

PRAYER LIST

COVID-19 VICTIMS WORLDWIDE

LILLIE ALFORD, Ethel Clark's sis-in-law
LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
WILLIAM CAREY's MOM, he preaches at
College Park congregation

ALAN DES ORMEAUX, Vinson friend; cancer
CHARLES DOOLEY, knee surgery rehab
JAMIE DYER family, passing of preemie twins
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

RALPH HUBBARD family, passing 5/23/2020

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; surgery rehab

LEANNE MANESS, Linda Bullock's niece

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

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

MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES CHURCH
MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

May 29 : De'Lena Rushing

SPECIAL PRAYERS

requested for those dealing with

COVID-19

Please notify Renée of others to add to this list

Senior Sunday Announcement

*We have two graduating high school
seniors this year.*

Hannah Beech (Clarkdale)

&

Joy St. Clair (West Lauderdale)

*Due to Covid-19 issues we have had to
postpone the planned Senior Sunday
events for May 17th until a date to be
determined in June. More info coming
as soon as we have it.*



Why, God?

If you have ever questioned the motives or works of God, you are not alone. The book of Habakkuk shows a meaningful dialogue between God and His prophet, Habakkuk. Looking at the historical setting, Judah (God's covenant people) was caught up in sin. In the 620s B.C., under the reign of King Josiah, Judah had experienced spiritual reform and, in many ways, had turned back to God. Habakkuk's dialogue came after the death Josiah, and Judah had returned to their sinful ways. Habakkuk questions God twice. First, he perceives that God is inactive in the face of wicked-ness and questions how He could allow such egregious sin to go unpunished. Second, he questions how God can use a more wicked people (Babylon) as a means by which to punish a less wicked people (Judah). As we look at two things that God says in response to Habakkuk, it is my hope that we can keep them in our hearts when we find ourselves asking, "Why?"

First, we serve a God who never ceases His works. In response to Habakkuk's first complaint, God says, "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told" (1:5). In our mortal minds, it is impossible to see the complex ways in which God is working in this world. In the ensuing verses, God explained to Habakkuk that He had not turned a blind eye to sin and injustice. In the same way today, God is not turning a blind eye to the things of this world. Our God is very much at work, in ways we could never understand.

Second, faithfulness to God is paramount, even in the face of tribulation and lack of understanding. After Habakkuk's second complaint, God tells him, "The righteous shall live by his faith" (2:4). There are two things we need to understand about this statement. First, faithful living brings God's spiritual blessing. God's message to Habakkuk is that those who are faithful to Him through hard times will live. Those faithful to God will be blessed by God. Second, faithfulness is not a singular action, but a way of life. As one writer said, "The true believer, declared righteous by God, will persevere in faith as the pattern of his life."

In the face of uncertainty, we, as followers of God, can persevere. We do so in living by faith and understanding that God, even when we do not understand, never ceases His work on this earth. That brings me joy and hope, and I pray it does the same for you. God loves you, and so do I.

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to confirm time when they will be available for pick-up at church building.**