

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,
ODELL GURLEY, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment
CHRIS HATCHER, brother-in-law of Paul Guy
THERMAN HODGE, kidney cancer/Tulane
JUDY JENNINGS, former member; recurrence of rare form of cancer ~ 2027 Green Gate PL ~ Grayson, GA 30017-1857
BETTY JOHNSON, home-bound
JORDAN KINDLE, 14yr old boy at Clarkdale; at St Jude undergoing chemo for cancer tumors; friends of Rob & Doris Warren family;
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad, post-aneurism surgery recovery at home
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
ZELIA STEPHENS, aunt of Jason Smith; cancer recurrence; traveling to Houston for consult
THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom
RUTH TAYLOR, Mobile AL friend of Jason Smith, Room 102 at Brookdale Meridian, 4555 35th AVE, Meridian, MS 39305
AMBER TUTTLE, Beth Dyer's cousin from Anderson, IN; suffered 3rd° burns over 1/3 of her body during fire which destroyed her house
ROB WARREN
EUGENE WHITE
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

July 30 : Terry Dyer
July 31 : Terry & Cindy Harper
July 31 : Byron Madison
August 1 : Caleb Warren

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

Fifth Sunday Special Offering today for Pine Vale Children's Home "Raise the Roof" Building Fund

Following the usual offering we will pass the collection plate a second time, in order to help raise money for the Home's Building Fund.

Each Fifth Sunday, about four times yearly, we will have this special offering for the building fund at the home.

Your generosity is always appreciated in helping to support the children in need of Godly, Christian family life in which they receive at Pine Vale.

ELDERS



DEACONS



PREACHER MEETING

Sunday, August 6th at 4pm

Abigail in the Bible An Extraordinary Woman of Integrity

~continued from cover~

... prevented certain disaster regarding herself and her family by humbling herself before David (1 Samuel 25:23-31). Abigail did an extraordinary thing when she took the blame for the sin of her 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).

gewatkins.net/abigail-in-the-bible/