

PRAYER LIST

CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
TED BRWON, Sherri Clopton's dad, home rehab
DWIGHT CALLENS, knee surgery recovery at home; ongoing physical therapy
KRISTYE HALL CHASTANG, cousin of Renée Cumberland, recently diagnosed with cancer
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; recurrence of rare form of cancer
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BETTY JOHNSON, home-bound
JORDAN KINDLE, 14yrolld 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
MIKE McCRARY, Josh McCrary's dad
HARYLEY MADISON, medical issues related to traffic accident last year
JENNIFER MARTIN, auto accident spinal injury
BETSY PARNELL, friend of Cindy Harper – chemo/radiation for cancer
RHIANNA POMROY, surgery – Dec 23rd
REATHA RAINER family in her recent passing
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

February 20 : Sandy Vinson
February 24 : Byron & Brandie Madison

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

Fourth Sunday Fellowship Next Sunday..



POTLUCK DINNER

..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!

What Biblical Principles Can We Learn from a Dog?

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- 3) ... since He was willing to give His life for ours (John 10:11; John 15:13; Romans 5:7-8; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 3:16). The result of a sacrificial life is an eternal reward (Matthew 16:27; Romans 2:6; 1 Corinthians 3:8; 1 Peter 1:17; Revelation 2:23; Revelation 22:12).
- 4) **DOGS ARE TRUSTING**
Dogs trust their masters implicitly! They trust that they will provide for their every need. God's Word teaches that our heavenly Father (our Master) will provide our every need (Matthew 6:24-34; Philippians 4:19) if we will only trust Him (Hebrews 2:13; cf. Job 13:15; Psalm 18:2; Isaiah 12:2).
- 5) **DOGS ARE HELPFUL**
There is a television program called "Animal Planet" that demonstrates how properly trained dogs can help mentally and physically challenged people carry on normal everyday activities.
The Psalmist declares that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1) and because of His help "we will not fear, though the

earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea" (Psalm 46:2). Because of God's help in our troubled lives, we should be willing to help others (Acts 2:45; Acts 4:34-35; Philippians 4:3; 2 Corinthians 8).

6) **DOGS ARE DEPENDABLE**

Dogs are always there when you need them (unlike human beings!). In like manner, God is always there when we need Him! Our God is dependable! (Genesis 28:15; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5).

7) **DOGS ARE PROTECTIVE**

When their master is being attacked by an individual or animal bent on doing bodily harm to them, dogs are extremely protective of their master and immediately come to their aid. As faithful followers of our Master (Christ), we should be willing to protect the truth of the gospel at any cost (Acts 4:16-20; Acts 5:27-33; Acts 7:51-60; 1 Timothy 6:1; 2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9; Jude 1:3).

8) **DOGS ARE FRIENDLY**

Dogs are usually friendly toward all people unless trained otherwise. They display a "friendly" disposition when we arrive home from work, play with them and certainly when we feed them! In order for us as Christians to win others for Christ, we must demonstrate friendliness toward others. Our Lord was "a friend of publicans and sinners" (Matthew 11:19) because He knew they needed spiritual help and healing from sin (Matthew 9:10-13).

9) **DOGS ARE GENTLE**

As dogs usually display the characteristic of gentleness in the demeanor toward their masters, we as Christians should display the same characteristic toward our fellow man (Ephesians 6:5; Titus 3:2; James 3:17; 1 Peter 2:18).

10) **DOGS ARE KIND**

Well trained dogs are usually kind not only to their masters but to their whole human family as well. This author has seen children riding the backs of Great Danes and Saint Bernard dogs without incident.

In fact, these very huge dogs seem to really enjoy carrying children on their backs! As Christians, we are admonished to be kind to our fellow man (Ephesians 4:32) as our Lord (Master) was even to "the unthankful and to the evil" (Luke 6:35).

CONCLUSION:

Brethren, let us be found striving to possess every characteristic that "man's best friend" possesses as we have enumerated in this article. If we will incorporate these biblical principles and characteristics into our everyday lives, we will not only win more souls for our Master, but will bring more honor and glory to Him (Matthew 5:14-16; John 15:8; Philippians 1:11). *Mike Riley* ✉ gewatkins.net

A special note of thanks straight from the heart

Dear Church family,

*Thank you for your calls, visits, concern,
& prayers during my hospital stay.*

We appreciate all of you.

Dwight & Sandra