

PRAYER LIST

LILLIE ALFORD, Ethel Clark's sis-in-law
LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
TRAVIS CREASY, Duncan & Reynolds friend
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 rehab
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 35th AVE, Meridian, MS 39305
BARBARA TERRAL, Jennifer Guy's mom
BRENDA THOMAS
MIKE & JIMMIE TIMBES, Duncan friends, health
PERRY TUBBY, Brandie Madison's dad
ROB WARREN SISTERS, Laura Hughes (Lyme Disease); & Michelle (compressed vertebrae)
ED WALTERS, husband of close friend of
Cindy Harper, liver cancer
ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's great-granddaughter; hospital with health issues
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICESCHURCH
MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

January 8 : Sherri Clopton
January 10 : Cooper Beech

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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HEBREWS 6:19

One of the Greatest Gifts You Can Give to Someone (and Yourself)

By Edd Sterchi

There is a gift that you can give to others that is absolutely amazing and it does not cost a thing (monetarily, anyway). It is never the wrong color or size. Everyone who receives this gift always loves and cherishes it. And, amazingly enough, when we give this to someone, we also receive something in return. It's a win-win. Ready to hear what it is? It is the gift of forgiveness.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines forgive as: "to stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offense or mistake." Our English word forgive comes from the Old English words "for" and "gifan" (give). So forgiveness in the original root means to give (as in give up). In forgiving someone, we give up on anger, resentment, and revenge – and in doing so, we give the person we are forgiving something, and we are giving ourselves something, also.

I'm sure you have heard the phrase, "forgive and forget." Notice within those words are the words "give" and "get." When we forgive another, we give them a renewed relationship, but we also give ourselves peace of mind – those thoughts of anger and resentment have been let go.

Jesus gave the reminder that if we want forgiveness from God, then we must forgive our fellow humans (Matt. 6:14-15). It is God's design that forgiveness is a gift to others and to ourselves.

Paul, through inspiration, wrote in Col. 3:12-15, "Therefore...put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..." When we learn to give forgiveness to others, we make it much easier for the peace of God to rule in our hearts.

So do you want to give a great gift and receive a great gift at the same time? Then learn to forgive. Two for the price of one – what a deal! Forgiveness is truly the gift that keeps on giving!

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