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Thank you for all those that were at Ladies Class yesterday, we had a wonderful lesson taught by Connie Daniel.

Ladies Day(Mark your Calendars) this year will be on Saturday 9/13/25. A flyer will be available soon.

<u>Mark Your Calendars</u>, October 18<sup>th</sup> will be a grill out for everyone at Jim and Laura Hutchings home. More details to come later.

Joyce Norvell is still unable to see out of her right eye, but has found out it is due to a broken blood vessel. Keep her recovery in your prayers.

Bob Parker is at home, keep the Parkers in your prayers at this difficult time.

Linda Smith, a friend of Lowell's is asking for prayers; she is having internal bleeding with her GI cancer.

### **July Birthdays**

7/27 Betty Sutton

### **August Birthdays**

8/6 Mark Book8/9 Ruth Barnes8/23 Alex Watkins8/26 Linda Pennington8/27 Linda Bukvic

### **August Anniversaries**

8/3 Bob/Mary Parker8/20 Ron/Linda Carter8/26 Betty/Ted Sutton8/28 Rich/Jenni Book