

# 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  
**LINDA BULLOCK**, recent skin cancer surgery  
**MIKE CUMBEFRAND**, J C Stennis Memorial Hospital, DeKalb, Room 107; admitted Thurs 6/8 for a couple of weeks wound care  
**ODELL GURLEY**, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment  
**CHRIS HATCHER**, brother-in-law of Paul Guy  
**THERMAN HODGE**, recent diagnosis/Melanoma  
**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;  
**WALTER KING**, Lamar's dad, heart cath with stint  
**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**  
**AL ST. CLAIR**  
**THELMA TALBERT**, Shirley Raley's mom  
**RUTH TAYLOR**, Mobile AL friend of Jason Smith, Room 102 at Brookdale Meridian, 4555 35<sup>th</sup> AVE, Meridian, MS 39305  
**AMBER TUTTLE**, Beth Dyer's cousin from Anderson, IN; suffered 3<sup>rd</sup> burns over 1/3 of her body during fire which destroyed her house  
**ROB WARREN**  
**EUGENE WHITEVELMA "DUCK" YATES**  
**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES**  
**CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**  
**VICTIMS of RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS**  
**THROUGHOUT the COUNTRY**

# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

June 12: Jacob King

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

## ELDER, DEACON & PREACHER MEETING

Sunday, June 11, 2017  
immediately following  
morning worship service



# FAITHFUL FATHERS

It has been said that Father's Day is just like Mother's Day except you spend less on the gift! All humor aside, society has sadly downplayed the importance of a father in the home. Too many children are being raised without their fathers in their lives. And too many fathers who are still in the same home with their children are not active enough in their families' lives.

**FATHERS ARE TO BE THE PROVIDERS OF THE FAMILY** (Genesis 3:17-19; 1 Timothy 5:8). This is an awesome task. Proverbs 20:6 states, "Most men will proclaim their goodness, but who can find a faithful man?" We could easily paraphrase that to "who can find a faithful father?" What must a faithful father provide for his family?

**FAITHFUL FATHER PROVIDES FOR THE PHYSICAL NEEDS OF THE FAMILY** (2 Corinthians 12:14; Matthew 7:9-10). By the way, besides the obvious (food, clothing, shelter, etc.), our children need our time as well. The greatest physical thing we can give our children is ourselves.

**FAITHFUL FATHER PROVIDES FOR THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF THE FAMILY** (Ephesians 6:4; Isaiah 38:19). Fathers, we need to take the spiritual lead and guide our families toward heaven. They also need to see in us people who are serious about honoring and serving God properly.

**FAITHFUL FATHER PROVIDES FOR THE PROPER DISCIPLINE OF THE FAMILY** (Hebrews 12:7, 11; Proverbs 13:24). There are many effective forms of discipline, and a faithful father knows that proper and timely discipline will yield the fruit of righteousness.

**FAITHFUL FATHER PROVIDES SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY** (Colossians 3:21; Psalms 103:13). We need to express our love, communicate with, and show compassion to our children. They need to see our "ears" and our "tears" from time to time.

While fathers upon the earth may fail in these areas from time to time, we need to remember that God, our heavenly Father, is perfect (Matthew 5:48). And as such, He provides for His children perfectly. He provides for our physical needs (Matthew 7:11), He provides for our spiritual direction (Psalms 73:24), He provides for us proper discipline (Hebrews 12:5-6), and He provides sympathetic love and compassion (Psalms 86:3, 5, 15).

This Father's Day, express your appreciation to your earthly father. But every day, express your appreciation to your Heavenly Father who provides us with all we need.

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