

PRAYER LIST

MARK ALLEN, Paul & Nell's son – quadruple bypass recovery (surgery 8/13)
PAUL ALLEN, recovery/rehab at home
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; cancer; on hospice care as of 8/18
DAVE DAVIS
SUE DAVIS, surgery recovery
KITTY DOOLEY, knee surgery recovery at home
TERRY DYER, replace pacemaker at Rush, Tuesday 8/23
ODELL GURLEY, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment
DR. MONEERA HAQUE, Rush Cardiologist; complications with baby delivery; husband is Khondker Islam of Rush GI Lab with Jennifer Guy
CHRIS HATCHER, brother-in-law of Paul Guy
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
ALAN MOTES, Shirley Raley's great-nephew – car accident, in DCH Hospital, Tuscaloosa, AL
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
FAY RIVES (Mrs. Ted Rives) – 109 Executive DR ~ Arab AL 35016
AL ST. CLAIR
DEE TUCKER, Shannon Finley's cousin, health
DICK & SANDY VINSON, on-going health issues
ROB WARREN
WAYNE WARREN, Rob's dad/TX; knee surgery 8/2
EUGENE WHITE
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
LOUISIANA & SOUTH MISSISSIPPI FLOOD VICTIMS MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

August 23 : Stan & Shirley Raley
August 24 : Charles Dooley
August 24 : Jennifer Guy
August 24 : Alan & Rocio Jensen
August 24 : Velma "Duck" Yates

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

Louisiana Flood Assistance

The Meridian Church of Christ will be taking a group to Louisiana to assist the Riverside Church of Christ with cleanup following the devastating flooding this past week.

Numerous families there lost everything in their houses. They have requested help gutting houses that were flooded.

Donations are being accepted, and would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Byron or Brandie Madison, by calling (601)934-1213 or (601)227-8229 respectively.

Items needed include, but not limited to:

Heavy Duty Trash Bags	Bottled Water
Batteries	Gloves
Bleach	Masks (face)

Any other supplies you may think of that would help will be greatly appreciated. We need to have them at the building no later than Wednesday evening, August 24th.

Fourth Sunday

Fellowship

Next Sunday

following morning service.

Our Evening worship service

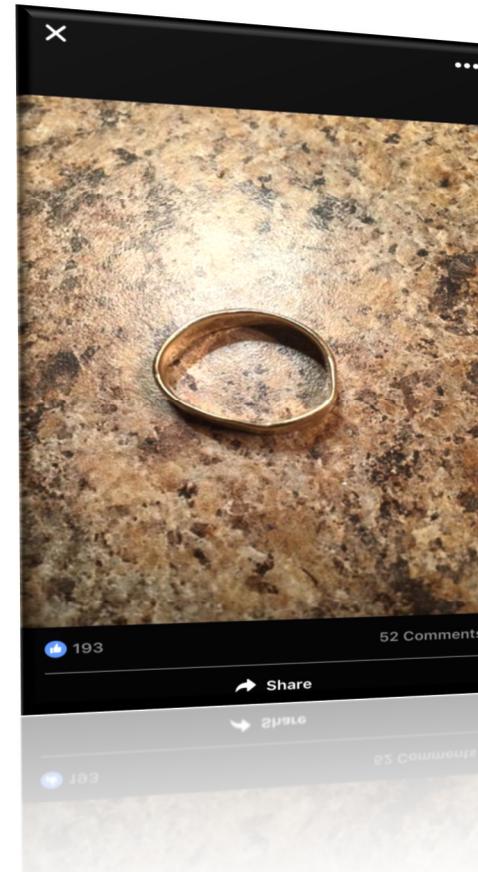
will follow at 12:30.

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



POTLUCK DINNER

The Wedding Ring



I took my wedding ring off tonight for the first time in many years. I got a bee sting on my left hand and wasn't sure if it was going to swell a lot.

You might notice that this ring has seen better days. It received that custom shape when I was working on a car and got pinched, saving my finger. Later, it was lost in the yard for a few years but my brother discovered it. In the meantime, Tammy Bayless-Anderson had bought me a replacement ring of the same design but, when this one was found, I started wearing it again.

You see, to me, it represents something much more than a round, flawless ring. It reminds me that marriage can be hard but it can persevere through the toughest of times, even protecting the couple from harm that they couldn't endure alone. Even when a husband and wife lose their way for a while, the marriage can be restored, sometimes helped along by a friend or family member.

You may say, "How does that ring fit on a finger?" Well, the truth is, the finger has grown to fit the ring, just as a husband and wife who, at times, seem to be misfits for one another, grow to become a better fit for each other with time. Most

of you know that I am a rather private person and I often don't speak up when I should because I don't want to interfere.

Well, now I am speaking up. I have prayed earnestly for many of you as you, your families, and marriages have gone through tough times and I will continue to do so.

Tomorrow, if there isn't a lot of swelling, that ring will go back on my finger, hopefully for many more years and, each time I feel it putting pressure in a strange place on my finger, it will remind me of what I have put to words today and that, with God's power, we really can get through anything and we really can "get there from here" even when others (or voices in our own minds) may say we can't.

I've tagged a bunch of people, hoping that it reaches those who need to read it.

via Facebook post by unnamed husband – July 24, 2016