

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
ODELL GURLEY, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment
CHELSEA HALL, age 24; cancer recovery; friend of Lara King; Renée Cumberland's cousin's wife
CHRIS HATCHER, brother-in-law of Paul Guy
BETTY HOWARD, Sabrina Collins' mom, recently diagnosed with liver cancer; treatments at Emory in Atlanta GA; % William Howard 2715 Angel Oak CIR ~ Dacula GA 30019
JUDY JENNINGS, former member; recurrence of rare form of 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;
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 Family in her passing 3/8, Moriah McCrary's mom – Moriah's address: 206 Church ST ~ Ripley MS 38663
AL ST. CLAIR
THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom
ROB WARREN
EUGENE WHITE, cancer
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE
VICTIMS of RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS
THROUGHOUT the COUNTRY

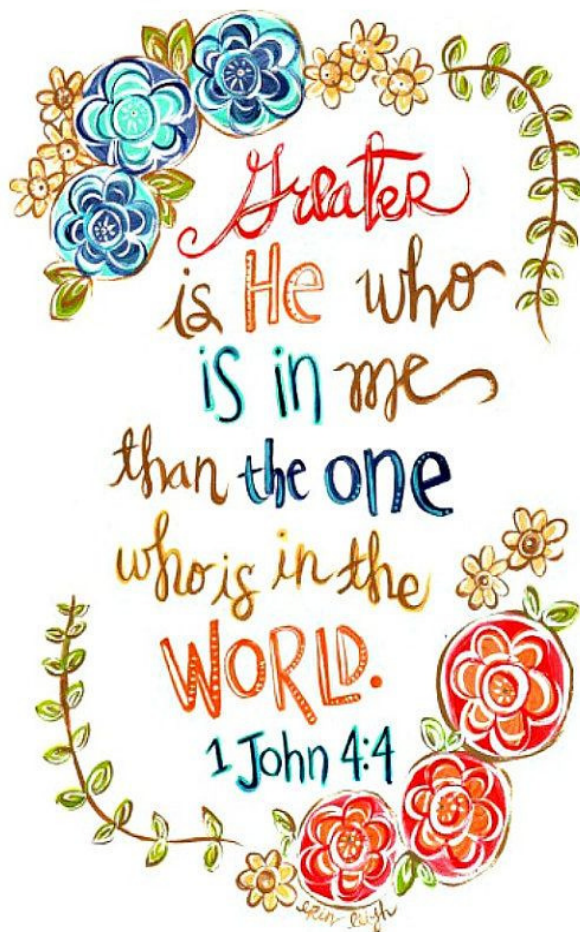
ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

April 4 : Ralph Hubbard

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

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Abigail in the Bible An Extraordinary Woman of Integrity

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...husband (1 Samuel 25:28). She humbled herself and interceded for her people before David. Desiring to intercede on behalf of one's family requires a character of humility, sacrifice and personal cost. The result of Abigail's actions was that David's heart was softened and he was kept from bloodshed that day. He accepted her offering and granted her request (1 Samuel 25:35). Abigail was godly in that:

- 1) **She was a wise woman** – She recognized the need to humble herself and intercede for her people before David and was willing to do so (1 Samuel 25:28).
- 2) **She was a courageous woman** – Abigail risked her life, firstly by not telling her husband of her plans. In those times women were their husband's property. Nabal was a wealthy man (vs. 2) – she could have lost everything – even her life, for taking matters into her own hands. Secondly, going to meet David was very risky – can you imagine riding into that mountain ravine on a donkey (1 Samuel 25:20) and coming towards you are 400 men with swords and an angry leader at their head? (1 Samuel 25:13). But Abigail was a courageous woman and her motive was to plead for the lives of others – she didn't think of herself – she was prepared to die.
Note: We may not be called to risk our lives, but we too can be bold and courageous. We can speak out against injustice and intercede for the oppressed (Isaiah 1:17 – ESV).
- 3) **She was a prophetic woman** – Abigail spoke prophetic words to David. David realized this and as a result much bloodshed was averted that day (1 Samuel 25:33).
- 4) **She was a faithful woman** – She believed in God and spoke forth His message to David (1 Samuel 25:26). Abigail was rewarded for her faithfulness – she became wife to David, the future King (1 Samuel 25:42).

CONCLUSION

Abigail was certainly a woman of integrity and destiny along with many other women we read about in the Bible who God used in extraordinary ways – Esther, Deborah, Hannah, Mary, to name just a few. These women did remarkable things in their day and generation. God wants us to do remarkable things for Him in our day and generation! (Matthew 28:19-20). The question we need to ask ourselves is, “are we willing to display the integrity and courage in our lives that Abigail displayed in hers in carrying out the Lord's will?” (Matthew 7:21).

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