### 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, home rehab DWIGHT CALLENS, surgery recovery at home 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, 14yrold boy at Clarkdale; at St
Jude undergoing chemo for cancer tumors;

friends of Rob & Doris Warren family; UPDATE:
more tumors found; continuing treatment

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

MIKE McCRARY, Josh McCrary's dad BETSY PARNELL, friend of Cindy Harper – chemo/radiation for cancer

RHIANNA POMROY, surgery – Dec 23rd 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

THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom, is at North Pointe for rehab following stroke Room 306

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

ROB WARREN
EUGENE WHITE
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

#### ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

December 5: Linda Collie

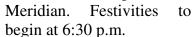
NOTE: If you are new to our family, or have changes to your info, please see Renée Cumberland.

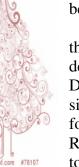
### Upcoming Holidays Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am Worship Service only

## **Adult Christmas Party**

This year's party is set for Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be dining and playing Dirty Santa at Red Lobster located on the South Frontage Road,





Those wishing to join in the fun, whether or not you decide to participate in the Dirty Santa game, please sign up on the flyer on the foyer table, or contact Renée and she will add you to the list. Please indicate

the number attending in your party so we can give a total to Red Lobster a week before the party. If you do plan to participate in the Dirty Santa game, please keep in mind the gift price, which remains at \$20.

You should call Red Lobster to verify the types of payment they accept.

# A 'Christmas' Quiz

At this time of the year, more will be said about the birth of Jesus than at any other time of the year. Yet, each year I can't help but be a bit disturbed by all the biblical ignorance and inaccuracies associated with the birth of our Savior. When it comes to one of the most fundamental tenants of Christianity, the incarnation of Jesus, and one of the most pivotal historical events that ever occurred, I find that many cannot discern between fact and faction. As fundamental as the birth of Jesus is, people do not really know the account of his birth as well as they might think.

Doubt me? Then give the following brief "True/False" quiz a shot and see how well you do?

- True or False The Bible says the angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph to inform him that Mary was with child.
- True or False The Bible says that three wise men came to to the manger to worship and give gifts to Jesus.
- True or False The Bible says that an unknown number of wise men came to the manger to worship Jesus.
- True or False The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the shepherds to the manger.
- True or False The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the wise men to the manger.
- True or False The Bible says the shepherds and the wise men were present on the night of Jesus' birth.
- True or False The Bible says an innkeeper told Mary and Joseph that there was no room in the inn, thus Jesus was born in a manger.

Okay, so how did you do? Did anyone get them all right? Did you get a passing grade? Well, if you answered any of the questions with a "True," you were mistaken. Every statement is false for one reason or another. Open your Bible and check it for yourself.

What I have discovered through the years is that it is surprisingly easy for us to believe as fact, what is in reality, fiction. Furthermore, this "fiction" is sometimes propagated by religion. How many church lawns and "Christmas" re-enactments will portray a nativity scene which inaccurately portrays the biblical account? Churches that decried the inaccuracies in the movie "Noah" and the "Bible Series" on television may very well do their part in perpetuating biblical inaccuracies this December.

But now here's the point of my article: If we can be misinformed about something as fundamental as the birth of Jesus, what's to make us think we cannot be misled regarding other religious matters?

Friends, make sure your faith is not based on what others have told you is true, but rather make sure your faith is based on what you know to be true from your own personal study. Let the "fiction" you see perpetuated on church lawns and in church pageants this holiday season be a reminder and a warning to you to do your own Bible study, and to never be content with what others say.

"Prove all things; Hold fast what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

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