

# PRAYER LIST

LILLIE ALFORD, Ethel Clark's sister-in-law, cancer  
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister  
LINDA BULLOCK'S DAUGHTER, TAMMY  
TRAVIS CREASY, friend of Duncan's & Reynolds  
ROGER DYER, Terry's brother – heart by-pass surgery  
CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend - cancer  
PAUL FRANKS, son of Al & June – serious health issues  
DAN GIVEN, Lamar King's brother-in-law – heart  
bypass surgery recovery  
JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad  
THERMAN HODGE, cancer treatment: skin & bone  
JERI JENNINGS, health issues  
BILLY JOHN, recent health issues  
BETTY JOHNSON, home-bound  
JORDAN KEMBLE, Clarkedale teen, recurring brain  
tumor. Warren family friend  
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad –surgery recovery  
JACK MEARS  
OREAKA MILES, Philadelphia congregation, cancer  
Moving to Anderson South, Monday 8/4  
ANA OBANDO, Rocio Salas Jenson's mom –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  
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 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 health issues  
VELMA "DUCK" YATES  
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES  
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

August 7 : Ethan Clopton

### Men's Weekly Breakfast

will meet this Friday for breakfast at  
iHop

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

### The Saving Power of the Holy Spirit

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The first steps of faith are taken by those who have recognized that there is a Creator, that He has given us His Holy Word as a guide, and then started following what it says. The Holy Spirit has an active role in leading people to Christ through the Word of God. He may gently nudge us, as He did Cornelius (**Acts 10**), but He waits for us to examine the truth of the gospel before He invades our life. He will not enter a person until they become child of God (**Acts 2:38-39**). All these hopes and promises we have discussed over the past several weeks are absent unless we are baptized into the precious blood of Jesus Christ for the remission of our sins.

God wants you to examine His Word. He wants His Holy Spirit to refresh your soul. Will you allow God to work in you and through you? Read your Bible. Meditate on it and let God's Spirit move you! Have a great week!

✦ Ray Reynolds ✦

## The Dangers of Temptation

In Australia, there is a plant called the "sundew." The leaves of this plant grow hairs that glisten when dew falls on them. Insects that decide the leaves look intriguing, however, come to find out that this plant is not what it seems. The leaves of the sundew plant are deadly for the insect. The shiny moisture on each leaf is sticky and will imprison any bug. As the insect struggles to free itself, the vibration causes the leaves to close tightly around it, and the plant feeds on the insect.

Sin is, in fact, the human's sundew plant. Satan has a special talent for making sin look fun and desirable. If he did not, why would we so often indulge? In Genesis 3, we see the dangers of temptations in our lives in a story many have named, "The Fall of Man." It is from this point on that Satan has been able to work himself into the hearts and minds of each mortal, human being to entice us through our fleshly desires. In verses 1-9 of Genesis 3, we get an inside look into 3 things that help us better understand our temptations.



First, **the devil is crafty**. Verse 1 says, "Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made." In his work to kill and destroy the heart and mind of Eve, the serpent twisted God's words and made Eve believe that she would be like God if she would eat the fruit. Who wouldn't want to be like God? However, God actually said that eating of the fruit would bring forth death. Second, **temptation is appetizing**. Verse 6 tells us Satan did not tempt Eve with a withered tree in the corner of the garden, but with a beautiful tree which bore the most succulent fruits. Third, **sin separates man from God**. The temptation that Eve had to eat of the tree was not inherently wrong. The sin came to fruition when Eve consciously decided that eating of that tree was more important than following the words of God.

Satan's goal is to kill and destroy, but our hope comes through the sacrifice of the perfect Savior. A sacrifice that frees us from sin. Temptation is difficult, but thanks be to God that Jesus Christ had the victory over death!

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