

PRAYER LIST

CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister

ANN BOWLING, friend of Kitty Dooley & Linda CollieNote: diagnosed with cancer on top of other health issues

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 2nd time on March 14th.

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

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

VELMA "DUCK" YATES, back issues

MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES

CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

March 20 : Evelyn Guy

March 21 : Byron & Lona Moffett

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

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday this week at 10 a.m.
at the Collins Home

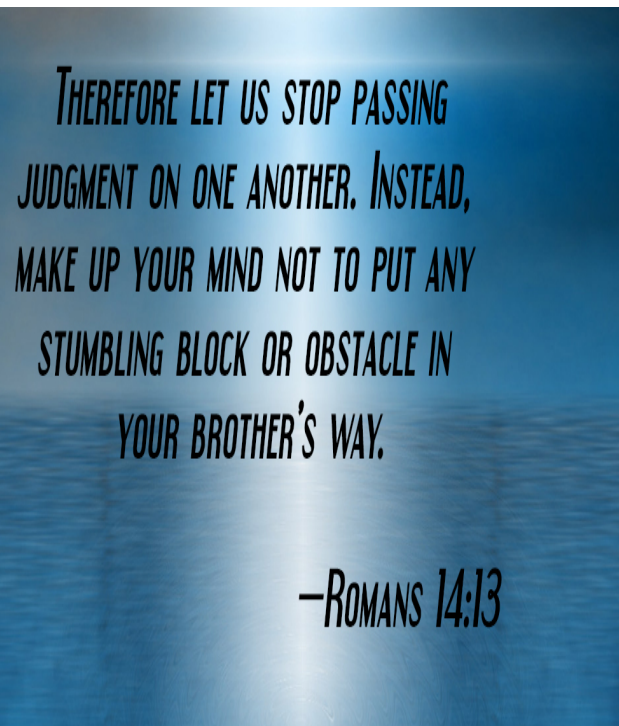
We will continue our study from the book

Special Delivery:

A Course in Letter-Writing

by Jane McWhorter

All ladies are welcome to join this study!



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The Importance of Humility

The Psalmist tells us that God distances himself from the proud ([Ps. 138:6](#)). In fact, a proud look not only separates one from God, it causes one to incur his wrath! This is undoubtedly why James wrote, ***“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble”*** ([James 4:6](#)). But what is humility, really? What does humility demand, require, express, and acknowledge?

Do you show humility toward God?

James went on to say, ***“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you”*** ([James 4:7](#)). Humility demands full submission to God. It's difficult to teach those who think they are so wise that they already know enough. Because he gives grace to the

humble, God's people must put off their own desires and accept his law and love. This requires resisting Satan and his temptations to follow our own desires. That is what fully submitting to God means. Let us have the Bible and eternity in our minds and entirely adhere to sound Scripture in submission to God!

Then James said, ***“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands...purify your hearts...”*** ([James 4:8](#)). Humility requires seeking God's favor and mercy. One who seeks his favor and a close relationship with him must be willing to come to him, for he does not force himself upon men. This is a decision based upon an individual's faith and obedience. However, the key is WORK. It is not easy to cleanse our hands and purify our hearts, but that is what must be done.

Furthermore, James tells us we must ***“lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom”*** ([James 4:9](#)). Humility must express appropriate sorrow for sin. The sin that used to be fun and brighten our day must now ruin our days. It must make us feel absolutely terrible. That cannot happen unless we realize that sin will condemn us to hell, and therefore is a serious matter. Only then will we be like the tax collector, a man so sorrowful for his sins that he wouldn't even look up to heaven but instead wailed, ***“God, be merciful to me a sinner!”*** ([Luke 18:13](#))

Finally, James concludes by saying, ***“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up”*** ([James 4:10](#)). Humility must acknowledge the sight of the Lord. The Psalmist and the prodigal son recognized that they had sinned against God and heaven ([Ps. 51:4](#); [Luke 15:18](#)). God is the primarily the One against whom our sins are committed, and God is the only One who can pardon our sins. When we recognize that, it helps bring about humility.

God gives grace to the humble. While men repeatedly sin against him, God joyfully accepts those who take action and come to him in repentance ([Luke 15:22-24](#)). The way to heaven is to realize our sins and shortcomings, and humbly depend upon the will of an all-powerful God for our eternal salvation.

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