

PRAYER LIST

RILEY AGAN, Jared Agan's brother – possible surgery if cut tendon

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 from rehab

RAY CANTRELL, brother of Linda Bowen of Waynesboro; Anderson Hospital

MIKE CUMBEFRAND, Home Therapy

ODELL GURLEY, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment

THERMAN HODGE, surgery recovery for cancer

JERE JENNINGS, Judy's husband – multiple blood clots in lungs

JUDY JENNINGS, former member; cancer recurrence ~ 2027 Green Gate PL ~ Grayson, GA 30017-1857

BETTY JOHNSON, home-bound

CRIMSON KOESTLER, surgery for broken elbow

WALTER KING, Lamar's dad, post-aneurism surgery recovery at home

NAN LEGGETT, Brookhaven, MS area; friend of Mike/Renée Cumberland; leg muscle syndrome

JENNIFER MARTIN, auto accident spinal injury

PAM PARKER, Dewey Wall's daughter – heart cath

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

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

November 23: Alan Jensen

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

Upcoming Holidays Worship Schedule

Wednesday, November 22: no Bible Study

Sunday, December 24th: 10am Worship Service only

Adult Christmas Party

This year's party is set for Thursday, December 7th. This year we will be dining and playing Dirty Santa at Red Lobster located on the South Frontage Road, Meridian. Festivities to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Those wishing to join in the fun, whether or not you decide to participate in the Dirty Santa game, please sign up on the flyer on the foyer bulletin board, or contact Renée and she will add you to the list. Please indicate the number attending in your party so we can give a total to Red Lobster a week before the party. If you do plan to participate in the *Dirty Santa* game, please keep in mind the gift price remains at a maximum of \$20.



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Teen Christmas Party

Friday, December 8th from 6pm-until at the Meridian Church of Christ fellowship hall. In addition to eating supper, we will wrap Pine Vale Children's Home gifts. If you want to play Dirty Santa, bring a gift of no more than \$10.

Pine Vale Christmas Party Saturday, December 9th

The fun begins at 11am at the Foote Street Church of Christ Annex. Bring Pot Luck Foods.

For information on helping with the purchases of our assigned 10 year-old, 5th grade young lady, please see Glenda Rives.

Wish List is on the foyer bulletin board. There will be a caravan traveling to Corinth. See Randy Rives if interested in going.

Thankful?

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Second, note their pitiful cry (17:13). They were not begging for alms—they were begging for mercy. They knew what was important! They knew who to ask—Jesus! Therefore, He is the source of mercy!

Third, note the miraculous healing (17:14). By such, we see how faith operates (cf. 17:19)—their cleansing occurred when they obeyed Jesus! In like manner, our cleansing from sin occurs when our faith complies with obedience. Only Jesus could cleanse/ heal them. I believe the command from Jesus is quite significant, considering Matthew 5:17: *“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.”* He could have triumphed over the Law of Moses, but rather, He fulfilled it (cf. Matt. 17:24-27). In other words, He understood the authority of the word of God (cf. Matthew 28:18).

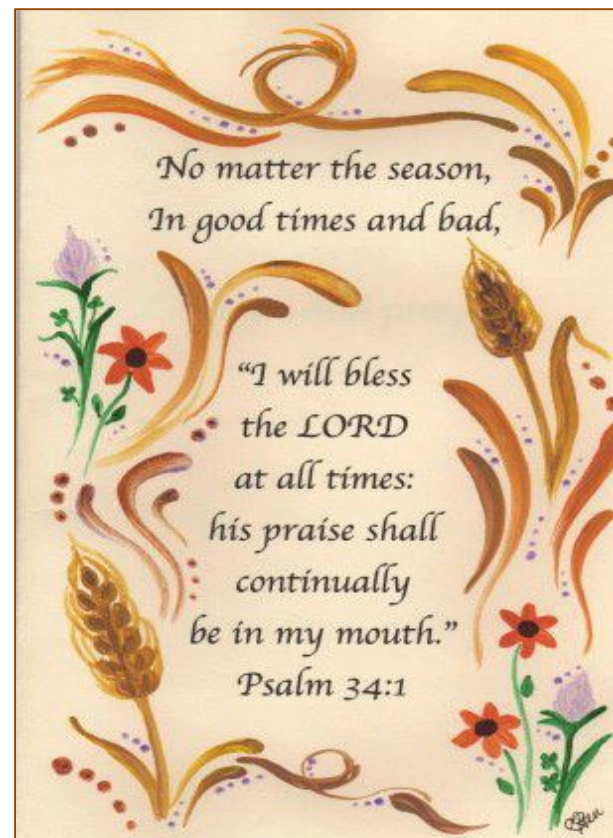
Fourth, note the thankful Samaritan (17:15-16). The emphasis that Luke gives to this man being a Samaritan probably implies that the others were Jews—if not all, then some. Jesus often spoken of Gentiles, *“I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.”* Thus, positive interaction with Samaritans prepared the soil for Philip in Acts 8!

Fifth, note the penetrating question, which is the title of this article (17:17). The sin of ingratitude is one of the ugliest of all sins (cf. Romans 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:1-2). Moreover, the sin of ingratitude is a root sin of unfaithfulness. For example, would Adam and Eve have eaten of the forbidden fruit if they had really been grateful for the fruit from the tree of life? Would Judas have betrayed Jesus if he had been grateful as one of his closest companions? Would spouses who cheat on each other do so if they were truly grateful for their mates? The list of examples is almost endless!

How do we conquer ingratitude? First, put away selfishness (cf. Acts 20:35). Second, become a humble servant (cf. Matthew 20:26-27; Philippians 2:3-11). Third, count your many blessings! Jesus is our example of being thankful. He gave thanks for the bread and cup in the Passover Feast to represent the Lord's Supper. Are we thankful for what Jesus has given us? May we never represent the unthankful nine!

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