

PRAYER LIST

PAUL ALLEN, cancer, recent hip bone biopsy
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
ANN BOWLING family & friends, especially
Sandra Callens, Linda Collie, & Kitty Dooley,
in her passing Thursday, January 5th
TED BRWON, Sherri Clopton's dad, home rehab
ODELL GURLEY, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley)
granddad; lung cancer treatment
CHELSEA HALL, age 24; cancer recovery; friend
of Lara King; wife of Renée Cumberland's cousin
CHRIS HATCHER, brother-in-law of Paul Guy
JUDY JENNINGS, former member; rare form cancer
2027 Green Gate PL ~ Grayson, GA 30017-1857
BETTY JOHNSON, home-bound
JORDAN KINDLE, 14yrolld 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
JENNIFER MARTIN, auto accident spinal injury
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
ROB WARREN
EUGENE WHITE, cancer; treatment to begin 12/16
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE
VICTIMS of RECENT WIDE-SPREAD FOREST
FIRES THROUGHOUT the COUNTRY

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

January 8 : Sherri Clopton
January 10 : Cooper Beech

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

LADIES CARD MINISTRY ~ PRISONERS



Those interested in a card
writing ministry to
prisoners, we will meet on
Saturday, January 14th at
10:00 am.

Please bring cards and stamps. Sabrina will
have a list of prisoners we are writing to.

Biblical New Year Resolutions

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Let us resolve to keep our OBLIGATIONS TO GOD (Deuteronomy 6:5; 10:12; 11:1; Matthew 22:37). We, as God's children have the obligation, duty, we promised the Lord that we will ever be faithful in all His duties as a part of the bride, the church. We promise to love the Lord, the church, to keep the commandments of the Lord, to walk in all His ways and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart. May I implore you to live true to your word being a Christian!

Let us resolve to be united in LOVE (Ephesians 5:1-2; John 13:34-35). John commands Christians to love one another (1 John 3:11; 4:7, 16). The lack of such love causes grievous harm to the growth and welfare of the body of Christ (Galatians 5:15). If there is one thing that all men know about the teaching of Christ, they know that He emphasized love (John 13:35). How do we know that we

truly love the brethren? John says, "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments" (1 John 5:2).

Let us resolve to be UNSELFISH (2 Corinthians 5:15). Who had died for all, deserves all glory! Christians are bought or redeemed for the Lord's own possession (Ephesians 5:25-26; 1 Peter 1:18-19). One of the most difficult things in life is denying self, and living apart from selfish desires and ambitions, but to be a disciple of Christ it must be done (Matthew 16:24-25). We "no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God" (1 Peter 4:2). "Let no man seek his own" (1 Corinthians 10:24). The love of Christ constrains us to leave self!

Let us resolve to use our TALENTS (Matthew 25:14-30). God requires that we use our talents and not only use them, but to use them faithfully. Woe to the brother or sister that shirks their responsibility, for their eternal destiny hangs in the balance. Use them or lose them!

Let us resolve to keep our saving INFLUENCE (Philippians 1:27). The conversation (manner of life) of the Christian be as becometh the Gospel. The manner of life of the Christian will be either a real asset or a significant liability to the cause of Christ. The conduct of the Christian should adorn the doctrine of God (Titus 2:10). Adorn means to beautify. The life of a faithful Christian reveals the beauty of God's will and way. There is nothing more impressive than the influence of a pure Christian life. Show the world what a Christian is (Matthew 5:13-16)!

Let us resolve to be ORDERLY. Orderly means a soldier assigned to perform services. We are soldiers in the Lord's army, and we need to be doers, not hearers only (James 1:22). It is absolutely essential that we, being followers of Jesus, emulate His example in doing the will of our heavenly Father (John 4:24). God pronounces a blessing upon all those who both hear and do His will (Revelation 22:14).

Let us resolve to be truly a NEW PERSON IN CHRIST (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are new in Christ; the old sinful self has been put to death (Romans 6:6). The old man is the sinful man, a servant of sin (Romans 6:17), but in Christ we are new people! The new man is "created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:24). A new man is indeed a Christ-like man (Colossians 3:10). Are we Christ like? Do people see a difference between the old you and the new you (1 Peter 4:4)?

Let us resolve to SUPPORT THIS CONGREGATION! I love the church of our Lord! Have you ever wondered just what you could do to support, to help this congregation be what God desires for it? We can support, help this congregation by:

- A. Living pure lives.
- B. Giving the men of this congregation support.
- C. Promoting love and unity.
- D. Never bringing shame to this congregation.
- E. Giving as God as commanded.
- F. Doing the best you can for the cause of Christ.
- G. Attending every service.
- H. Putting God first.

What are you going to do with this new year God has given you?

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