

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
LINDA COLLIE, knee surgery recovery; Anderson South, room 344; would like visitors
ALAN DES ORMEAUX, Vinson friend; cancer
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
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
DICK VINSON, Bladder Cancer surgery recovery
ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter
MAX WEBB, Cindy's grandson, deployed
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ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

July 18 - 24 : None This Week

Italian Cuisine

Sunday



JULY 25TH

There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer table to list your name and items you will bring for our Italian Cuisine Sunday Fellowship Dinner.

If you are unable to bring any items you sign up for, please notify Angela Duncan, 662-554-2237 prior to Sunday, June 20th in order for others to bring them.

Thanks in advance for making this Italian Cuisine Sunday an enjoyable time of fellowship with those in attendance.

Be sure to invite friends!!

HEAVEN HOME OF THE REDEEMED

~continued from cover~

...He did not merely relocate to another place on earth. While we do not know the location of Heaven, we do know that it is the abode of God.

Another question that piques our interest is, how is Heaven described? How can the indescribable be described in terms that we can comprehend? How can the beauty and bliss of Heaven be communicated in such a way that it doesn't appear to be just a fairy tale? The Bible does exactly that. One description used is that of a "holy city" (Rev. 21:2, 10, 27; 22:19), a city whose builder and maker is God (Heb. 11:16). It rests upon twelve foundation stones of magnificent jewelry surrounded by a wall of jasper (Rev. 21:14, 18-20). Its gates are never closed in the daytime, and there shall be no night there (Rev. 21:25). The street is described as being made of highly refined gold that is as clear as transparent glass (Rev. 21:21). The most precious and beautiful stones known to man are used to provide some idea of its grandeur. The crown jewels of England pale as worthless trinkets by comparison.

What will Heaven be like? All the trials and tribulations of this earth will be over and, at long last, sweet deliverance from the presence of sin is experienced. The redeemed will have eternal rest from their constant struggle against temptation in this life (Heb. 4:9; Rev. 14:13). They will have an abiding possession (Heb. 10:34) "which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away" (1 Pt. 1:4). No disease will enter to ravage and destroy it. Time will no more deeply furrow the brow. Sickness and old age will no longer bend the back or diminish the mind. Heaven's "walls and gates" will never crumble. Its infrastructure will never deteriorate. All things are new there (Rev. 21:5). The redeemed will be free from any sad experiences in Heaven. There will be no tears, mourning, crying, pain, or even death (Rev. 21:4; Lk. 20:36). Death will be swallowed up in victory (1 Cor. 15:54). There will be no need for physicians and surgeons to practice their occupations there. Hospitals will not even exist. Funeral processions and cemeteries will not be seen along its streets. Heaven is the "beautiful home of the soul" prepared by the Lord (Jn. 14:1-3).

Who will be in Heaven? Tragically, though God desires all men to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9) and, through His Son, has made provisions for everyone to go there, not everyone talking about Heaven will be going there. The condition upon which entrance into Heaven is granted is obedience

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.. John 14:3

(Heb. 5:9), and most people are not willing to comply with that requirement (Matt. 7:21-23). They want to go to Heaven on their own terms and are not willing to submit to Heaven's instructions. While it is true that we live in a messed-up world, isn't it great that Christians can live in the midst of such and be filled with joy because of the hope of

Heaven? This hope is not just wishful thinking; it is assured anticipation based on the promise of God that He will give us "the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). In the meantime, while we wait for the Lord's return and the granting of our home in Heaven, we have work to be done, prayers to be offered, commands to be obeyed, an inspired word to be received, and a peace to be enjoyed. Let us, then, make the best use of our time (Eph. 5:16) in preparing ourselves and helping others prepare for the Home of the redeemed. MM

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