conclude with one final thought. Some people are easy to respect, but we are to respect others who may not deserve our respect. It should not be conditional, but unconditional—a hard lesson to learn and implement in our lives. Consider the life of David as a glimpse of seeing what it means to respect one who does not deserve respect. King Saul demonstrated time and time again that he did not deserve respect, for he tried on multiple occasions to kill the younger man, David. He looked upon him with envy, and even tried to divide the relationship between his son, Jonathan, and the one who would become his successor. Yet, although he did not deserve respect by his actions, David knew who he was and respected him as the king nonetheless, sparing his life on several occasions. He never spoke against him, even in the private communications of his mighty men. I truly believe that the grand example from the man after God's own heart shows how one may still pay respect and regard to another who does not deserve such. May God bless all godly marriages who strive to show respect to each other!

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