

# PRAYER LIST

LILLIE ALFORD, Ethel Clark's sister-in-law, cancer  
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister  
SANDRA CALLENS, surgery recovery  
TRAVIS CREASY, friend of Duncan's & Reynolds  
BETH DYER family, nephew's tragic accident/passing  
CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend - cancer  
PAUL FRANKS, son of Al & June – serious health issues  
RAY FRANKS, Al's cousin – critically ill/cancer; long-time friend of Dwight & Sandra Callens  
JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad  
THERMAN HODGE, cancer treatment: skin & bone  
JACK HUNTLEY, Callens friend  
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  
JACK MEARS  
ANA OBANDO, Rocio Salas Jensen's mom –cancer  
GENE & CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's parents  
Note: Charlene was taken ER yesterday, no update  
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  
OREAKA WELLS Family, passed away last Monday; funeral Sunday 9/1  
VELMA "DUCK" YATES  
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES  
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

September 4 : Caleb Collie  
September 4 : Betty Lewis  
September 5 : Alyana Jensen  
September 7 : Bruce 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



## Death For The Christian

A man and his son went over a long, narrow bridge. It was over a broad river, and the boy said, "Daddy, I am afraid. Do you see all that water down there?"

"Give me your hand, boy," the father said. The moment the boy felt his father's hand, he was not scared.

In the evening they had to go back again, and this time it was pitch dark. "Now I am more afraid than this morning!" the boy cried.

The father took the little fellow in his arms. Immediately the boy fell asleep, to awaken the next day in his own bed.

This is what death is like for the Christian. He falls asleep and wakes up at Home.

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# The Filling of the Holy Spirit

~continued from cover~

... feed upon the word of God, when I pray regularly, when I fellowship with other Christians, and when I worship God in spirit and in truth, I am literally spiritually filled to the brim. David may have said it best when he said, "My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips" (Psalm 63:5). The sons of Korah rightly sang, "As the deer pants for the water, so my soul pants for You, O Lord" (Psalm 42:1).

If we want the Holy Spirit to fill us, calm us, strengthen us, and empower us... then we have to seek out that true fellowship of God. We have to surrender to Him. There is no replacement for this "God-shaped hole" except God himself. This was part of His design and plan from the beginning. We are given the personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit at baptism (Acts 2:38, Romans 8, John 3:5-8) but that initial "fill-up" is just the beginning. Do not quench the Spirit (I Thessalonians 5:19). Essentially Paul is saying don't put the fire out! Keep a full tank, because in this world of darkness you will need it!

We might choose to focus on the positive things like salvation and sanctification (Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:1-5, Romans 8:4, I John 3:1-3). However, we are not inside Heaven's gates yet and we still have to live in a world of sin. We are being transformed by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:1-2) to bear the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). The Holy Spirit will spend the rest of our lifetime attempting to train us (I Corinthians 2:9-3:2, I John 2:27), guide us (Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:18), and giving us assurance (Romans 8:16, Galatians 4:6, I John 3:24, 4:13) to overcome the world just like Jesus. In order for us to enjoy those blessings we cannot run on an empty tank! We need the Holy Spirit to fill us up!

We have already noted in this series that we are told to "walk in the Spirit" (Romans 6:4, 8:1-4, Galatians 5:16-25, Ephesians 2:10, 4:2, 5:15-18) because a Christian who tries to resist the Spirit will not be successful, like kicking against the goads. We must not "grieve" the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30, Psalm 51), meaning we must not try to cast Him out of our lives. It is a terrific responsibility to bear the seal of God inside of us. After all, as Christians, we are now the temple of God (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

With all of this in mind we must know that having the Holy Spirit of God living inside us has some unavoidable consequences. Satan will attack us. The world will discourage us. Immature Christians will disappoint us. Our own sin will entangle us. But in all of this we must NEVER give up because God is with us! In fact, He is in us! Let's stay full of the Holy Spirit of God! Have a great week! ♦ Ray Reynolds ♦