

# 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  
**ALAN DES ORMEAUX**, Vinson friend; cancer  
**CHARLES DOOLEY**, hip surgery recovery  
**ROBERT DUNCAN family**, Andy's brother,  
passed Wednesday 9/8; funeral 9/13 Booneville  
**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 6/17  
**ANNIE WEBB**, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter  
**MAX WEBB**, Cindy's grandson, deployed  
**MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES**  
**OUR GOVERNMENT – NATIONAL & STATE**  
**CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE**

# ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

September 12 to 18 : NONE

## Pine Vale Children's Home Fall



## Week of October 4<sup>th</sup>

**Pine Vale Children's Home Fall**  
Pantry Drive is beginning and our list of items to gather will be posted on the foyer bulletin board. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity in helping the Home and their children. This year's items requested are:

**Muffin Mixes**  
(Blueberry,  
Chocolate Chip, etc.)

**Honey Mustard**  
**Parchment Paper**

~or~

**Saran Wrap**

Please have your items here by  
Sunday October 3rd

~see bulletin board for more info~

# Why Are You Here?

Henry Ward Beecher was a renowned 19th century preacher. He actually achieved "celebrity status" in his day. People would flock to hear him preach when he came to their community. On one occasion in Brooklyn, NY, many curiosity seekers arrived at Plymouth Church to hear the famous Henry Ward Beecher speak. However, to their dismay, Thomas Beecher, Henry's brother, rose to deliver the message that day instead. When people came to the realization that the renowned Beecher would not be speaking, they arose from their seats and headed for the doors.

Unmoved by what was happening, Thomas Beecher quickly brought things into perspective when he said, "Those of you who came here today to worship Henry Ward Beecher are excused at this time. However, those of you who came to worship God, please remain seated." Nothing more needed to be said.

Sometimes I think we may need to be reminded that when we assemble on the Lord's Day, it's not to be entertained, impressed, or "wowed" by the speaker, but to worship God. When our mindset views the preacher as the participant, and ourselves as his audience, we've lost focus. Actually, we are all the participants, and God is the audience. Instead of judging the preacher's eloquence, critiquing the song leader's selection and tempo, and timing the length of the closing prayer, it might be more helpful to consider how God is judging our performance. Give it some thought.

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*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Pot Luck*

**SEPTEMBER 26TH**

*Be sure to invite friends!!*