

## Prayer Requests for Members

**Jerry & Janet Peaks** Janet returned home from rehab, placed on Hospice Care at home, **Alec, Debby, and Angie Harvey** long-term health problems and Alec in process of scheduling knee replacement, **Olivia Twitchell** and **Willena Twitchell** Willena on hospice care and Olivia as caregiver, **Marilyn Capps** continued health problems, **Mike Mitchell** rehab at home, **Pam Sayle** thumb injury from dog bite

## Prayer Requests for Family and Friends

### Cancer

**Brittany Bergman** (Diane Maddux's cousin) brain tumor getting chemo and radiation, **Ed Heskett** undergoing treatments for liver and pancreas adenocarcinoma, **Paul Cowdery** (Greg & Teresa Artz's son-in-law's father) lymphoma currently cancer free but still has a few more chemo treatments

### Other Illness and Life Challenges

**Dorothy Perygin** (Pam Sayles's Mother) several health problems, **Gary and Judy Steele** (former member) several health problems, **Ted Peaks** (Jerry Peaks' brother) recovering from heart surgery

### Sympathy

**Family of Paul Goddard** who passed away on 1/30, funeral was yesterday

### Supported Ministries:

**David French – Zambia, Africa**

<https://zambiamissions.org/>

**Curry Montague – Hungary**

<http://www.kregyhaza.hu>

**Tennessee Children's Home**

<https://www.tennesseechildrenshome.org/>

### Local Evangelism and Outreach:

**SomerOak Senior Living – Worship Service Each Sunday at 1 PM**

<https://someroakseniorliving.com/>

**Food Pantry – Food and Supplies for those in need**  
**The Manger – Baby and Children's Supplies**

## Oakland Church of Christ

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Welcome to the worship service of the Lord's Church at Oakland  
February 12, 2023

[www.oaklandtnchurchofchrist.com](http://www.oaklandtnchurchofchrist.com)

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Night Worship: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Special Prayer Requests.....	Tim Stanz
Singing.....	Larry Ellis
Praise Him! Praise Him!.....	235
Hand in Hand With Jesus.....	389
Prayer.....	Gene Jenkins
Savior, Thy Dying Love.....	568
Communion Comments.....	Greg Artz

Men to Serve

Tim Stanz & Larry Wiles

How Great Thou Art.....	19
Lesson.....	Greg Artz

### Victory Over Temptation

Invitation Song

There is Power in the Blood.....	876
I Know the Lord Will Find a Way.....	549

Contribution

Announcements.....	Greg Artz
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Closing Prayer

# Today's Lesson

**Morning Assembly**  
**Victory Over Temptation**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

**Evening Assembly**  
**Praise the Lord, O My Soul**  
**Psalms 146**

## Announcements

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**Welcome visitors! We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us! Please fill in a Visitors' card and put it in the collection plate.**

### COMING EVENTS

**February 25** – Congregational Singing Service

### Birthdays

Mike Morel (2/3)  
Janet Peaks (2/22)

### Anniversaries

Diane and Bobby Tye (2/5)  
Greg and Teresa Artz (2/22)

## Trapped by Temptation

A well-known author once told this story of an account he had with sea gulls: "Several years ago our family visited Niagara Falls. It was spring, and ice was rushing down the river. As I viewed the large blocks of ice flowing toward the falls, I could see that there were dead fish embedded in the ice. Gulls by the score were riding down the river feeding on the fish. As they came to the brink of the falls, their wings would go out, and they would escape from the falls."

I watched one gull which seemed to delay and wondered when it would leave. It was engrossed in the fish, and when it finally came to the brink of the falls, out went its powerful wings. The bird flapped and flapped and even lifted the ice out of the water, and I thought it would escape. But it had delayed too long so that its claws had frozen into the ice. The weight of the ice was too great, and the gull plunged into the abyss."

How sad that even though the bird had plenty of time to fly away, because it delayed it paid the price. Now think of this story in terms of the Christian life. When we become overly enthralled with the things of this world, they can bring us down and cause our spiritual death. The finest attractions of this world become deadly when we become overly attached to them. If we cannot give up the things of this world and focus on Christ, we cannot be used by Him. Our eyes must be upward on Christ rather than downward on this world.

**Colossians 3:1-3** - If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.