

# PRAYER LIST

KATIE AGAN, health issues  
LILLIE ALFORD, Ethel Clark's sister-in-law, cancer  
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister  
LINDA BULLOCK, skin cancer removal  
CALEB COLLIE, eye issues  
TRAVIS CREASY, Titus Camp, Duncan/Reynolds friend – in remission  
MIKE CUMBERLAND, health issues  
CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend - cancer  
JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad – Anderson Hospital with multiple health issues  
THERMAN HODGE, cancer treatment: skin & bone  
JERI JENNINGS, health issues  
BETTY JOHNSON, home-bound  
JORDAN KEMBLE, Clarkedale teen, recurring brain tumor. Warren family friend  
JACOB KING, ATV accident recovery  
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad - aneurism  
HARLEY MADISON, knee surgery recovery  
JACK MEARS  
ANA OBANDO, Rocio Salas Jenson's mom – stage 3 breast cancer  
GENE & CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's parents  
STAN RALEY  
GRADY & HELEN RICHARDSON, Angela Duncan's parents, health issues  
KELLY RICHARDSON, Fair family friend - cancer  
JON SKINNER, military deployment as of April 2019  
AL ST. CLAIR  
THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom  
RUTH TAYLOR, Room 102 at Brookdale/Meridian  
4555 35<sup>th</sup> AVE,  
Meridian, MS 39305  
BARBARA TERRAL, Jennifer Guy's mom; cancer  
BRENDA THOMAS  
PERRY TUBBY, continued therapy following wreck  
ROB WARREN  
WAYNE WARREN, Rob's dad cardiac issues  
ANNIE WEBB, great-granddaughter of Cindy Harper; pre- and post- birth issues; infusion treatments  
VELMA "DUCK" YATES  
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES  
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

None this week

### Men's Weekly Breakfast

will meet this Friday for breakfast at

### The Checkerboard

To confirm location or for more info,  
contact Mike Cumberland at 601-479-4074

### RAY'S QUESTION BOX

*is a receptacle for your questions on any Biblical topic you would like to have be answered by Ray in his Sunday evening worship hour.*



## GOSPEL MEETING

### NORTHSIDE CHURCH of CHRIST

with speakers from the

### Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

Highway 39 North - Meridian

May 5 - 7, 2019

Sunday 5th 9a.m. class,

10a.m. worship & 1p.m. worship

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>: 7p.m.

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## The Holy Spirit in Romans ~ Part 3 of 4 ~

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The presence of the Holy Spirit assures the obedient Christian that Christ abides in them. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the secret of true spirituality and effective service to God. Paul stresses the importance of the Spirit as a witness to salvation (**Romans 8:16**). This is also seen in **I John 3:24, I John 4:13, and I John 5:6**).

Notice that it says that Christians can call Him "*Abba, Father*" (**Romans 8:15**). "Abba" is, of course, the Aramaic word for Father. It should be noted that the Aramaic and Hebrew languages were very similar and these are the languages in which the Old Testament was written. To address God by this name shows the most intimate relationship with Him because it is like calling Him "daddy."

If a person does not have the Spirit of God then they are not His (**Romans 8:9**). So if a person wants to belong to Him and have His Spirit they must follow God's will. If these steps have been followed, and if they live faithfully, then they are worthy to be called His children and they will be rewarded (**Revelation 2:10**). Those who are not children of God will not inherit the kingdom of heaven (**Matthew 7:21ff**).

By "*bearing witness*" with the Christian's spirit one of the great mysteries can be seen concerning a ministry of the Spirit and sonship (**Romans 8:16**). This is an affirmation of the intimate fellowship between the Christian and God. Those who commune with God the Holy Spirit will find comfort in the assurance of God's gracious fatherhood for them.

The Holy Spirit is essential to ultimate glory (**Romans 8:17**). Christians are "*heirs of God*" if they "*are His children*" (**Romans 8:17**). This is seen in **Galatians 3:29, Ephesians 3:1-7, Titus 3:7, Hebrews 6:17, 11:9, James 2:5, I Peter 2:9, 3:7**, etc. As the child is heir to the parents, Christians are heirs of God. Because of this they are united with Christ and shall share the wonder of eternal life with God. The Spirit of God is essential to ultimate glory because it is essential to inherit eternal life. ♦ Ray Reynolds ♦

### Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

↻ Outback Steakhouse at Meridian Crossings ↻

Please let Alana Fair know if you plan to attend

& how many in your party.

This will prevent confusion when getting seating.

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