

# PRAYER LIST

**JEWEL ALLEN**, grandmother of friend & co-worker of Jennifer Guy – Heart Cath  
**CHERYL BARRON**, Stan Raley's sister  
**EDITH BROWN**, Cindy Harper's friend from Livingston, AL, malignant growth  
**TED BROWN**, Sherri Clopton's dad, home rehab  
**RAY CANTRELL**, brother of Linda Bowen of Waynesboro; Anderson Hospital  
**MIKE CUMBERLAND**  
**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  
**THERMAN HODGE**, cancer treatment: 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/Meridian  
4555 35<sup>th</sup> AVE, Meridian, MS 39305  
**PERRY TUBBY**, Brandie Madison's dad; work-related accident; home recovery following surgeries in Alabama  
**ROB WARREN**  
**WAYNE WARREN**, Rob's dad cardiac issues  
**VELMA "DUCK" YATES**  
**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**

# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

June 2: Linda Bullock



Tuesday, May 29, 2018  
at 5:30 p.m.

location to be announced

*This is the first of many "4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month" gatherings for the ladies of our congregation to join in sisterly fellowship, one with another, enjoying good food and fun wherever we decide to meet. Please join us!*

# What Mean These Stones?

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will – but, (a) the world will teach them wrong things; (b) the world will not teach them about eternal things; (c) the world will not teach them about spiritual matters; (d) the world will not teach them about the sacredness of life; and (f) the world will not teach them about God. Friends, one untaught generation could very well take the church into apostasy. Consider some things about Ephesus in Acts 20:29-31, 1Timothy 1:3, and Revelation 2:4. *These stones mean that each generation must be taught.*

**What mean these stones?** — These stones meant that conviction is more important than convenience. The Lord desired these people to remember Him, to keep themselves away from the gods of the land. God wanted their allegiance and service out of the conviction of their hearts. They were entering a land that had many false gods. It would be easy for them to mix and mingle with these false religions. They could be easily led astray; they could easily embrace these false religions. In fact, the biblical records show they continually had a problem with false gods. The child of God today is faced with a similar dilemma – false doctrine is a problem in our day. It is easy to worship a god of convenience instead of worshipping in truth out of conviction. In 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Paul is saying do not mix with unbelievers in any compromising relationships. Does this mean that we cannot be around unbelievers? No! How else would we be able to teach them? It does mean that we cannot enter into any relationship with an unbeliever that would cause us to be guilty of sin. *These stones mean that we must serve God out of conviction rather than out of convenience.*

**What mean these stones?** — These stones meant that God's people not only had a past — they also had a future. There was no need for a memorial if this was the end. Israel had a glorious past... they have been delivered from bondage, and they had been cared for time and time again (manna, quail, water, guidance, etc.). Not only did they have a glorious past, they also had a future – Joshua 4:21 – “In the time to come” is future. They needed to prepare each generation to tell the world about their God. If they didn't who would?

Let us consider the Lord's church. The church has a glorious past, its place in Old Testament, its establishment, its growth throughout Acts, and, it survived persecution and the Dark Ages. The fact that it still exists at all is a credit to the mighty providence of God (Colossians 1:23). There was a time when the Gospel was preached to the whole world. Those people are dead and gone, and we must be concerned about reaching the lost in our lifetime. Who will tell the world if we don't? (Ephesians 3:10) We must continue the work the Lord has assigned to the church. We cannot rest on our laurels. Certainly it is fine to remember them. Sure we should give thanks for past efforts. There is nothing wrong with feeling proud. But, we must constantly carry and defend the banner of truth. Truly we have a past, but we also have a future.

There is a new generation yet unborn that shall depend upon what we are now — today! What a glorious past ... What a glorious future! *These stones meant that while we have a past, we also have a future.*

Our part in what is now past history may have varied. Some are too young to remember. Some may have been young converts and thus were not deeply involved at that time. But now we must put our shoulders to the harness and work for the future. What mean these stones? They are a memorial for God's people. They meant that God is a God of Providence. They meant that each succeeding generation must be taught about God. They meant that conviction is more important than convenience. They meant that God's people not only had a past, but they also had a future.

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