

PRAYER LIST

LILLIE ALFORD, Ethel Clark's sis-in-law
LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
TRAVIS CREASY, Duncan friend
ALAN DES ORMEAUX, Vinson friend; cancer
CHARLES DOOLEY, knee surgery 03/10/2020
Rehab at Anderson South – Room 338
CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend; cancer
ALANA FAIR
JUNE FRANKS, passing of husband Al
718 Glendale DR, Kosciusko MS 39090
JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad
TERRY HARPER, health issues
THERMAN HODGE; health issues
JACK HUNTLEY, Callens friend
BILLY JOHN, recent health issues
BETTY JOHNSON, home with home health
JORDAN KEMBLE, Warren friend; brain tumor
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad; heart surgery
2/28/2020 in Birmingham, AL
JACK MEARS
GENE & CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's parents
STAN RALEY
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
PERRY TUBBY, Brandie Madison's dad
ROB WARREN SISTERS, Laura & Michelle
ED WALTERS, husband of close friend of Cindy
Harper; liver cancer
ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's great-grand-
daughter; home from hospital
VELMA "DUCK" YATES
MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

March 22 : Hannah Beech
March 23 : Hayden 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

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study group
meets each
second Tuesday
of each month.

For more information, please
contact
Brandie Madison

Don't be Clueless! Are slang words (euphemisms) wrong?

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... Many today speak of such matters in a flippant and joking way. Such should not be named among the people of God. **Ephesians 5:3, 4** says, "But *fornication*, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." Now, all of your so called "curse" words fit into one of these three categories.

So where do the word in your question fall into these three categories? When we are unsure of the meaning of words, the best place to go is to the dictionary. When I looked up "gosh" it said that it was a euphemism for God. When I looked up "golly" it said the same thing. The word "heck" is a euphemism for "hell." The words "darn" and "dang" are euphemisms for the word "damn." The word euphemism means the following: "the substitution of an agreeable or inoffensive expression for one that may offend or suggest something unpleasant." Basically, a euphemism is using a word that doesn't sound as bad as the one that most consider offensive, but the meaning of the word is the same. So there is no change in meaning when we use a euphemism.

Let me offer an example. Suppose I was to approach someone who was sensitive about their loss of hair and say that they were really getting on in their bald head. Most would likely take offense at such a serious expression. However, suppose I suggested the following, "He is possessing fewer follicle appendages on the cutaneous apex of his cranial structure, anterior to the sagittal suture and posterior to the lambdoidal suture, where said follicle appendages habitually germinate." More than likely one would say that he is getting a little "thin on top." The one is a euphemism for the other. The design is to be less offensive, but the meaning is the same.

So think about those three categories of corrupt speech: the curse, using God's name in vain, and making common something that is holy. Are any of these words that we are discussing euphemisms for curses? Are any of them euphemisms for God's name? I think that we can see that they are and as such would be in that category of forbidden speech that Paul described as "corrupt communication." The euphemism itself (gosh, golly, dang, darn, etc.) is really just a milder way to utter a curse or use God's name in vain. Such corrupt speech ought not to cross the lips of the Christian.

✦ Kevin Cauley ✦

<https://gewatkins.net/dont-be-clueless-are-slang-words-euphemisms-wrong/#>



POTLUCK DINNER

Fourth Sunday Fellowship Today

..following morning service. Evening worship
service will follow at 12:30. As always, our visitors
our most honored guests. Please plan to join us!