

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, **Tim Stanz** upcoming important doctor's appointment

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 Wismler** (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) being treated for bacterial infection in her blood after back 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/>

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Welcome to the worship service of the Lord's Church at Oakland
December 29, 2024

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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.

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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
In the Mist of Life
James 4:13-17**

**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

December 29 – Congregational Singing Service 5 PM

December 29 – 5th Sunday Building Fund Contribution

January 4 – Men's Business Meeting 8:30 AM

Birthdays

Cathy Stanz (1/17)
Diane Tye (1/20)

Anniversaries

None

Purpose in Life

Many years before Abraham Lincoln was elected president, he was a store-keeper 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?

1 Peter 4:7-10 - The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace