

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS

Alec, Angie, and Debby Harvey multiple health problems, **Olivia Twitchell** health problems, **Donna Rike MS**, **Pam Thomas** upcoming knee surgery, **Candy Gossett** upcoming nerve block

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 undergoing treatments, **Bill Richardson** (Olivia Twitchell's friend) cancer in both lungs, **Dick Wiles** (Larry Wiles' brother) prostate cancer, **Ina Storey** (former Oakland member) diagnosed with cancer, **Ron Shirley** (Diane Maddux's brother) PET scan showed cancer free but still needs energy and weight stabilization, **Pam Shirley** (Diane Maddux's sister-in-law) diagnosed with ovarian cancer surgery went well & chemo being planned

Other Illness and Life Challenges

Rodney Roberson (brother of Donna Rike) recovering from carpal tunnel surgery, then fell and now needs knee surgery, **Chris Roberson** (Donna Rike's sister-in-law) transferred to a higher level of care for multiple health problems, **Lucas Walters** (Debby Harvey's cousin) Down syndrome and other health concerns starting special needs school, **Augusta Washington** (Donna Rike's niece) histoplasmosis infection caused vision loss in one eye pray it doesn't spread to other eye, **Denise Craig** (Donna Rike's sister) 2 serious heart blockages, **Mark Ward** (Property Assessor/Carol Mitchell's boss) broke both ankles, **Joy Dacus** (friend of several at Oakland) home getting around slowly after hip repair, **Loretta Morgan** (Debby Harvey's sister) fell, fractured tibia and had severe infection also, **Joy Trimm** had a stroke and is in NHC

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

December 21, 2025

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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
Singing.....	Greg Artz
O Worship the King.....	260
Jesus Is All the World to Me.....	449
Prayer.....	Gene Jenkins
Where No One Stands Alone.....	651
Lesson.....	Greg Artz

A New Life in Jesus

What a Friend We Have in Jesus.....	664
Jesus Paid It All.....	312

Lord's Supper

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

Joe Rike & Alec Harvey

Contribution

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

Today's Lesson

Morning Assembly
A New Life in Jesus
John 14:6

Evening Assembly
Cancelling Debts
Deuteronomy 15

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

December 24 – No Mid-Week Bible Class and Devotional

December 28 – Congregational Singing Service 5 PM

Birthdays

Jalynne Smith (12/9)	Candy Gossett (12/12)
Cayla Smith (12/15)	Rylie Jenkins (12/17)
Carol Mitchell (12/23)	Kenneth Gossett (12/27)

Anniversaries

None

Read Through the Bible in a Year

December 21 – December 27, 1 John 1– Revelation 12

Love That Crosses Enemy Lines

During the American Civil War, the battlefield was chaos. Men on both sides lay wounded — bleeding, screaming, dying. Supplies were short. Doctors were overwhelmed. And most people avoided those front lines at all costs.

But not Clara Barton. She ran straight toward the suffering. Clara was a schoolteacher and clerk before the war, but when she saw the need, she became something more — a nurse, a supply coordinator, a fierce advocate for the forgotten. She showed up at the front lines with wagons full of bandages, food, and love. But here's what sets her apart: Clara didn't ask which side a soldier fought for. She didn't ask about politics or uniforms. If someone was bleeding, she treated them. Union or Confederate, black or white, friend or enemy — they were all children of God in her eyes.

And when people questioned her, she said, "I may be compelled to face danger, but never fear it — while our soldiers need me." After the war, she went on to found the American Red Cross, building a legacy of mercy that still saves lives today.

That's the kind of love we see in Jesus. When He found us broken, He didn't ask what side we were on. He didn't wait for us to deserve help. He bandaged our wounds and bore them Himself. Romans 5:10 says, "While we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son." Love that crosses battle lines. Love that shows up in the mess.