

# PRAYER LIST

**JARED AGAN's mom**, knee surgery rehab  
**JEWEL ALLEN**, grandmother of friend & co-worker of Jennifer Guy – Heart Cath  
**CHERYL BARRON**, Stan Raley's sister  
**TED BROWN**, Sherri Clopton's dad, home rehab  
**RAY CANTRELL**, brother of Linda Bowen of Waynesboro; Anderson Hospital  
**ETHEL CLARK'S** brother Willie Alford - cancer  
**MIKE CUMBERLAND**  
**CHRIS EMOND**, Madison family friend; chemo following stage 3 cancer brain tumor excision  
**THERMAN HODGE**, cancer treatment: skin & bone  
**JERE & JUDY JENNINGS- former members**  
2027 Green Gate PL  
Grayson, GA 30017-1857  
**ALAN JENSEN SR**, Alan's dad; has been moved to a south MS hospital  
**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  
**JOY MILLER**, Collins' friend/sister-in-Christ, lymphoma  
**GENE & CHARLENE RALEY**, Stan's parents  
**STAN RALEY**  
**HELEN RICHARDSON**, Angela Duncan's mom, health issues  
**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**, physical therapy began 7/20  
**ROB WARREN**  
**WAYNE WARREN**, Rob's dad cardiac issues  
**VELMA "DUCK" YATES**  
**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES**  
**CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**  
**ALL BIBLE CAMPERS & STAFF this SUMMER**


# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

August 19 : Annalyssa King  
August 23 : Stan & Shirley Raley  
August 25 : Charles Dooley  
August 25 : Jennifer Guy  
August 25 : Alan & Rocio Salas Jensen  
August 25 : Velma "Duck" Yates

**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**

**Men's Weekly Breakfast**

This Friday at 8:30 a.m. the guys plan to  
meet at Jean's Restaurant (downtown).  
To confirm location or for more info,  
contact: Mike Cumberland at 601-479-4074

**FOLLOW-UP ON**  
**THIS YEAR'S VBS**  
after morning worship service  
Sunday morning August 19<sup>th</sup>

Please plan to stay for a few  
minutes for this follow-up as well  
suggestions for 2019's VBS.

# JESUS' BAPTISM – AND OURS

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Jesus' baptism was an act of separation, His private life behind Him and His public ministry before Him. To those baptized, "Ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 3:17-18).

Jesus' baptism was a prayerful act, as declared in Luke 3:21: "Jesus also being baptized and praying...." In baptism, prayerful hearts commit themselves to God. The "sinner's prayer" is not independent of baptism. It was in baptism that Saul (Paul) was told, "Arise and be baptized, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). While such a prayer need not be vocal, in baptism one is to seek from God the "remission of sins" and "the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38-39).

Jesus' baptism was a divinely approved act. As Jesus arose from the watery grave, the Spirit of God descended upon Him, and the voice of the Father acknowledged Him: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:16-17). We are acknowledged as children of God in Christ, as Paul wrote, "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27).

Those who refused the baptism of John "rejected the council of God against themselves, being not baptized of him" (Lk. 7:30). Men would do well to heed the principle set forth in Hebrews 12:24: "If they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven."

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**"God, who commanded the light  
to shine out of darkness, hath shined  
in our hearts, to give the light of the  
knowledge of the glory of God in the  
face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6, NKJV)**