

# PRAYER LIST

**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 – Golden Living Center, Hwy 39 North  
**TED BRWON**, Sherri Clopton's dad remains at  
North Pointe for rehab following stroke  
North Pointe Health & Rehabilitation  
211 Windmill DR  
Meridian, MS 39305

**DAVE DAVIS**  
**ODELL GURLEY**, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley)  
granddad; lung cancer treatment  
**CHRIS HATCHER**, brother-in-law of Paul Guy  
**BETTY JOHNSON**, home-bound  
**JORDAN KINDLE**, 14yrol boy at Clarkdale; at St  
Jude undergoing chemo for cancer tumors;  
friends of Rob & Doris Warren family

**NAN LEGGETT**, Brookhaven, MS area; friend of  
Mike/Renée Cumberland, who suffers from a  
hereditary debilitating muscular syndrome

**BYRON & HARLEY MADISON**, motorcycle wreck,  
Wed, Sept 7; they continue to recover at home

**MIKE McCRRARY**, 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**

**ROB WARREN**

**EUGENE WHITE**

**VELMA "DUCK" YATES**

**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES**

**CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**

# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

November 6 : Hannah Linton  
November 7 : Charles & Kitty Dooley  
November 8 : Terry & Beth Dyer

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

## Upcoming Holidays Worship Schedule

Wednesday, November 24 – no Bible Study  
Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Worship Service only

## Make America Great Again

*"Righteousness exalteth a nation:  
but sin is a reproach to any people."* (Proverbs 14:34)

Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump's  
campaign slogan is, "Make America Great Again." His  
ideas and proposed policies to make America great again  
include the construction of walls along our southern  
border, corporate tax cuts, bans on certain governmental  
regulations, stronger military, etc. I am certain that some of  
these policies would be advantageous, but they are not  
things that will make America great again. Allow me to  
share with you what will make America great again.

1. A deeper knowledge of God's word (cf. Hos. 4:6; 2  
Kings 22:8ff; Rev. 1:3).
2. Godly homes (cf. Psa. 127:1; Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18ff; Heb.  
13:4; Eph. 5:22ff).
3. Love and unity (cf. Mark 3:24; Acts 10:34-35;  
17:26; John 13:34-35; 17:21ff).
4. A stronger work ethic (cf. 2 Thess. 3:10; Gen.  
2:8ff; Neh. 4:6; Rom. 12:11).
5. A servant mentality (cf. Phi. 2:3-8; Gal. 5:13; John  
13:12-17; Rom. 12:9-21).
6. Less materialistic and more spiritualistic (cf., 1 Tim.  
6:10; Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:2; Eccl. 12:13).
7. Arm citizens with the sword of the spirit (cf. Eph. 6:17;  
Heb. 4:12; Jam. 1:21; Rom. 1:16).

John F. Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your  
country can do for you; ask what you can do for your  
country." We can wait around on our elected officials and  
hope they implement policies that will result in national  
greatness, or we can start today, individually,  
implementing those things God says will make us great (cf.  
2 Chron. 7:14).

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# Hating Is Serious Business

By Lance Cordle

Some of those reading this can recall a television show called "Our Gang." It flourished in the 1920s, '30s and '40s, but enjoyed a comeback in the '70s. It featured a lovable group of kids who occasionally got into mischief. Viewers identified with "Spanky," "Alfalfa," "Buckwheat" and others of the regular cast. One of the funnier aspects of the show was to watch the little boys establish and join the "He-man Women Haters Club." Everyone watching knew the little boys really did not mean to hate women, but they were expressing the normal feelings of little boys before they become adolescents, then men. Viewers knew it was a juvenile action and understood they really did not mean to hate women, and would "grow out of" that attitude.

*Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* defined hate as an "intense hostility and aversion usu. deriving from fear, anger or sense of injury." In his book, *Flesh and Spirit*, William Barclay described the Greek word translated "hate" as, "the attitude of mind and heart which puts up the barriers and draws the sword" (p.42). Hatred is no mere immature feeling, caught up in a moment of excitement. It is an attitude that has been built and harbored, usually with inaccurate information. The intensity of such an action implies a lingering of the feelings associated with the hostility toward the object.

Contrast these definitions with the current labeling of opposition as "hate." If someone within our culture disagrees with or opposes the ideas of another, it is very likely that they will be described as a "hater." Even though the opposition may not be personal, the one who reacts by labeling can gain an upper hand in public opinion by describing their opponents in such a manner. Free thought and free speech are thus cast aside, and meaningful discussion, which might be conducive to a solution of the problem, is made impossible.

Labeling people as "haters" by those whose actions are called into question actually brings about what some of the labelers oppose, namely, prejudice. If certain actions bring severe consequences for the person committing those actions are we hating a person for pointing out those consequences? If we oppose a course of action by a person or group on the basis of the merit of the ideas behind those actions, are we haters?

Of course, such labeling comes about from a culture that uses extreme language for frivolous activities: e.g., "I love apple pie!"; "I hate that music!"

God, Himself, has things He hates (Proverbs 6:16-19). He opposes actions that harm people, and the attitudes behind the actions. However, God has "so loved the world" (John 3:16). This in its basic message means that He hates the sin, but loves the sinner. May we, by our words and actions prove that we love people, but are opposed to the degrading, disgusting and divisive attitudes that are running amok among people today!

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