

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** upcoming 2nd cataract surgery

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) 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
<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

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Welcome to the worship service of the Lord's Church at Oakland
October 22, 2023

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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
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Blessed are the Persecuted

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Lord's Supper

Communion Comments.....	Tim Stanz
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Men to Serve

Alec Harvey & Glenn Miller

Contribution

Children's Singing/Closing Song.....	
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....	Greg Artz

Today's Lesson

Morning Assembly
Blessed are the Persecuted
Matthew 5:10-12

Evening Assembly
Evening Worship and Fellowship at Carol Mitchell's Home
5 PM

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

October 29 – Congregational Singing Service 5 PM

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Diane and Bob Maddux (10/08)

Blessed are the Persecuted

On June 17, 2004, when Sister Jiang Zongxiu went to the market in Guizhou Province, China, she thought it would be just another day. Along with her mother-in-law, Jiang went through the marketplace, handing out Christian literature and telling people about Jesus.

Their actions were soon noticed, and they were arrested. Even when the police took the two women into custody, Jiang did not become discouraged: Arrest and suffering are a regular part of the Christian walk in China. Little did the 34-year-old wife and mother know that the next day she would enter eternity, beaten to death while in the custody of Chinese police.

While we may not suffer the same kind of persecution as our brothers and sisters in Asia and the Muslim world and many other places, Jesus promised us we would be persecuted!

Matthew 10:16-18 - "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. 17 Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, 18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

FACTS ABOUT PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS:

- * More Christians were martyred in the 20th century than in all other centuries combined.
- * Currently over 200 million Christians are being persecuted worldwide.
- * 70 percent of the world's population lives in a religiously intolerant environment.
- * Every 5 minutes, a Christian is martyred for their faith.
- * No religious group around the world is persecuted more than Christians.