### **Prayer Requests for Members**

Alec, Debby, and Angie Harvey long-term health problems and Alec back pain, Olivia Twitchell health problems and caregiver for Willena Twitchell who is on hospice care, Mike Mitchell continuing medical problems, Donna Rike recovering from Achilles injury after ATV accident, Jerry Peaks multiple health problems, Sandra Thompson evaluation of cataract in other eye 10/19

# Prayer Requests for Family and Friends Cancer

**Cheryl Medley Hill** liver and lung cancer starting proton therapy soon, **Paula Leeman** (Friend of Cathy Stanz) completed radiation and doing better, **Lee Mendez** (friend of Jessica Grooms) possible Hodgkins awaiting thyroid biopsy results

## Other Illness and Life Challenges

Dorothy Perygin (Pam Sayles's Mother) several health problems, Gary and Judy Steele (former member) several health problems, Mack West (Diane Maddux's aunt) going home with home health, Cathy Hickman (Mary Nettie's Niece) on hospice, Cheryl Morris (Friend of Harveys) rare illness with large mass in lung, Walter King (relative of Kathey Wiles) paraplegic in hospital with sepsis, Alice Mitchell (Alec Harvey's sister) physical therapy, John Bussenger (friend of the Millers') head injury doing better

Supported Ministries:

David French – Zambia, Africa <a href="https://zambiamissions.org/">https://zambiamissions.org/</a>

Curry Montague – Hungary http://www.kregyhaza.hu

Tennessee Children's Home <a href="https://www.tennesseechildrenshome.org/">https://www.tennesseechildrenshome.org/</a>

**Local Evangelism and Outreach:** 

SomerOak Senior Living – Worship Service Each Sunday at 1 PM <a href="https://someroakseniorliving.com/">https://someroakseniorliving.com/</a>

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 October 15, 2023

> 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.

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# **Today's Lesson**

Morning Assembly
Blessed are the Peacemakers
Matthew 5:9

Evening Assembly Praise the Lord! Psalm 146

# **Announcements**

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**

October 17 – Tennessee Children's Home Pick-up of donated items

October 22 – Evening Worship and Fellowship at Carol Mitchell's home 5 PM

October 29 - Congregational Singing Service 5 PM

### **Birthdays**

Debby Harvey (10/08) Michal Nickelberry (10/11) Ron Dacus (10/29) Zach Artz (10/10) Kathey Wiles (10/26)

### **Anniversaries**

Diane and Bob Maddux (10/08)

### Samuel Colt – Peacemaker?

During the 1830s and '40s in the United States of America, Samuel Colt invented and patented a handheld machine that changed the nature of personal liberty for human beings around the world and transformed the lives of his fellow Americans.

Now famous Quote – "God created men, but Sam Colt made them equal."

Or, as Colt put it in a letter to an English associate: "The good people of this world are very far from being satisfied with each other, and my arms are the best peacemakers."

However, in his zeal for making money, Samuel Colt was very shrewd and had no problems selling his weapons to both the North and the South during the American Civil War. Samuel Colt would die at a young age, in his forties, of horrific conditions from gout.

The Colt company, after his death, went on to create the most famous handgun/revolver in the history of the "Wild West" United States. The revolver's name was "The Peacemaker" or the US Army Single Action revolver M1873. The Peacemaker was so widely used in the Old West, you'd have better luck naming a famous outlaw, lawman, rancher, or cowpoke who *didn't* use one. The "Peacemaker" was used in all the major Army conflicts of the Old West along with outlaws and lawmen.

What was the legacy of Samuel Colt and the "Peacemaker"? Did it achieve peace? What was the cost in human lives?

As Christians, we are to be "Peacemakers", not in the mold of Samuel Colt, but in following the example of Jesus. We reject the notion that violence brings about a lasting peace and seek opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus that allows men to live with one another as brothers and sisters in Jesus enjoying the peace that can only come from salvation in Jesus.

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.