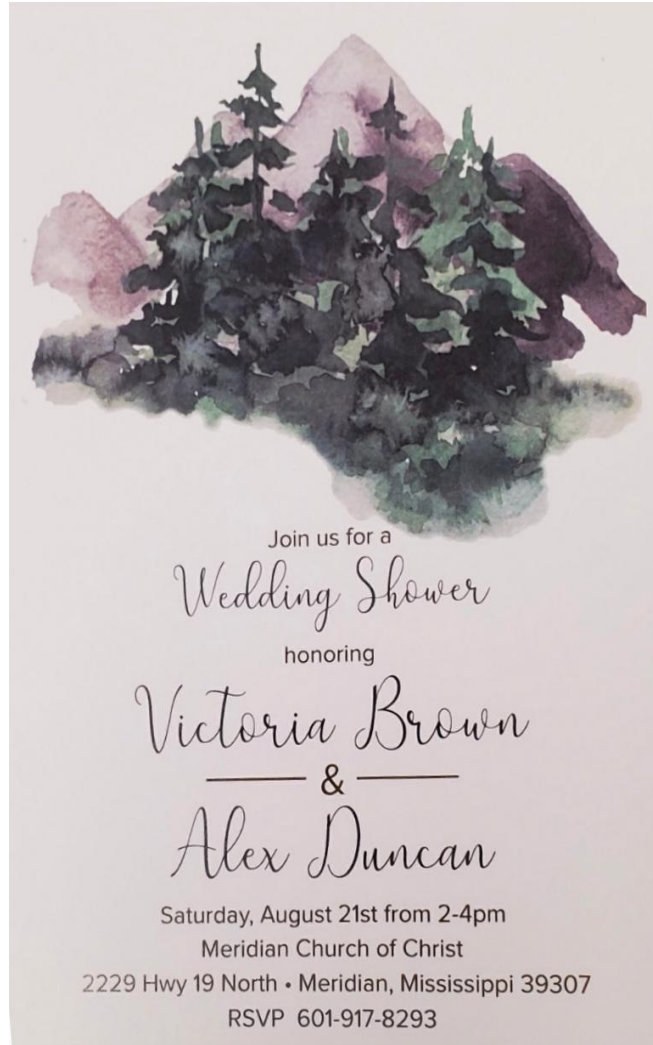


PRAYER LIST

DANNY ANTHONY, Edna Toole's cousin - cancer
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
BECKY BROWN, Sherri Clopton's mom
LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests; Covid
LINDA COLLIE, knee surgery recovery; Anderson South, moved to room 312; 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
LARA KING, Covid
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 6/17
ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter
MAX WEBB, Cindy's grandson, deployed
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August 14 : Dick & Sandy Vinson



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Victoria Brown & Alex Duncan
Wedding: October 11, 2021

HEAVEN

HOPE: THE TREE OF LIFE

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It is encouraging to know that “When the desire comes, it is the Tree of life” (Proverbs 13:12b). The Tree is seen three times in the Bible: (1) It is the tree that if eaten by Adam and Eve, would have kept them living in the Garden; (2) The middle of the Bible references this Tree of life as an outcome of godly living. The book of Proverbs tells us righteousness, proper use of the tongue, and godly living will bring a taste of the Tree of life here and now; (3) The Tree of life in its final Biblical reference represents eternal life: “obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls” (1Peter 1:9). Our final hope will be realized in eternal Heaven. Living the godly life brings the blessings of God, the Tree of life, to the faithful.

It does not matter how long this world goes on. Regardless of how terrible the situation becomes on this earth, each day we can walk with God. “In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:37-38). Peace and confidence results from the right relationship with God. No matter what happens, He is in control. Even prior to Heaven, “we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:3-5).

The ultimate Tree of life is Heaven. Revelation 22:2, at the end of the Bible, contains the last reference to the Tree: “Through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, [is] the Tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month” (ESV). Verse 12 tells us, “I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the Book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.” The final reward, the hope of the godly life, no longer deferred, is the restoration of the Tree of life.

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