PRAYER LIST

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, friend of Duncan's & Reynolds BAYLIE EASTMAN. auto accident recovery 5/8/2019 CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend - cancer DAN GIVEN, Lamar King's brother-in-law - heart bypass surgery at UAB on Wednesday, 5/29 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 WALTER KING, Lamar's dad - serious surgery on Tuesday, 5/28 in Birmingham, AL 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 Apr'19

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North Street and

THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom RUTH TAYLOR, Room 102 at Brookdale/Meridian 4555 35th AVE. Meridian. MS 39305

BARBARA TERRAL. Jennifer Guv's mom: cancer **BRENDA THOMAS**

PERRY TUBBY, continued therapy following wreck **ROB WARREN SISTERS**, Laura Hughes (Lyme

Disease: & Michelle (compressed vertebrae) 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

June 30 : Holly Hurst July 1: Shirley Raley July 5: Eli Hurst

Men's Weekly Breakfast

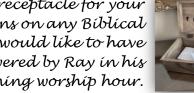
will meet this Friday for breakfast at

The Cracker Barrel

To confirm location or for more info, contact Tom Fair or Stan Raley

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.



Ladies Night Out Is Taking A Summer Break Will Repost Dates & Times When Resuming

Each 2^{nd} 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.

Early Statesmen on Jesus, Christianity, and the Bible (by David Barton) **Benjamin Rush**

SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: SURGEON GENERAL OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY: RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION: "FATHER OF AMERICAN MEDICINE": TREASURER OF THE U. S. MINT; "FATHER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION"

The Gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for just conduct in every situation of life. Happy they who are enabled to obey them in all situations!... My only hope of salvation is in the infinite transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the Cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins [Acts 22:16]. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly! [Revelation 22:20]⁹⁸

I do not believe that the Constitution was the offspring of inspiration, but I am as satisfied that it is as much the work of a Divine Providence as any of the miracles recorded in the Old and New Testament.⁹⁹

By renouncing the Bible, philosophers swing from their moorings upon all moral subjects... It is the only correct map of the human heart that ever has been published.¹⁰⁰

[T]he greatest discoveries in science have been made by Christian philosophers and . . . there is the most knowledge in those countries where there is the most Christianity.¹⁰¹

[T]he only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government is the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible.¹⁰²

The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effective means of limiting Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools.¹⁰³

[C] hristianity is the only true and perfect religion; and... in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts, they will be wise and happy.¹⁰⁴

The Bible contains more knowledge necessary to man in his present state than any other book in the world. $^{\underline{105}}$

The Bible, when not read in schools, is seldom read in any subsequent period of life... [T]he Bible... should be read in our schools in preference to all other books because it contains the greatest portion of that kind of knowledge which is calculated to produce private and public happiness.¹⁰⁶

98. Benjamin Rush, The Autobiography of Benjamin Rush, George W. Corner, editor (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1948), pp. 165-166. 99. Benjamin Rush, Letters of Benjamin Rush, L. H. Butterfield, editor (Princeton, New Jersey: American Philosophical Society, 1951), Vol. I, p. 475, to Elias Boudinot on July 9. 1788.

100. Benjamin Rush, Letters of Benjamin Rush, L. H. Butterfield, editor (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1951), Vol. II, p. 936, to John Adams, January 23, 1807.

101. Benjamin Rush, Essays, Literary, Moral and Philosophical (Philadelphia: Thomas and William Bradford, 1806), p. 84, Thoughts upon Female Education "

102. Benjamin Rush, Essays, Literary, Moral & Philosophical (Philadelphia: Thomas & Samuel F. Bradford, 1798), p. 112, "A Defence of the Use of the Bible as a School Book."

103. Benjamin Rush. Letters of Benjamin Rush. L. H. Butterfield. editor (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1951). Vol. I. p. 521, to Jeremy Belknap on July 13, 1789

104. Benjamin Rush, Essays, Literary, Moral & Philosophical (Philadelphia: Thomas & Samuel F. Bradford, 1798), p. 93, "A Defence of the Use of the Bible as a School Book." See also Rush. Letters. Vol. J. p. 578. to Jeremy Belknap on March 2, 1791.

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