

Dear Church Family,



Kent was my best friend for 49 years, 8 months and 13 days. God brought us together many years ago and Kent was my knight in shining armor who rescued me from my dysfunctional home life. He was a loving Christian husband and father and he was the best thing that ever happened to me, other than my salvation. I will miss him forever and will always be grateful for his never ending love.

Thank you does not seem adequate enough to all of our Oakland Baptist Church family and friends who were there for us through the hardest time of our lives. The prayers, meals, visits, phone calls, cards ... a heartfelt thanks to all for your support. We love all of you so much and are so thankful for the love you continue to show towards us. God Bless You All!

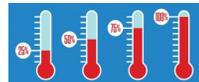
Nancy, Stacey & Angel, Shelley & Darren

Missions Fundraiser for Haley

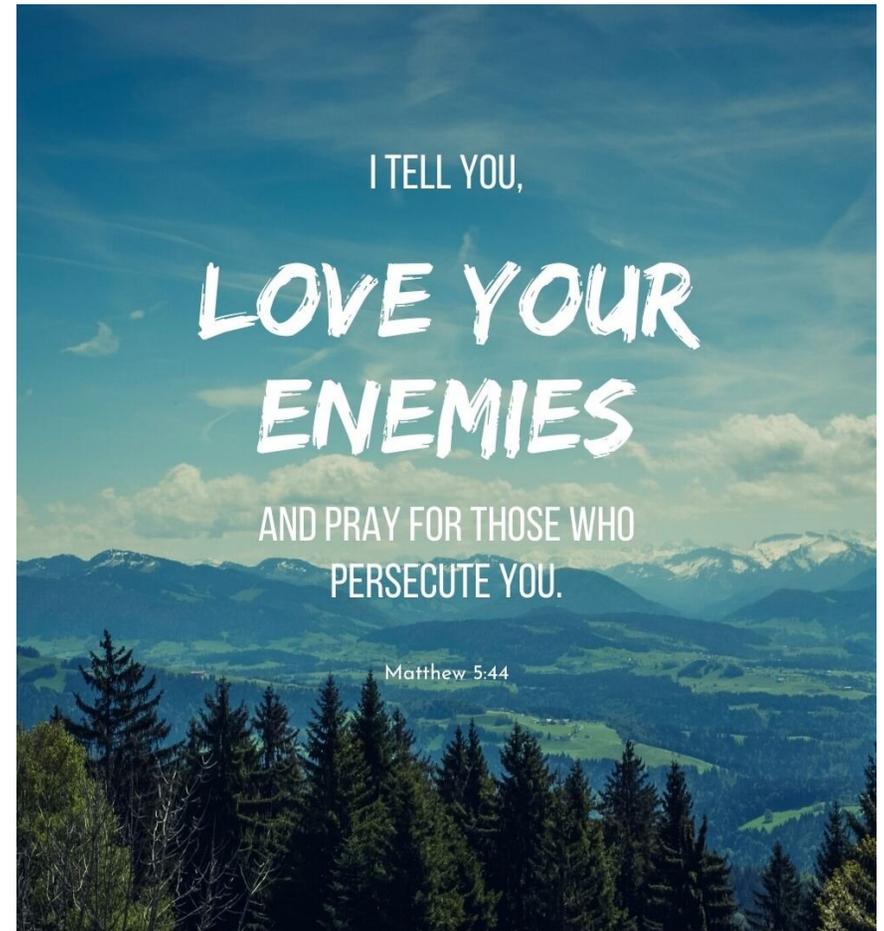


Haley has received 100% of her fundraising goal!
Thank you for helping Haley meet her financial needs for this upcoming year with Unto!
If you would like to connect with Haley to learn more about her ministry work with Unto, you can go to this website: give.cru.org/1146061

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera!



August 7, 2022



I TELL YOU,

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU.

Matthew 5:44

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Sunday, August 7 2022

Pray for Your Neighbor (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

The Point: Love your neighbors by taking their needs to God in prayer.

The Bible Meets Life: The classic 1985 movie, *The Karate Kid*, contains a scene so memorable, it's become a pop culture reference. In this scene, the teenage protagonist, Daniel LaRusso, vented his frustration toward his mentor, Mr. Miyagi, for assigning him seemingly irrelevant tasks—painting a fence, sanding a floor, and waxing a car. Daniel wanted training in martial arts, but instead he heard, “Wax on, wax off.”

Then suddenly it all came together and made sense. Daniel realized all those tedious hours of work were part of his training. What seemed like meaningless chores had been cultivating the skill and building the strength he needed. Mr. Miyagi wasn't ignoring or even delaying Daniel's request to learn karate. He was fulfilling it in an unexpected way.

If we are to carry out the Lord's commandment to love others as ourselves, we must be trained by the Holy Spirit. And one of the primary ways the Holy Spirit grows and shapes us is through prayer. When we pray for others, we are building a spiritual skill and strength we need to love like Jesus loves.

Live It Out: Evaluate. Study your own prayer life in light of this passage. Whom do you pray for? What do you pray about? How often do you pray? Ask God to help you in the areas you need to improve.

Plan. Choose a time each day this week to pray for the people you interact with regularly. Use all types of prayer: Petitions, Praise (prayers), Intercessions, and Thanksgivings. **Share.** Intercede for one person this week who is a difficult relationship for you. If they don't know Christ, meet with them for the purpose of sharing the gospel. Either way, let them know you are praying for them.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

How to Love Your Neighbor

Sunday, August 14	Honor Your Neighbor (Romans 12:9-21)
Sunday, August 21	Forgive Your Neighbor (Matthew 18:21-35)

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth

6:30 PM Online Worship

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Deacon's Meeting



Sunday, August 14th
at 1 PM in the
sanctuary.

Service Attendance

Wednesday, July 27

Online Reach: 84

Youth: 7

Sunday, July 31

Indoor: 45 Online: 142

Wednesday, August 3

Online Reach: 37

Youth: 7

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$18,566.08

July Offering

To Date: \$14,261.11

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

The Chapman Family

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

John Efird

Gabe (Amy Furr's nephew)

Nan Helms

Jack Hinson

Rich Majewski

Sue Marks

Walter (Irene's brother-in-law)

Rebecca (Susan's sister)



August Tuesdays: Correction
Multiply, Provision & Heart for
Monroe are using Hope House to
reach the community youth on

Tuesdays in August.

Our youth are welcome to attend
the Tuesday events in August.

We will also have our regular
Wednesday night youth meetings
from 6:30-7:30 PM.

**August
EVENTS**