

## Prayer Requests for Members

**Alec Harvey** recovering from knee surgery, **Angie Harvey and Debby Harvey** multiple health problems, **Olivia Twitchell** health problems, **Donnie Thomas** continued health problems, **John Gossett** home with outpatient rehab, **Pam Thomas** knee injury,

## Prayer Requests for Family and Friends

### Cancer

**Cheryl Medley Hill** starting new round of chemo for new spots found, **David Rast** (son of Tim Stanz's friend and Teresa Artz's cousin) stage 4 cancer treatment paused to regain strength, **Benson Holmes** (friend of Larry and Linda Ellis) receiving treatments, **Billie Hesselrode** (Tim's long-time client and former missionary) cancer treatment paused to regain strength, **Perry Montague** (Debby Harvey's cousin) kidney cancer, **William Wismiller** (Teresa Artz's uncle) throat cancer undergoing treatment, **Debbie Bobbitt** (church neighbor) lung cancer started treatment, **Joy Dacus** ovarian cancer surgery Jan 15 St. Francis Park

### Other Illness and Life Challenges

**Dorothy Perygin** (Pam Thomas' mother) several health problems, **Gary and Judy Steele** (former member) multiple health problems, **Cheryl Morris** (Friend of Harveys) rare illness with large mass in lung, **Rodney Roberson** (brother of Donna Rike) planning new back surgery in December, **Robin Peak** (Sandra Thompson's sister-in-law) multiple health problems, **Hazel Gullet** (church neighbor) health problems, **Brenda Cypress' husband** not in good health, **Chris Robinson** (Donna Rike's sister-in-law) in hospital with multiple health problems, **Alice Mitchell** (Alec Harvey's sister) recovering from back surgery, **Joyce French** recovering from fall

## 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/>

# Oakland Church of Christ

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Welcome to the worship service of the Lord's Church at Oakland  
December 22, 2024

[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.....	Donnie Thomas
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## Men to Serve

Glenn Miller & Joe Rike

## Contribution

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

# Today's Lesson

Morning Assembly  
The Shepherds  
Luke 2:8-20

Evening Assembly  
Leaping Over Walls  
Psalms 18:29

## 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

**December 25** – Midweek Services Cancelled

**December 29** – Congregational Singing Service 5 PM

**December 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Building Fund Contribution

### Birthdays

Jalynne Smith (12/9)	Candy Gossett (12/12)
Mary Rose Jones (12/12)	Rylie Jenkins (12/17)
Carol Mitchell (12/23)	Kenneth Gossett (12/27)

### Anniversaries

Jimmy and Mary Rose Jones (12/4)

## The Shepherd's Blood

In 1972, a shepherd had brought his sheep into a walled-off, enclosed area for the night, and he had just gone to sleep when he heard a commotion. He quickly rushed over to where the sound was coming from, and to his horror he discovered that a wolf was in the process of dragging off one of his sheep through a hole in the wall. He was mauling this sheep, and blood was flying.

The shepherd quickly began hitting the wolf, and the wolf turned on him and began attacking him. He bit him over and over while the shepherd was striking him with his staff, and finally with one final blow of his staff, he killed the wolf as he himself collapsed into a bloody heap.

He managed to crawl over to the half-dead sheep and began to bandage its wounds. He gave it some water, and then took it in his own bloody arms, and shepherd and sheep went to sleep together. The next morning the shepherd was found dead, his body literally draped over the sheep to comfort it and keep it warm. The following day the headline in the Jerusalem paper said, "Sheep Alive, Covered in Shepherd's Blood."

John 10:14-18 - I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."