

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS

**Alec, Angie, and Debby Harvey** multiple health problems, **Olivia Twitchell** health problems, **Donna Rike MS, Pam Thomas** knee surgery March 16, **Susan Smith's family** flu went through the family

## 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 & treatments helping, **Bill Richardson** (Olivia Twitchell's friend) cancer in both lungs, **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, **Jamie Russell** (Jimmy Jones' nephew) cancer lesions on colon, kidney, and liver, **Sonny Taylor** (Requested by Mona Berry and several Oakland members) cancer of nose

### Other Illness and Life Challenges

**Rodney Roberson** (brother of Donna Rike) recovering from knee surgery and stable, **Lucas Walters** (Debby Harvey's cousin) Down syndrome and other health concerns starting special needs school, **Augusta Washington** (Donna Rike's niece) having to get injections in her eyes but histoplasmosis is stable, **Diane Taylor** (Requested by Mona Berry and several Oakland members) blood pressure issues and in nursing home for PT, **Ted Peaks** (Jerry Peaks' brother) home recovering after multiple health problems

### 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/>

## Oakland Church of Christ

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

February 22, 2026

[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.

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### Lord's Supper

Communion Comments.....	Glenn Miller
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### Men to Serve

Tim Stanz & John Gossett

### Contribution

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

# Today's Lesson

**Morning Assembly  
Love One Another**

**Evening Assembly  
Congregational Singing Service 5 PM**

## 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

**February 22** – Congregational Singing Service 5 PM

### REJOICE!

Melissa Hartman was baptized into Christ yesterday!

### Birthdays

Jesse Hall (3/10)  
Stan Hendrix (3/18)

### Anniversaries

Greg and Teresa Artz (2/22)  
John and Candy Gossett (2/29)  
Kenneth and Betty Gossett (3/5)

## A Love Without Condition

At no other time in the history of Christianity did love so characterize the entire church as it did in the first three centuries. And Roman society took note. Tertullian reported that the Romans would exclaim, "See how they love one another!"

Justin Martyr sketched Christian love this way: "We who used to value the acquisition of wealth and possessions more than anything else now bring what we have into a common fund and share it with anyone who needs it. We used to hate and destroy one another and refused to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies."

Clement, describing the person who has come to know God, wrote, "He impoverishes himself out of love, so that he is certain he may never overlook a brother in need, especially if he knows he can bear poverty better than his brother. He likewise considers the pain of another as his own pain. And if he suffers any hardship because of having given out of his own poverty, he does not complain."

When a devastating plague swept across the ancient world in the third century, Christians were the only ones who cared for the sick, which they did at the risk of contracting the plague themselves. Meanwhile, pagans were throwing infected members of their own families into the streets even before they died, in order to protect themselves from the disease.

It's no wonder that Christianity spread rapidly throughout the ancient world, even though there were few organized missionary or evangelism programs. The love they practiced drew the attention of the world, just as Jesus said it would.

John 13:34-35 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."