## PRAYER LIST

LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister BECKY BROWN, Sherri Clopton's mom WILLIAM CAREY'S MOM ALAN DES ORMEAUX, Vinson friend; cancer CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend; cancer ALANA FAIR JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad ANTORIAS GROVES. Ethel Clark's son-in-law.

back at work; to resume cancer treatment EVELYN GUY, health issues

BUD HARPER, Cindy's bro-in-law, health issues TERRY HARPER, Cindy's husband health issues THERMAN HODGE

JACK HUNTLEY, Callens friend

BILLY JOHN health issues

JORDAN KEMBLE, Warren friend; brain tumor WALTER KING, Lamar's dad

**JACK MEARS** 

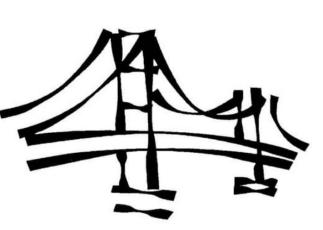
JAKE NESTER, Fair friend – cancer, chemo CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's mom – health issues STAN RALEY

GRADY RICHARDSON, Angela Duncan's dat AL ST. CLAIR

MATTHEW STOKLEY, Duncan friend - cancer RANDY SWALLOW, Linda Bullock's nephew THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom RUTH TAYLOR, Brookdale/Meridian ANNIE THOMAS, Edna Toole's mother, health TERRY TRIBBLE, Renée Cumberland's friend PERRY TUBBY, Brandie Madison's dad ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter MAX WEBB, Cindy's grandson, deployed MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES OUR GOVERNMENT – NATIONAL & S TATE CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

March 9 : Renée Cumberland March 11 : Tim Beech



## Death For The Christian

A man and his son went over a long, narrow bridge. It was over a broad river, and the boy said, "Daddy, I am afraid. Do you see all that water down there?"

"Give me your hand, boy," the father said. The moment the boy felt his father's hand, he was not scared.

In the evening they had to go back again, and this time it was pitch dark. "Now I am more afraid than this morning!" the boy cried.

The father took the little fellow in his arms. Immediately the boy fell asleep, to awaken the next day in his own bed.

This is what death is like for the Christian. He falls asleep and wakes up at Home.

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## The Problems of a Two-Headed Snake

A woman in Woodbridge, Virginia, saw a rarity in her front yard: a two-headed copperhead snake. The snake only has one heart and one set of lungs, but each head has its own brain. This produces multiple problems. Both heads want to eat, and since eating takes time the snake is vulnerable to predators for twice as long. Second, each snake wants to go its own way. That means they can't respond very quickly when under attack. Even getting water can be precarious, as one head can drag the other down when drinking. An expert at the Wildlife Center of Virginia said, "Based on the anatomy, it would be better for the right head to eat, but it may be a challenge since the left head appears more dominant" (Dana Hedgpeth, The Washington

Post, 9/24/18). Experts also say that these internal conflicts prevent these rare "dual-cephalic" creatures from living very long.

James tells us that the double-minded man is unstable in all his ways (1:7) and implies that double-mindedness reflects impurity of heart (4:8). The first instance of the word relates trusting God or doubting in times of trials, and the second relates to following a spiritual leader, whether the devil and the world or God. It is hard to run with the devil and walk with God. So often, there's the temptation to try to do both. But, this conflict is so basic and so contradictory that it will contribute to our spiritual death. It makes us vulnerable to attack.

What this requires is decisiveness. Jesus taught, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth" (Mat. 6:24). We must choose who we will listen to

(Josh. 24:15). Otherwise, we will remain in peril and we will ultimately, spiritually die. Paul put it this way, "they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:5-6). The struggle is real but the problem must be overcome. We must strive to be single-minded in our dedication and devotion. That means we can't live for the world and the Lord. It is an either/or proposition. Jesus says, "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters" (Luke 11:23). Let's make the right choice and simplify everything. Let's honor one head and make it the right one (cf. Eph. 1:22).

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