

# PRAYER LIST

**PAUL ALLEN**, recovery & rehab at home as of 7/29; request no visitors for a brief period while making adjustments to being home again.

**CHELSEA AYCOCK**, age 24; cancer recovery; friend of Lara King; girl-friend of Renée Cumberland's cousin

**CHERYL BARRON**, Stan Raley's sister

**TOMMY BEECH**, surgery recovery

**ANN BOWLING**, friend of Kitty Dooley & Linda

Collie – dialysis following kidney cancer surgery

**RITA CHAPLIN**, friend of Renée Cumberland, in

Waukegan, IL; diagnosed with stage 4 cancer

**RENEE CUMBERLAND**, arthroscopic knee surgery 7/25; recovery for another week

**DAVE DAVIS**

**SUE DAVIS**, surgery recovery

**ODELL GURLEY**, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley)

granddad; lung cancer treatment

**EVELYN GUY**, diabetic issues

**CHRIS HATCHER**, brother-in-law of Paul Guy

**ROCIO JENSEN**, emergency surgery 6/15; she is home now, continuing to recover

**BETTY JOHNSON**, home-bound

**SAILOR RAE JONES & her mother Melyna**, friend of Jennifer Guy

**NAN LEGGETT**, friend of Mike & Renée Cumberland

**MIKE McCRARY**, Josh McCrary's dad

**BETSY PARNELL**, friend of Cindy Harper – chemo/radiation for cancer

**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 – continued chemo treatments

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**, recent fall with knee sprain

**EUGENE WHITE**

**VELMA "DUCK" YATES**

**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES**

**CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**

# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

July 31 : Terry & Cindy Harper

July 31 : Byron Madison

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

## Thank You

We have great news! Paul is coming home on Friday [7/29].

It has been a long journey since we left home March 20.

He is doing great in his wheelchair and walking better everyday with his walker.

He does still have some challenges ahead but his progress has been absolutely amazing.

We thank you so much for the loving support we have received from our family at the Meridian church. Your many prayers of faith, your encouraging cards, phone calls, visits, and other kind deeds have blessed us over the past few months.

We hope to be back worshipping God with you soon, and you can see the power of God's healing hand upon his life.

Nell ~ Paul & Nell

## “Five Things No One Will Regret on Judgement Day” – Mike Riley

As Christians, we all have regrets in our lives – things we should have done but didn't do, and things we shouldn't have done, but did them anyway. However, there are five things which no one will regret on the day of judgement. If we abide by these principles, we can have boldness to stand before God's throne on that day (1 John 4:17 – NKJV).

- ✦ Putting God and His kingdom first in our lives (Matthew 6:33; cf. Deuteronomy 28:45-47)
- ✦ Respecting and caring for our parents (Ephesians 6:1-2; cf Exodus 20:12)
- ✦ Marrying a faithful Christian (1 Corinthians 9:5; cf Psalm 34:3)
- ✦ Giving generously to those in need (2 Corinthians 8:1-5; cf 2 Corinthians 9:6-15)
- ✦ Saving lost souls for the Savior (1 Timothy 4:16; cf Psalm 51:12-13)

If we will be found involved in the above endeavors, not only will our journey through this life be abundantly blessed, but we will be rewarded in the life to come (John 10:10; Matthew 25:14-23) [www.gewatkins.com](http://www.gewatkins.com)

# What does the Bible say about OMG?



I was sitting at a sporting event, when the lovely, Christian lady beside me shouted, “Oh, my God!” as her child made a mistake. I cringed inside. And then I wondered, “does she know?” Does she know that the Bible tells us not to use God's name in vain?

And honestly, this is not unusual. I hear Christians do this all of the time. Many are wonderful people who obviously love the Lord. Is it because we just don't hear this called sin anymore? Are we so hardened to the use of His name due to the company we keep and the entertainment that we fill our minds with, that we just didn't notice when we started doing it, too?

Exodus 20 is where we find the Ten Commandments. The third commandment is “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”

We are not to use God's name as a curse word. We are not to use His name lightly. If we study who God is, we understand a bit more why this is such a grave sin. God is holy, sovereign, unchangeable, omnipotent, omniscient, faithful, patient, and merciful. This is just a short list of the adjectives that could be used to describe God, the One who made a way for us to be reconciled to Him through His son, Jesus Christ. If He is so awesome and so wonderful (and He is!), then we can understand why it is so important for us not to use His name when we are angry or surprised.

I am not writing this to point a finger or to make you feel guilty. Quite honestly, I have personally believed for a long time, that I probably shouldn't even say “Oh, My Gosh!” It is obviously a sadly disguised copy of the original. And yet, I still struggle with it. You will still hear that come out of my mouth on occasion. Language is a hard thing to change. When we grow angry or are surprised, we tend to forget our speech in the heat of the moment.

My desire in writing, as always, is to make us think. We need to think about the words that come out of our mouths. If we are a redeemed soul saved by grace, then all of life should be lived intentionally to please our heavenly Father. May we recognize that taking God's name in vain in any form is offensive to the Holy God who saved us! And let's start today anew using our tongues to glorify God's name instead of curse it!

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