

PRAYER LIST

CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
JO ANN BROSELL, friend of Kathy St. Clair – surgery, Wednesday 2/22/2017
TED BROWN, Sherri Clopton's dad, home rehab
LINDA BULLOCK
RAY CANTRELL, brother of Linda Bowen of Waynesboro; Anderson Hospital
MIKE CUMBERLAND, leg issues/home therapy
PEGGY CUMBERLAND, Mike's mom; health issues; Baptist Hospital/Jackson MS
CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend; chemo following stage 3 cancer brain tumor excision
ANTORIOS GROVES, Ethel Clark's son-in-law, cancer; 105 Lexington DR, Hattiesburg MS 39402
ODELL GURLEY, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment
THERMAN HODGE, cancer: skin & bone
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
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad, post-aneurism surgery recovery at home
JAMIE DIAL KIRKLAND, Livingston, AL, Cindy Harper's friend – breast cancer & in spine
NAN LEGGETT, Brookhaven, MS area; friend of Mike/Renée Cumberland; leg muscle syndrome
GENE & CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's parents
STEVE McKENNA, Rush 327 following stroke
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
ROB WARREN
WAYNE WARREN, Rob's dad cardiac issues
EUGENE WHITE, health issues
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

January 28 : Tina Beech

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

Fourth Sunday

Fellowship Today..
..following morning service.



POTLUCK DINNER

Our Evening worship
service will follow at 12:30.

As always, our visitors are
our most honored guests.
Please plan to join us!

Bathrooms, Marriage, Geese and Ganders

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This is not, as some presuppose, a blanket condemnation against all judgment at all times. Elsewhere Jesus also said, "judge with a righteous judgment," (John 7:24) and in the same context as Matthew 7:1, Jesus tells His followers not to cast their pearls before swine, a definite command requiring a judgment of character (cf. Matthew 7:6)

What Jesus was teaching was that one should not seek to apply standards to other people that one is unable or unwilling, to live up to. If you're going to make it a habit of stepping on other people's toes, make sure you are willing to step on your own. If you are going to encourage others to have high standards, be willing to have them yourself.

Jesus would, in a similar vein, criticize the scribes and the Pharisees for not being willing to live according to the standards they expected of others. He would say, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore, whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers." (Matthew 23:2-4; NKJV) It was because of such behavior that Jesus judged and denounced them for being hypocrites

We might notice that Jesus did not expect His followers to live down to their lowest expectations of others. Quite the contrary!

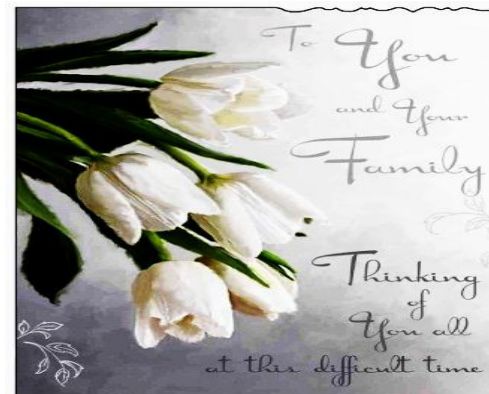
For instance, Jesus did not tell His disciples to learn to be content with their planks and specks. They were not to accept such things as normal. Rather, He expected them to progress to a place of spiritual maturity, where, absent planks and beams, they would be able to remove specks from the eyes of their brothers.

Likewise, He did not criticize the Pharisees and the Scribes for what they were teaching. He told the people to make sure and obey Moses' Law when it was taught. Rather, Jesus wanted people to be willing to apply the same correct standards to themselves as they were applying to others.

God does not have double standards. What is good for the goose is good for the gander. He applies the same standards of high moral conduct to all men, and expects men to do the same. (cf. Acts 10:34-35, 17:30) There is not one standard for preachers and another for non-preachers. There is not one standard for believers and another for non-believers. There is not one standard for people related to us, and another standard for those who aren't. God judges all men equally.

Our duty as the Creation is to learn the standards of God and then apply them to ourselves, and to others, regardless of how they step on our toes. Or, as the case may be, *especially* when they step on our own toes.

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Our Deepest Sympathy

is Extended to

Carley Monsour & Family

In the passing of her beloved grandfather,

Thomas "Tommy" Joseph Monsour

Monday, January 22, 2018

A Memorial Service was held

Thursday, January 25, 2018