

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
JOHN REEVES, recent surgery
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 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
ROB WARREN
WAYNE WARREN, Rob's dad cardiac issues
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

March 18 : Rocio Salas Jensen
 March 22 : Hannah Beech
 March 23 : Hayden Beech

Fourth Sunday Fellowship
Next Sunday..
..following morning service.

Our Evening worship service
will follow at 12:30.

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



POTLUCK DINNER



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: _____

 Amount Paid: \$ _____
 Lunch provided after tournament. Please indicate if you plan to stay for lunch.
 _____ yes _____ no
 Mail to:
 Pine Vale Children's Home
 1872 Cty. Road 700, Corinth, MS 38834
 Or register and pay online at:
www.pinevalechildrenshome.com

HYMNNOLOGY SERIES

When All of God's Singers Get Home

If I said someone named 'Presley' was a notable 20th Century songwriter born in the South, you most probably would guess that I was referring to Elvis Presley. Well, Elvis might be nicknamed 'the King', but if you interviewed residents of Faulkner and White Counties in Arkansas, they might guess that Luther G. Presley was in fact a more prolific composer than his namesake from Memphis, Tennessee. By some accounts, Luther (1887-1974) wrote 1,500 or more gospel songs, beginning officially in 1907 when his first song was published. He had in fact written his first song "Gladly Sing" some years earlier when he was just 17 years old, a few years after he had started attending music school and directing the choir at the Free Will Baptist Church near Rose Bud, Arkansas. Perhaps Presley (the lyricist) and Virgil O. Stamps (the music writer, of the Stamps-Baxter music publishing company) are most well-known for the 1937 song "When the Saints Go Marching In", but it would be unfair to limit their accomplishments to that song alone. I for one have sung many Stamps-Baxter productions that I appreciate as much or more than "When the Saints...", and in a similar way, I also appreciate another of Presley's songs – "When All of God's Singers Get Home".

Written in 1937, in the heart of nationwide deprivation, Presley's words for "When All of God's Singers Get Home" are nevertheless ebullient...does happiness, delight, mirth, joy, light, and bright -- all words in this song -- sound like someone singing the blues, like somebody who's desperate? His life must have been impacted during the Great Depression, but you sense something besides his physical environment was guiding him. One could say that Luther Presley must have been Spirit-led. His music life was abundant, despite whatever his circumstances might have dictated. Frequently, after a difficult time, he'd compose when alone, a mode reminiscent of Jesus who would also escape his surroundings and go to a mountain seeking prayer time with His Father. Presley also wrote by drawing upon real-life experiences, including "I Know the Lord Is With Me" after being in a car accident in which no one was injured, and "Give Them Red Roses (The Boys Will Be Coming Home)" near the end of World War II as he thought about his sons Clarence and Leister who were in uniform in Europe. Leister says his father also drew upon his personal loss - his wife and second child died during childbirth (although what tune or tunes he wrote at this time we do not know). It is said that he always carried paper scraps on which to record his thoughts, perhaps indicating that Luther was prepared for, and counted on, the Lord making random thoughts into something special. (I confess I now feel better about all those Post-It notes I scatter everywhere!)

Yes, Luther Presley had a gift, one so amazingly employed over such a long time...it reminds me of the title of a book, "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" (Eugene Peterson). I have tried to sum up Luther Presley's life, but I think his own words say it more powerfully through the music he wrote. Do you have a favorite Luther G. Presley song, perhaps one that he wrote in collaboration with the Stamps-Baxter company (like "When All of God's Singers Get Home", or "When the Saints Go Marching In")? Share it here, tell us what it means to you, and enrich the rest of us a little more.

* Much of the information gleaned from an April 21, 1998 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette article written by Bob Sallee. http://www.ucalldatmusic.com/L_G_Presley.htm