

# 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  
**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**  
**KELLY RICHARDSON**, Fair family friend - cancer  
**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 35<sup>th</sup> AVE, Meridian, MS 39305  
**PERRY TUBBY**, Work-related accident; home recovery following surgeries in Alabama  
**DICK & SANDY VINSON**, continue to suffer flu  
**DEWEY WALL**  
**ROB WARREN**  
**WAYNE WARREN**, Rob's dad cardiac issues  
**VELMA "DUCK" YATES**  
**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**

# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

March 1 : Ethel Clark  
 March 4 : Tommy Beech  
 March 9 : Renée Cumberland

## How Do We Forgive Others?

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...our character to stand ready to forgive and not to hold sin against another. In this sense, Jesus could pray on the cross, *"Father forgive them"* (Luke 23:34). It is in this sense that Stephen uttered, *"Lay not this sin to their charge"* (Acts 7:60). Just as it is God's wish that all men be forgiven, it is every Christian's wish that God forgive all men. The Christian must not bear within his or her heart malice and hatred toward his fellow man but rather the tender spirit of compassion and desire for them to come to God in humble obedience to His will. So while unforgiven sin stands within the life of the sinner, the Christian will place this out of his mind and not focus on thoughts of vengeance but on good thoughts of mercy and compassion. Paul writes, *"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good"* (Romans 12:19-21).

Finally, it is very conceivable that one person may offend another person without having committed an objective sin against God. Perhaps you and I are traveling down the road in separate cars and I swerve to avoid a large object in the road and hit your car—the car for which you have recently purchased a very expensive paint job. This might cause you to be somewhat upset. I would have indeed have offended you, though, God's word really would not condemn this incident as a sin on my part. However in the spirit of brotherhood, I offer my apologies and ask for your forgiveness. Before I even asked, you should be willing to stand ready to forgive for such a thing. Matters of opinion should never be allowed to escalate into issues that cause division. This is the basic problem that Paul was trying to address in 1 Corinthians 6:1ff. The brethren here were going to law against one another regarding petty matters of opinion—

they were holding grudges against each other in this way. Paul had to rebuke them and tell them that they needed to settle these matters among themselves and not in a public court of law. In fact, Paul said that it would be better to suffer wrong from one brother than to act in such a way that is inconsistent with the forgiving attitude of God and Christ (1 Corinthians 6:17).

Recognizing that Christ extends forgiveness to all helps us to understand that we need to extend forgiveness as well. Having this attitude of forgiveness is what Paul discussed with the Colossians in Col. 3:13, *"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."*

Notice, if ANY man have a quarrel, we must forgive. This includes Christians and non-Christians alike.

How would you like to stand on the day of judgment holding within your heart non-forgiveness for something that someone did to you at one point in your life. What if we find out on the day of judgment that this person has become a Christian and is now covered by the blood of the lamb? Would you want to go to judgment holding a sin against someone that God has forgiven? I certainly would not, so I must in my life forgive (not hold any grudges) and hope that the sinner accepts God's forgiveness.

**Elders ~ Deacon ~ Preacher Meeting Today..**  
**Time To Be Announced**

**SECURITY DETAIL**  
 Men wanting to help with security duty for church services and/or events held at building, please see **Byron Madison**



## Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 21, 2018  
 Shiloh Ridge Golf Club  
 Registration and Breakfast beginning at 7:15am. Tee off at 8am.  
**4 MAN SCRAMBLE**  
**COST PER TEAM: \$300.00**  
 \$100 per team deposit due at registration.  
*Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition.*

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lunch provided after tournament. Please indicate if you plan to stay for lunch.  
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 Mail to:  
 Pine Vale Children's Home  
 1872 Cty. Road 700, Corinth, MS 38834  
 Or register and pay online at:  
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