

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
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ALAN JENSEN SR, Alan's dad; has been moved to a south MS hospital
BETTY JOHNSON, home-bound
LAMAR KING, health issues
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad, post-aneurism surgery recovery at home
JAMIE DIAL KIRKLAND, Livingston, AL, Cindy Harper's friend – breast cancer & in spine
TODD McMANUS, married to Cindy Harper's niece-in-law, Tami – pancreatic cancer
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 35th 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

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

September 9 : Dwight Callens
September 10 : Braxton Beech
September 12 : Laurie Hall

Men's Weekly Breakfast

This Friday at 8:30 a.m. the guys plan to meet at The Checkerboard. To confirm location or for more info, contact: Mike Cumberland at 601-479-4074

PLACING MEMBERSHIP

Be sure to welcome new members
Conner & Mary Madison Fitzgerald
to our family here at
Meridian Church of Christ
3712 A PL ~ Meridian MS 39301

Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, September 11, 2018
at 5:30 p.m.

☞ Cracker Barrel ☞

(Just off I20-59)

Please let Alana Fair know if you are attending

Each 2nd Tuesday of the month the ladies of our congregation join in sisterly fellowship, one with another, enjoying good food and fun wherever we decide to meet. Please join us! Locations vary.

Remodeling Your Spiritual House

There are tons of television shows centered around the idea of remodeling your home, and most of them operate on the same principle: helping a homeowner improve their living environment. Without proper care, houses deteriorate, or residents simply tire of the old furniture, paint and decorations around them. They need to remodel!

Sometimes we need the same thing spiritually! James 1:21-25 gives us a blueprint to do an "extreme makeover" on our spiritual houses, and it all centers around the powerful word of God (James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; John 17:15-17; Acts 20:28-32).

MAKE ROOM for the Word! The first thing that happens in a remodeling job is tearing out the old walls, furniture, etc. You can't bring in the new unless you get rid of some old! Likewise, in order to remodel our spiritual houses, we have to lay aside "filthiness and overflow of wickedness" (James 1:21). That means we have to throw away the sin that is in our lives and put on the "new man" (Col. 3:1-10). Sin is heavy (Heb. 12:1) and it clutters our environment. Get rid of it!

RECEIVE the Word! The next thing to do is bring in the new, useful material. For our spiritual houses, that useful material is the word of God. James says to receive it with "meekness" (James 1:21). We should have the same mind as David in Psalm 119:11 and the Christians in 1 Thess. 2:13. God's word must be "implanted" or "engrafted" into our hearts, which is God's plan (Heb. 8:6-13).

DO the Word! If you are remodeling a home, it doesn't do any good to have a bunch of lumber and uninstalled fixtures laying around. You have to actually put the stuff to work! The same goes with God's word (James 1:22). We can't be hearers only. Jesus teaches this same lesson (Luke 6:46; John 14:15).

CONTINUE in the Word! You have to take care of the new remodel! Remember Paul's words in 1 Cor. 10:1-13.

If you follow God's blueprint, you can have a successful spiritual home makeover! But make sure your house has a strong foundation first (Matt. 7:24-27; John 8:24; Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 13:3,5; John 3:3,5; Mark 16:16).

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Today's Guest Speaker

Ray Reynolds

will be speaking today at the following times, and all members are urged to be in attendance to hear Brother Reynolds bring these lessons:

Morning Class at 9 a.m. & Worship Service at 10 a.m.