

# PRAYER LIST

**DANNY ANTHONY**, Edna Toole's cousin - cancer  
**CHERYL BARRON**, Stan Raley's sister  
**BECKY BROWN**, Sherri Clopton's mom  
**LINDA BULLOCK**, medical issues/tests  
**ALAN DES ORMEAUX**, Vinson friend; cancer  
**CHARLES DOOLEY**, surgery recovery at home  
**ROBERT DUNCAN**, Andy's brother, health issues  
**TAMMIE DUNN**, Linda Bullock's daughter  
**ALANA FAIR**  
**JAMES GORDON**, Bridget Smith's dad  
**ANTORIAS GROVES**, Ethel Clark's son-in-law,  
**EVELYN GUY**, health issues  
**BUD HARPER**, Cindy's bro-in-law, health issues  
**TERRY HARPER**, Cindy's husband health issues  
**CHARLES HENDRICKSON FAMILY**, passing of  
Jack Mears' brother-in-law (Mobile, AL)  
**THERMAN HODGE**  
**JACK HUNTLEY**, Callens friend  
**BILLY JOHN**, health issues  
**JORDAN KEMBLE**, Warren friend; brain tumor  
**LAMAR KING**  
**WALTER KING**, Lamar's dad  
**JACK MEARS**  
**CHARLENE RALEY**, Stan's mom – health issues  
**STAN RALEY**  
**GRADY RICHARDSON**, Angela Duncan's dad  
**AL ST. CLAIR**  
**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  
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## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

June 10 : Lamar King  
June 10 : Lamar & Lara King  
June 12 : Jacob King  
June 12 : Lloyd Smith

## A GROWING CHURCH

An elder called on a member of the church for a social visit. The conversation turned to the work of the church. They talked of the progress that had been made and how the Lord had blessed their efforts through the past years. Yet both agreed that other things were needed.

"It seems to me," said the member, "That the church is always needing something. Every time we meet, there is a plea for more giving and more workers."

"You are right, my brother," replied the elder. "The church is always needing something. I had a little boy who needed something. One week it was shoes, another clothes, then lunch money, bus fare, spending money. I thought he asked too much. He hasn't asked for anything for years now. He quit needing anything from me. You see, he died one night. And there are times when I would give anything to hear him ask for something just once more. I realized after it was too late, how much happiness I found, even in his begging. Perhaps you have never missed the church. It has always been there when you needed it, and you have taken it for granted. Frankly I confess I did not know how little I did for my son until it was too late.

So it is with the church. As long as the church stands, it will have needs. When it quits needing something, it will be dead. A dead church cannot offer a living hope to a dying world. The church that has no needs fills none."

*Author Unknown*

## SEVEN WAYS TO BE HAPPY

Often people make their own lives miserable and other people help them to find misery. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HAPPINESS:

**Trust in God:** The person who puts faith in God has a source of strength and delight that a non-believer cannot understand (see Proverbs 3:5; 16:20). If we fuss and stew about everything, it shows a lack of trust. Jesus told Martha that she was "troubled about many things."

Relish the Scriptures: See Psalm 1:1-2. Psalm 119:104 says, "How sweet are they words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." The Scriptures always shoot straight. Tax laws change, the weather changes, politics are ever changing, but God's Word never changes. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.) The sacred pages give hope, comfort, and gladness to the lovers of the truth.

**Live Righteously:** "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about, be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart..." (Psa. 32:10-11). Titus 2:12 shows that clean living contributes to deep-rooted joy and contentment. People may mock you and deride you, but you possess something they do not have.

**Worship God with Regularity:** In Acts 20:6-7, the brethren traveled so they could worship with other Christians. In Acts 2, it describes the disciples as having all things in common among them: "great joy" and "praising God." David said, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord..." (Psa. 122:1). (See also Psalm 95:1; 96:9-11.) Worship is for the glory of God and the happiness of man.

**Keep a Clean Conscience:** (Acts 24:16; 1 Timothy 1:19; 2 Timothy 1:3) There can be no happiness when one violates his conscience. See Genesis 42:21: Joseph's brothers' consciences made them miserable.

**Learn Contentment:** The grass is not always greener on the other side. Some people continually fret and complain about the cost of living, their job, wife, husband, weather, politics, etc. Christians grumble. Philippians 4:11 states that a contented person is a happy individual. Without contentment, joy is only superficial.

**Stay Busy and Constructive:** Idleness breeds displeasure, restlessness, despondency, mischief. Happiness comes to him who works persistently, consistently, and diligently. See Romans 12:11. Effort expended and accomplishment materialized brings inward fulfillment. Beneficial work keeps the mind from thoughts that are negative and destructive. First Corinthians 15: 58 says, "...abounding in the work of the Lord."

How did Paul find joy? Paul found joy in seeing and hearing about other Christians doing good. Read Philippians chapters 1-3 and count the times you read the word "rejoice" or "joy."

**"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God:" Psalm 146:5**

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