

## 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

June 2 : Linda Bullock  
June 3 : Josh & De'Lena Rushing

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> until a date to be determined in June. More info coming as soon as we have it.*

*Our Deepest Sympathy*

*is extended to Vernita Hubbard*

*family in the passing*

*of her beloved husband*

*George Ralph Hubbard*

*Saturday, May 23, 2020*

**Vernita posted a memorial service will be held at a later date when all can attend.**

*~ details to share when available ~*

Condolence notes may be sent to Vernita:  
2043 Old Wire Road, Meridian MS 39301

## Why Do You Follow God?

Your answer may sound something like this: “Because God is . . . ” I could spend the rest of the space I have in this article listing things that God is. In fact, in our Thursday Thoughts devotional series, we spent five weeks talking about who God is—God is love, faithful, merciful, holy, our refuge, and the list goes on and on. As we consider the question in the title, I want each of us to search deep in our hearts and answer this question: “Do I serve Jesus Christ because of what he can give me, or because of who he is?”

In John 6, we read the amazing story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. Can you imagine witnessing that? In verse 26, however, Jesus reveals a sad truth about the reason that so many had been following him. After he had fed the five thousand and walked on water, Jesus escaped the crowds of people. Verse 24 tells us that the crowd went to Capernaum seeking Jesus. The reason Jesus escaped the crowd? He says in verse 26, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.” The sad truth is that the crowd was not following Jesus because of who he was, but because of what he was doing for them. Jesus was healing them, feeding them, and performing miracles.

Jesus wanted more. He did not want people to follow him because he was performing miracles. He desired for people to follow him because he was the Son of God, and the same is true today. There is no doubt that we serve a God who is faithful to help us when we are in need, but our God desires a deeper following. Later in John 6, many of the people who had been shallowly following Jesus turned away from him. In verse 67, Jesus said to his Apostles, “Do you want to go away as well?” I can imagine the frustration that Jesus was feeling in that moment, but look at the answer Peter gives in verses 68-69. “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

Why do you follow God? It is my prayer that we can utter the same words that Peter did that day. It is my prayer that we are not shallow in our following of Christ, but that we follow him for who he is, “The Holy One of God.” God loves you, and so do I.

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