

## Prayer Requests for Members

**Alec, Debby, and Angie Harvey** long-term health problems and Alec and Angie with 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** cataract surgery 9/28/2023

## Prayer Requests for Family and Friends Cancer

**Cheryl Medley Hill** liver and lung cancer starting proton therapy soon, **Paula Leeman** (Friend of Cathy Stanz) cancer, **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) recovery in rehab, **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, **Zach Thomas** (Donnie Thomas' son) recovering from back surgery, **Alice Mitchell** (Alec Harvey's sister) recovering from hamstring and fractured bone repair surgery, **John Bussenger** (friend of the Millers') head injury, **Helen Powers** (Somerville) was in the hospital when had stroke and repair surgery, doing better, **Family of James Dittfurth** (friend of the Harveys) who passed away this week, **Family of Mike Perry** who passed away this week

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## 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

P. O. Box 105, 35 McAuley St., Oakland, TN 38060  
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Welcome to the worship service of the Lord's Church at Oakland  
September 10, 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  
Kneel at the Cross.....887  
Alleluia.....837  
Prayer.....Gene Jenkins  
Heaven Hold All to Me.....836  
Lesson.....Greg Artz

## The Fellowship of Sonlight

Only a Step.....885  
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross.....310

Lord's Supper

Communion Comments.....Ken Gossett

Men to Serve

Alec Harvey & Tim Stanz

Contribution

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

# Today's Lesson

**Morning Assembly**  
**The Fellowship of Sonlight**  
**1 John 1:1-10**

**Evening Assembly**  
**Fellowship Meal at Miller's Home**

## 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

**September 10** – Evening Service and Fellowship Meal at the Miller's Home 5 PM

**September 24** – Congregational Singing Service 5 PM

### Birthdays

Doris Heskett (9/4)	Lana Hood (9/18)
Jake Jenkins (9/19)	Betty Gossett (9/22)
Greg Artz (9/27)	

### Anniversaries

None

## Biblical Fellowship

Why did it disturb the religious leaders that Jesus ate with “sinners”? To eat with someone is an important symbol of fellowship. And in those days, the Jews had a rule: one is not to have such fellowship with outsiders until they are changed. If and when outsiders came to repentance, and when they had proven they were sorry by acting like insiders, the Jews could join with them and eat with them—and not a moment before.

After all, God's people had no business mixing with unbelievers, right? Jesus appears on the scene with a new approach. He introduces a brand-new idea. He connects with sinners before they repent, before they change, so that they will change. He goes to those who need him even before they know they need him! He seeks out the least, the last, and the lost so that, hearing his voice, they can experience new life. Rather than keeping them at arm's length, he embraces them.

If the local church is going to develop the kind of beauty that God says is possible, that which will attract others to Christ, we much commit to becoming together, the kind of church Christ calls us to be. A church that is a biblical fellowship.

In his book, *Rediscovering Church*, Bill Hybels tells of a message by Dr. Gilbert Bilezikian, who said, "The only kind of fellowship many know in church is after a service when men stand around and ask each other superficial questions. Then they find their wives who are having similar conversations and go home.

But biblical fellowship has the power to revolutionize lives. Masks come off, conversations get deep, hearts get vulnerable, lives are shared, accountability is invited, and tenderness flows.