## PRAYER LIST

DANNY ANTHONY, Edna Toole's cousin - cancer CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister BECKY BROWN, Sherri Clopton's mom LINDA BULLOCK DWIGHT CALLENS LINDA COLLIE

ALAN DES ORMEAUX, Vinson friend; cancer STEVE DAWKINS, health issues, doing better CHARLES DOOLEY, surgery recovery 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

TERRY HARPER, Cindy's husband health issues THERMAN HODGE

**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, surgery recovery

**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 **DICK VINSON**, Bladder Cancer; surgery 6/17

SAMANTHA WARD, Caleb Warren's fiancée, medical issues

ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES
OUR GOVERNMENT – NATIONAL & STATE
CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

#### ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

November 15: Lee Beech

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fellowship Chili

NOVEMBER 14TH

A LIST IS AVAILABLE FOR SIGNING UP FOR THE ITEMS YOU WILL PROVIDE

Be sure to invite friends & family!

### **Adult Christmas Party**

This year's party is set for Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year we will be dining and playing Dirty Santa at Ole Farm Beef House Restaurant located at 2115 Hwy 39 North, Meridian. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Those wishing to join in the fun, whether or not you decide to participate in the Dirty Santa



game, please sign up on the flyer on the foyer bulletin board. You may also contact Renée and she will add you to the list. <u>Please indicate the</u> number attending in your party so

we can give a total to Ole Farm on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. More info on payment types they accept later.

If you do plan to participate in the *Dirty Santa* game, please keep in mind the gift price remains at \$20. A sign-up sheet will soon be on foyer bulletin board.



#### **SCRIPTURES**

# "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." Proverbs 15:1

After considering many verses in the Bible, it was difficult to choose my favorite Bible verse. After much thought and prayer my decision was to use a verse I learned as a child. This verse has impacted my life in many ways even though I have not always practiced it. The verse is Proverbs 15:1.

The word "soft" means tender, delicate, and gentle. "Grievous" words are words that hurt or cause a great sadness. Another translation uses the word "harsh." Harsh means unpleasantly rough, stern, or cruel. Speaking harshly is the world's way of causing more conflict. Restraint or speaking softly is the Lord's way of spreading peace, and we definitely need more peace in the world today!

Two manners of speaking are contrasted. Soft words are contrasted with grievous words. The soft words help to control anger, the grievous words tend to stir up anger. The tongue can be a powerful agent for peace or for causing trouble. Proverbs 15:1 is a proverb, a wise saying. It does not mean that you will always get the right response when you reply with a soft answer. We may not be able to determine how the person will respond, but we can determine how we will.

Jesus serves as our great example. The Bible says, "Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously."

(I Peter 2:23) If we want to better control anger, a gentle response or a soft answer to angry words is the best plan. The best choice in a tense situation is to speak with soft words.

There is great power in what we say and how we say it. It is not enough to know what to say but how to say it. We have the power to build up or to tear down!

May we all be more careful in our speech and learn from one of my favorite Bible verses, Proverbs 15:1. I love peace.

June Franks Booker (recently deceased), Special Assistant to the Editor
Our Favorite Scriptures 
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