PRAYER LIST

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

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
RAY CANTRELL, brother of Linda Bowen of Waynesboro; Anderson Hospital
MIKE CUMBERLAND, leg issues/home therapy
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

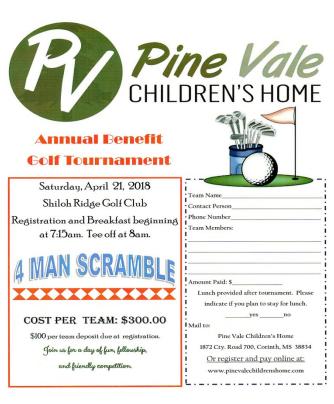
ODELL GURLEY, Jeremy's (Elizabeth Fair Gurley) granddad; lung cancer treatment
THERMAN HODGE, cancer: skin & bone
JERE & JUDY JENNINGS- former members
2027 Green Gate PL ~ Grayson, GA 30017-1857
BETTY JOHNSON, home-bound
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad, post-aneurism surgery recovery at home
JAMIE DIAL KIRKLAND, Livingston, AL, Cindy Harper's friend – breast cancer & in spine
NAN LEGGETT, Brookhaven, MS area; friend of Mike/Renée Cumberland; inherited debilitating leg muscle syndrome

GENE & CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's parents STAN RALEY AL ST. CLAIR

ZELIA STEPHENS, aunt of Jason Smith; cancer THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom

 RUTH TAYLOR, Room 102 at Brookdale in Meridian, 4555 35th AVE, Meridian, MS 39305
 PERRY TUBBY, Work-related accident; home recovery following surgeries in Alabama
 DICK & SANDY VINSON, continue to suffer flu
 DEWEY WALL, recent stint replacement
 ROB WARREN
 WAYNE WARREN, Rob's dad cardiac issues
 VELMA "DUCK" YATES
 MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES
 CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE March 1: Ethel Clark



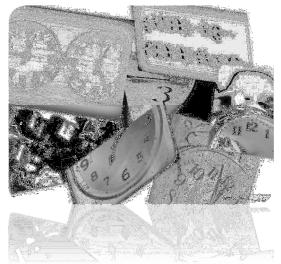


A Little Time By Clifton Angel

By the time you are able to read this article, we will be in the month of February 2018. By this, I am reminded of how time is seemingly fleeting. James wrote, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). If we only have "a little time" on this earth, and we cannot deny the process of aging and decay (see Ecclesiastes 12:1–7), and we cannot deny our appointment with death (see Hebrews 9:27), what should we be doing with our time?

We know "time flies when you're having fun" (and if you're a frog, "time is fun when you're having flies"). Some say, "Life is short; live it up." Some exclaim, "YOLO!" (meaning, "you only live once"). And each of the latter is about fulfilling your own lusts and

desires with no acknowledgement of God as the supplier of one's life and time. The truth is, time is flying whether we're having fun or not. The truth is, life on earth is short. The truth is, you do only live once on earth. Furthermore, the truth is, we only have this one short life to prepare for eternity hereafter. Therefore, instead of using all of our time fulfilling our own desires, we need to be "redeeming the time, because the days are evil [meaning, we are decaying and dying]" (Ephesians 5:16). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10).



Why, James, have you written to us about the fleeting of our lives? 1. Because "ye know not what shall be on the morrow" (James 4:14). 2. Because "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). The latter verse is not about sin in general. It is about the sin of procrastination. It is about the sin of the unwise use of time. It is about the sin of using our time for ungodliness. We are ... blessed to have "a little time" on earth. God is the designer, provider, and sustainer of this time. Are we using it to serve Him? "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:9–10).

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