

PRAYER LIST

CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
JO ANN BROSELL, friend of Kathy St. Clair –
Surgery, Wednesday 2/22/2017
TED BRWON, Sherri Clopton's dad, home rehab
KRISTYE HALL CHASTANG, cousin of Renée
Cumberland, recently diagnosed with cancer
ETHEL CLARK, 4 deaths - Durr family last week
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
BETTY HOWARD, Sabrina Collins' mom, recently
diagnosed with stomach & liver cancer
219 Magnolia RD ~ Crosby MS 39633
JUDY JENNINGS, former member; recurrence of
rare form of cancer ~ 2027 Green Gate PL ~
Grayson, GA 30017-1857
BETTY JOHNSON, home-bound
JORDAN KINDLE, 14yrolde 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
JENNIFER MARTIN, auto accident spinal injury
BETSY PARNELL, friend of Cindy Harper –
chemo/radiation for cancer
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

March 9 : Renée Cumberland
March 10 : Eugene & Mary White
March 11 : Tim Beech

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

Elder Installation

Andy Duncan was put before the
congregation, two weeks ago today, as
becoming the third elder. Today, following the
allotted period of time, Andy will be installed as
an elder of the Meridian Church of Christ.

We rejoice with Andy and Angela Duncan in
this honor, as well as Andy's willingness to join
the leadership of the Church.

Please keep in prayer Andy, as well as Tom
and Dwight as they work together, and with us
all in the Lord's work.

If Every Member Were Just Like Me

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...commands in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and
preach the gospel to every creature." We can't just sit back
and say, "People know where we are, they'll come and see us
if they have questions."

If every member of this church were like me, what would
our reputation be? Acts 2:46 tell us that the First Century
Christians continued "daily with one accord in the temple, and
broke bread from house to house, and did eat their meat with
gladness and singleness of heart." They studied daily and were
welcome in peoples' houses. Verse 47 says they had "favor
with all the people." Ask yourself, "If every member were like
me, would that be this congregation's reputation?"

If every member were just like me, what would our
spiritual strength be? We need to answer all of these questions
honestly, but especially this one. Ephesians 6:10 says to "be
strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." Can we
honestly say that we're strong in the Lord? Do we blame Him
for our trials and troubles? In James 1:13, James writes by
inspiration, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted

of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." In plain English, "Don't blame
God when you're tempted! God can't be tempted by evil and He doesn't use evil to tempt others." Our
ailments and difficulties are not punishment from God and He doesn't try to lead us away from righteousness!
We're foolish if we think He does!

If every member were just like me, what would the growth of the church be like? Again we go to
Acts 2:47, which tells us that the Lord added to the church daily those that were being saved. This happened
after Peter preached the first gospel sermon. If every member were just like me, would there be additions
today because of some part I played in teaching someone?

What sort of friendliness would there be, if every member were just like me? Would we bolt for the back
door as soon as the last song was
sung, or would we stay around to
meet and visit with people? In
Proverbs 18:24, the Bible says, "A
man that hath friends must shew
himself friendly: and there is a
friend that sticketh closer than a
brother." Churches of Christ
should be places that people enjoy
worshiping and visiting because
true Christians should be the
friendliest people anyone ever
meets.

How many outsiders would be
invited to church if every member
were just like me? Would the
visitors equal or outnumber the
"regulars," or would we hardly
ever see a visitor? (Isa. 2:3).

How many visitors would be
invited into our homes, if every
member were just like me? In
Hebrews 13:1&2, the inspired
writer says, "Let brotherly love
continue. 2Be not forgetful to
entertain strangers: for thereby
some have entertained angels
unawares." Remember also that
Jesus said if we show hospitality
to the least among us, we show it
to Him (Matt. 25:40). What if
every member were just like me?
What kind of church would this
be? Give it some thought.

✦ R. W. McAlister preaches for the
Anna Church of Christ in Anna, IL ✦
He may be contacted through the
congregation's website:

<http://www.annachurchofchrist.com/>



Saturday, April 22, 2017

Shiloh Ridge Golf Club

Registration and Breakfast beginning
at 7:15am. Tee off at 8am.

4 MAN SCRAMBLE

COST:

Early Registration of \$275 per team if
registered by March 15

After March 15 cost is \$300 per team

\$100 per team deposit due at
time of registration.

Team Name	_____
Contact Person	_____
Phone Number	_____
Team Members:	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Amount Paid: \$	_____
Lunch provided after tournament. Please indicate if you plan to stay for lunch.	_____ yes _____ no
Mail to:	Pine Vale Children's Home 1872 Cty. Road 700, Corinth, MS 38834
	<i>Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition.</i>