

## PRAYER LIST

LILLIE ALFORD, Ethel Clark's sis-in-law  
LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests  
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister  
TRAVIS CREASY, friend of Duncan's & Reynolds  
CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend - cancer  
ALANA FAIR, medical test 12/9/2019  
JUNE FRANKS, passing of husband Al  
718 Glendale DR, Kosciusko MS 39090  
JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad  
THERMAN HODGE, cancer treatment  
JACK HUNTLEY, Callens friend  
BILLY JOHN, recent health issues  
BETTY JOHNSON, Anderson South; hip surgery rehabilitation  
JORDAN KEMBLE, Warrens' friend, brain tumor  
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad  
JACK MEARS  
ANA OBANDO, Rocio Salas Jenson's mother  
GENE & CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's parents  
STAN RALEY  
GRADY & HELEN RICHARDSON, Angela Duncan's parents, health issues  
AL ST. CLAIR  
THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom  
RUTH TAYLOR, nursing facility resident  
Room 102 at Brookdale/Meridian  
4555 35<sup>th</sup> AVE, Meridian, MS 39305  
BARBARA TERRAL, Jennifer Guy's mom  
BRENDA THOMAS  
PERRY TUBBY, Brandie Madison's dad  
ROB WARREN SISTERS, Laura Hughes (Lyme Disease; & Michelle (compressed vertebrae)  
WAYNE WARREN, Rob's dad cardiac issues  
ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's great-granddaughter – pre- & post-birth issues  
VELMA "DUCK" YATES  
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICESCHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

December 19 : Bruce & Sherri 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



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WHEN WILL WE  
STOP THE  
YOUTH EXODUS?



It's like a slow train wreck you can't stop watching. For 18 years a young person attends your local congregation and is present every Sunday. But then they leave home, take the high dive into the world, and slowly start to live a life that does not reflect Christ. And sadly, they appear to love this new life of worldliness. Their clothes get more immodest. Their social media posts get more immoral. Their language becomes less about Him and more about themselves. And little by little you watch as this once faithful person begins to embrace sin.

Why? Why are we not better grounding our young people to run away from worldliness and run toward holiness? Why do we sit idly by and assume this is "just a phase" everyone must go through? Why do we no longer blush? Why is it okay for a 20-year-old to dishonor the bride of Christ publicly through social media and no one does anything? Why do we act like souls are not at stake?

I fear that it is because, in too many cases, their hearts were never turned toward God in the first place. Sure they wanted to get baptized and sure they wanted to avoid the fires of hell. But they never put on the new man. They never agreed to be a servant/slave to Christ.

Yes, they wanted salvation and forgiveness, but they did not want Him as a Lord over their life. They simply wanted a comfortable Christianity that still allowed them to live as they wanted to live. It's time parents, church leaders, and Christians take a serious look at the hearts of their young people and ask: "Who is on the throne of your heart?" Is it a video game? Is it themselves? Is it a boyfriend/girlfriend? Is it theater, football, or band? Is it high grades and honor roll? Is it being popular or having the right phone? Or is it Jesus Christ? How many more will we watch fall away before we realize that something needs to be done?

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