## 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

ANN BOWLING, friend of Kitty Dooley & Linda Collie

– Jackon's Baptist Medical Center, Room 4116

**TED BROWN**, Sherri Brown's dad, for Rehab moved to:

North Pointe Health & Rehabilitation
211 Windmill DR ~ Meridian, MS 39305

Phone: 601/486-2525

RITA CHAPLIN, friend of Renée Cumberland, in Waukegan, IL; cancer; on hospice care as of 8/18

**DAVE DAVIS** 

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

WALTER KING, Lamar's dad; shut-in at home 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

AL ST. CLAIR

**DEE TUCKER**, Shannon Finley's cousin, health

DICK & SANDY VINSON, on-going health issues ROB WARREN

EUGENE WHITE

**VELMA "DUCK" YATES** 

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#### ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

August 29 : Glenda Rives August 30 : Will Parker

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

### Louisiana Flood Assistance

This weekend, a group from the Meridian Church of Christ traveled to Lafayette, Louisiana to assist the Riverside Church of Christ with cleanup following the devastating flooding earlier this month.

Numerous families there lost everything in their houses. They have requested help gutting flood damaged houses, and other clean-up.

Last weekend a group of our youth went down to lend assistance in the cleanup. Thanks to all involved. If names of those participating were left off, we apologize.

Donations of supplies are greatly appreciated. We, as well as the Riverside congregation, extend our thanks all for a job well done.

Byron Madison Harley Madison Ashley Gatewood Brandie Madison Baylie Eastman Corbin White

Curtis Agent

### Fourth Sunday Fellowship Today

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



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

# "Measuring Spiritual Progress"

- 9. Have you handed out any tract information this year? (Matthew 28:18-20)
- 10. Do you attend mid-week classes when your child has sports? (Matthew 6:33)
- 11. Do you think about the words during congregational worship? (1 Corinthians 14:15)
- 12. Have you ever missed Sunday Evening services for the Super Bowl? (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- 13. If your church holds a gospel meeting, are you there? (Hebrews 3:13)
- 14. Do you sing out loud with the congregation or mumble through? (Colossians 3:16)
- 15. Do you pray each day? (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- 16. Did you read your Bible every day this month? (Acts 17:11)
- 17. When was the last time you taught a class at church? (Hebrews 5:12)
- 18. When last did you study the Bible with someone, outside of Church? (Acts 8:4)
- 19. When was the last time you helped clean the building? (Philippians 2:3-4)
- 20. In the past, when relatives have visited, have you skipped a service? (Matthew 16:24-26)
- 21. Do you prepare for your classes before attending? (1 Peter 3:15)
- 22. When you travel, do you attend a mid-week Bible study? (Acts 28:15)
- 23. When you travel, do you attend more than once on Sunday? (1 Peter 1:22)
- 24. Do you study the Bible each day with your children? (Ephesians 6:4)
- 25. Do your children have a regular Bible study schedule? (Deuteronomy 6:7)

These questions are not designed to make anyone feel guilty for not engaging in such activities. Neither are they designed for us to measure our own righteousness and tout that above others. These are personal questions to be answered privately by each individual, to motivate us to examine our level of spiritual health and encourage us to become more spiritual. Each of these questions are supported by scripture that they are things that we need to be doing. Some of them are specifically enjoined; others are enjoined generally. We can measure our personal level of spiritual involvement if we are open, honest with ourselves, and willing to abide by the word of God (2 Corinthians 13:5). I want to encourage each one of you to take some time this week and go through this list and pick a few things upon which to focus so that your life can be more spiritual. This exercise is between you and God; there will be no test given by the elders or the preacher; there will however be a final exam one day.

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