Prayer Requests for Members

Jerry & Janet Peaks Janet at Adamsville Healthcare and Rehab in Adamsville, TN, Room 522, Alec, Debby, and Angie Harvey long-term health problems and Alec in process of scheduling knee replacement, Olivia Twitchell and Willena Twitchell Willena on hospice care and Olivia as caregiver, Marilyn Capps continued health problems, Mike Mitchell rehab at home,

Prayer Requests for Family and Friends

Cancer

Brittany Bergman (Diane Maddux's cousin) brain tumor getting chemo and radiation, **Paul Goddard** on hospice care, **Ed Heskett** undergoing treatments for liver and pancreas adenocarcinoma, **Paul Cowdery** (Greg & Teresa Artz's son-in-law's father) lymphoma responding to chemo

Other Illness and Life Challenges

Dorothy Perygin (Pam Sayles's Mother) several health problems, **Judy Steele** (former member) struggling with many health issues, **Ted Peaks** (Jerry Peaks' brother) recovering from heart surgery

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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> 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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Morning Assembly Carry Your Cross Luke 9:18-27

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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

January 29 – 5th Sunday Building Fund Contribution

January 29 - Congregational Singing Service 5 PM

Birthdays

Ed Heskett (1/16) Cathy Stanz (1/17) Diane Tye (1/20)

Anniversaries

None

The Cross Bearers

The Lord brought two of his disciples to a road. He gave each one a cross of the same weight and asked them to carry it up to the end of the road, where he would wait for them. After this, the Lord disappeared.

The first disciple carried the cross with ease, while the second disciple lagged behind, obviously having a hard time. After carrying the cross for a day, the first disciple reached the end of the road and handed the cross to his Master.

"Well done, my son," the Lord told him and patted the first disciple on his back.

The second disciple reached the end of the road in the evening of the second day. When he got there, he threw the cross at the Lord's feet.

"It's not fair!" he complained. "You gave me a much heavier cross than the first disciple, which is why it took me longer to get here!"

The Lord looked at his second disciple with sadness. "Son," the Lord said to the disciple, "both crosses are of the same weight."

"But how come I carried mine with much difficulty while he carried his with ease?"

"Do not put the blame on the cross," the Lord told him. "It is because you were complaining all the way as you carried your cross. Every complaint added to the weight of the cross. The first disciple carried his cross with ease because every loving thought diminished its weight."

Luke 9:23-24 - 23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.