

PRAYER LIST

PAUL ALLEN, 4/22 surgery; recovery at UAB in Neuro room 8211
CHELSEA AYCOCK, age 24; cancer recovery; friend of Lara King; girl-friend of Renée Cumberland's cousin
LISA BARNES, cousin of Brandie Madison, failing kidneys, along with other health issues
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
TOMMY BEECH, surgery recovery
ANN BOWLING, friend of Kitty Dooley & Linda Collie - diagnosed with cancer
RITA CHAPLIN, friend of Renée Cumberland, in Waukegan, IL; diagnosed with stage 4 cancer
BRYAN COLLIE, Linda's son – knee surgery recovery
DAVE DAVIS
SUE DAVIS, upcoming surgery
TERRY FINLEY, Shannon's uncle, back surgery 3/14
ODELL GURLEY, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment
EVELYN GUY, diabetic issues
CHRIS HATCHER, brother-in-law of Paul Guy
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
 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, health
ROB WARREN
SUE WARREN, Rob's mom, surgery recovery
EUGENE WHITE
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

May 15 : Reylan Jensen
 May 17 : Nell Allen
 May 17 : Sandra Callens
 May 19 : Chris Moffett
 May 20 : Lanier Grady
 May 21 : Al St. Clair

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

Third Sunday Fellowship Today

Following morning service.

Our Evening worship service will follow at around 12:30 or 1:00.

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



POTLUCK DINNER



Federico "Fed" Hourdebaigt
will graduate this month from
Northeast Lauderdale High School

We will honor Fed with a
Senior Banquet
today, May 15, 2016
following the morning worship service.

A Money Tree will be set up in the
fellowship hall this morning.

This is in conjunction with our monthly
Fellowship Dinner.

WHEN GOD SAYS NO!

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On the surface this sounds like severe and uncalled-for punishment. Look again. Why was the punishment so severe? He had given 40 years of his life to lead these uncooperative people to the promised land. Who wouldn't be exasperated with their constant nagging?

So why can't Moses lead the victory march into Jericho? Where is God's grace? Moses probably felt that way, don't you think? Deuteronomy 3:25 says he pleads with God to reconsider. And God told him "No" and not to bring it up again. God's "No" to Moses was final. And it sounds harsh. But look with me at *five reasons why I believe this judgment was fair.*

- (1) It was a repeat offense.** Moses had lost his temper before when, in a fit of rage, he killed an Egyptian taskmaster. And when he came down from Sinai with the ten commandments he saw the people in rebellion and smashed the tablets. Now, when God said speak to the rock, he lashes out at the rock with his staff. Most of us have some character flaw. His was an out-of-control temper. Moses seems to have battled his all his life.
- (2) His action was a terrible example to the people.** Scripture says Moses did this in the sight of the Israelites. (vs. 10-11) More is expected of a leader. And if this goes unpunished the people would have the impression that obedience doesn't matter.
- (3) Moses took credit for the miracle** (see v.10) It is pretty serious for any human to take credit for something God is doing.
- (4) When Moses struck the rock, he marred a sacred symbol** that was intended to have been established. The New Testament says that rock represented Jesus Christ who is the one who supplies the living water that satisfies us. And to this day, God's child needs but speak to our Rock and ask him to impart this blessing of this living water. That prophetic symbol was destroyed by Moses' impulsiveness.
- (5) Moses was eventually permitted into the land of promise.** (*This answers an earlier question, "Where is God's grace?"*). Several centuries later Jesus appeared on the mountain and was transfigured, and appearing right beside him were Moses and Elijah! You see, God not only took Moses to heaven the real promised land, but later permitted him to stand in the land of promise he was earlier barred from. ***This shows that God's judgment is fair and his grace is greater than all our sins.*** This thought should be underlined, bolded, high-lighted and never forgotten. So try to remember that God sometimes says "No." Think back at other examples. (a) David wanted to build the temple but God said "No." (b) Paul wanted to take his mission in one direction but God had other plans. If he said "No" to these, don't you suspect that he may say "No" to you and me sometimes? In fact, when you think about it God said "No" to Jesus his only Son. In the Garden Jesus said, "Father, if it be possible let this cup of suffering pass from me." Such an intense prayer from His only Son! He fell down on his face. His sweat was as drops of blood. But there was no other way. And God said "No."

Please don't let God's discipline cripple you. Be healed by it. Every parent loves the moment when a disciplined child comes sniffing up and wants to sit in our lap and says, "Daddy, I'm sorry." And you say, "Are you going to do that again?" He says, "No Sir." And you say, "Do you know we love you?" "Yes, Sir." That's the spirit you want your child to have. That's the spirit God wants us to have.

As God's child right now, would you swallow your stubborn pride or rebellion and just crawl up into the lap of your Father in Heaven and say, "*O my dear Lord, I am so sorry for my sin. I am willing to repent of my sins. And I am ready to submit to your will in all things. Create in me a clean heart.*"

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Memorial Day Celebration

All are invited to the home of the Callens May 29th following evening services for a picnic. Hot dogs, sausage dogs, & drinks will be provided. Please bring side dishes, desserts (homemade ice cream, etc), & lawn chairs.