

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
MIKE CUMBEFRAND, The Oaks Rehab/Healthcare Rm 114 – 3716 Hwy 39 North, Meridian MS 39301
ANGELA DUNCAN, knee surgery recovery – 9/6
ODELL GURLEY, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment
THERMAN HODGE, surgery recovery for cancer
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, post-aneurism surgery recovery at home
NAN LEGGETT, Brookhaven, MS area; friend of Mike/Renée Cumberland; fell/broke wrist & is now wheelchair bound due to continued increasing leg muscle issues
MIKE McCRARY, Josh McCrary's dad
JENNIFER MARTIN, auto accident spinal injury
BETSY PARNELL, friend of Cindy Harper –
MRS GENE RALEY, Stan's mom – health issues
STAN RALEY
AL ST. CLAIR
ZELIA STEPHENS, aunt of Jason Smith; cancer
THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom
RUTH TAYLOR, 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, injury/fall from ladder
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE HURRICANE VICTIMS of LATEST STORMS

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

September 10 : Braxton Beech
September 11 : Dick Vinson
September 12 : Laurie Hall

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

Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Special Contribution Today, September 10th

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Pine Vale Children's Home Fall Food Collection

Until we receive confirmation from Pine Vale, the following items will need to be dropped off in the annex no later than Sunday, October 1st. As always, thanks for your generous hearts in assisting Pine Vale and its children when the need arises.

BBQ sauce or Dale's type sauce
Canned Mushrooms or Green Olives
Panty Liners

"I Don't Want To Be A Pharisee!"

A song we often sang when we were children exclaims, "I don't want to be a Pharisee!" Why did we sing (or still sing) that song? Regrettably, there are people in our day who end up being Pharisees. The Pharisees of Jesus' day had, apparently started out wanting to please God. When immorality and unrighteousness prevailed in the lives of so many Jews who had abandoned the laws of God, the Pharisees became known as a religious sect that wanted to obey every one of God's commands. And, if God wasn't clear enough on what He wanted, they created a whole bunch of new commands. The Pharisees were considered a very religious people who took their faith seriously. Now it is true that people in every age should take their faith seriously; however, one can easily step over the line, from pleasing God to disobeying Him, by becoming like the Pharisees of Jesus day. In this month's Question Box, we ask you to study three traps that warped the Pharisees thinking. **Please read the story found in John 8: 1-11 (use KJV) and write True or False to each of the following 12 statements.** (Paul Franks)

1) "Rules Become More Important Than People!"

_____ 1. The Pharisee didn't really care about the woman, they were trying to _____ Jesus that they might have to _____ him." (John 8: ____)

_____ 2. "If you are not going to _____ people when we invite them to church, don't invite them." "Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly _____; in honor preferring one another." (Romans ____:10) [Both blanks, same word]

_____ 3. "The Lord is _____ to us-ward, not willing that any should _____, but that all should come to _____." (2 Peter 3: ____)

2) "Their Agenda Became God's Agenda (at least in their thinking!)"

_____ 4. The Pharisees of the Bible saw Jesus as an enemy of **their** god. Their god was always on **their** side. So anyone who opposed them was opposing God.

_____ 5. A sure sign of becoming like a Pharisee is that when (a) people aren't listening to you, (b) your opinion is being ignored and/or (c) things are NOT going your way, you become really _____. "Be ye _____, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath." (Ephesians ____:26) [Both blanks, same word]

3) "They Believed Their Personal Sins Could be Covered up as Long as They Outwardly Kept Their Rules!"

_____ 6. "Even so ye also outwardly appear _____ unto men, but within ye are full of _____ and _____." (Matthew ____: 28)

_____ 7. You can hate your brother or sister in the church, but as long as you obey all of the "important rules" you are okay with God.

_____ 8. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the _____, and though I give my body to be _____, and have not _____, it profiteth me _____." (I Cor. 13: ____)

_____ 9. Jesus taught us to judge between sin and iniquity and to take a stand against all immorality. However, many people today do not like the teachings of Jesus against sin and immorality and are often heard quoting (**out of context**) verses like, "_____ not, that ye be not _____." (Matthew ____:1) and "He that is without _____ among you, let him first cast a _____ at her." John 8: _____)

_____ 10. Jesus told the woman in John 8:____ to "Go, and _____ no more." She had not come to him for forgiveness. She was dragged there against her will. He doesn't say "your sins are forgiven."

_____ 11. Jesus will come again and condemn all who live lives of sin. (2 Thess. 1: ____; 2 Cor. 5: ____)

_____ 12. "Knowing therefore the _____ of the Lord, we _____ men;" (2 Cor. 5: ____)