

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS

Alec, Angie, and Debby Harvey multiple health problems, **Olivia Twitchell** health problems, **Donna Rike MS, Pam Thomas** home recovering from knee replacement surgery, **Melissa Hartman** medical tests on 4/28

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Cancer

Perry Montague (Debby Harvey’s cousin) kidney cancer, **Shirley Forrester** (Diane Tye’s sister-in-law) stage 4 cancer having improvements from treatment, **Ron Shirley** (Diane Maddux’s brother) cancer free doing PT trying to regain energy and weight stabilization, **Pam Shirley** (Diane Maddux’s sister-in-law) undergoing chemo, **Daniel Roberson** (Donna Rike’s brother) prostate cancer with upcoming robotic surgery

Other Illness and Life Challenges

Lucas Walters (Debby Harvey’s cousin) Down syndrome and other health concerns, **Augusta Washington** (Donna Rike’s niece) having to get injections in her eyes but histoplasmosis is stable, **Ethan Bradford** (Donna Rike’s nephew) had pneumothorax and had part of lung removed and then unexplained drop in blood pressure

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/>

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Welcome to the worship service of the Lord’s Church at Oakland

April 26, 2026

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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.....	Glenn Miller
Singing.....	Greg Artz
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Lesson.....	Greg Artz

Made for a Mission

Stand up, Stand up for Jesus.....	747
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Lord’s Supper

Communion Comments..... Glenn Miller

Men to Serve

Alec Harvey & Joe Rike

Contribution

Children’s Songs/Closing Song.....

Announcements/Closing Prayer..... Greg Artz

Today's Lesson

**Morning Assembly
Made for a Mission
Matthew 4:23-25**

**Evening Assembly
Congregational Singing Service**

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

May 3 – David French Zambia Mission Report

May 5 – TN Children's Home Supply Pick Up

May 16 – Men's Business Meeting 8:30 AM

May 17 – Fellowship Meal After Morning Worship Service
(No 5 PM Worship Service)

Birthdays

Bob Maddux (4/29)	Kayden Thearp (5/9)
Wanda Miller (5/16)	Skyler Miller (5/19)
Teresa Artz (5/26)	Jakob Hunsucker (5/28)
Diane Maddux (5/31)	Olivia Grooms (5/31)

Anniversaries

Matt and Jessica Grooms (5/18)
Tim and Cathy Stanz (5/23)

Purpose in Life

Many years before Abraham Lincoln was elected president, he was a storekeeper in Salem, Illinois. Abe had a rifle displayed in his store that was one of the most beautiful rifles ever made. The barrel was made from the finest steel, the stock from the best walnut wood; and a world-famous gunsmith had assembled the gun. The price was extremely reasonable. Displayed next to this attractive gun was a rack of ordinary Kentucky squirrel rifles. These long-barrel rifles were made from ordinary gun steel, and plain wooden stocks. Yet, the price was higher.

A customer entered the store looking for a new rifle. He was impressed by the fine-looking gun, but was confused as to why it was priced much lower than the less attractive rifles. Abe explained that the good-looking rifle was for show, while the others were for shooting. The pioneer bought the Kentucky squirrel rifle.

A little while later, a rich farmer was decorating a room in his country mansion. He wanted to place a gun over the fireplace mantle with his big game trophies. Abe's fancy gun was exactly what he needed. The fact that it would not shoot was irrelevant. The purpose of the gun had changed.

God has given each of us a purpose, too. We can choose to work for God's glory and make disciples for Christ, or we can choose to be decorations in the church. What purpose are you serving in your relationship with Christ?

LIFE

L = Living in light of eternity

I = Identifying the things that matter most for all eternity

F = Focusing on eternity, and what matters most in light of eternity, focusing on purpose as it relates to eternity

E = Eternity is the goal of life – the purpose of life – the reason for life.