

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Austin R. Simpson, *Assistant Pastor*

Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold
Jeffery E. Fairfax, *Emeritus*
Robert B. Mendenhall
Richard B. Summerville, Jr.

Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*
Daniel H. Harshaw, *Clerk*
John M. McArthur, Jr. *Moderator*
William Lee Summerville, Jr.

David R. Currence, *Emeritus*
James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
Jason M. Petty

The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*
James R. Clinton
Don L. Johnson
Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds, Treasurer*

Lee K. Guempel, *Safety*
David W. Kelley
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*

Malcolm Harshaw
Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*
Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus*

The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*
Ina Ruth Johnson, *Historian*
Frankie Guempel, *Circle Chair*
Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*
Susan Petty, *Secretary*
Lorie Rohrer, *Missions*

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)
Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*)
Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life – U.S. Latino*)
Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson Univ.*)
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)

Ministry Committees, 2025

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Rick Summerville, *Chairman* (2026)
Kathy Fairfax (2025)
Lee Summerville (2029)
Donna McArthur (2025)
Susan Petty (2026)
Megan Covington (2028)

Missions Committee

Jason Petty, *Chairman* (2026)
Lorie Rohrer (2025)
Chris Arnold (2029)
Thomas Hardison (2025)
Dennis Krueger (2026)
Bryce Laws (2028)

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, *Chairman* (2028)
Barbara Lawson (2026)
Bobby Mendenhall (2029)
Marsha Plyler (2025)
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)
Gwen Carlisle (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, June 8, 2025

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them...

(Psalm 146:3–6, ESV)

*Hymn 57 *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul (Psalm 146)* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

(1 Peter 2:11–17, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Reading

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our

hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in the newness of life; through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

(Psalm 103:8–12, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* All

Children's Message Pastor Simpson
(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 10:5-34

Sermon "Sovereign Lord!" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 689 *Be Still, My Soul* Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 The Gloria Patri All

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

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| 8:50 am | Early Prayer (Pastor's Study) |
| 9:00 am | Sunday School |
| 10:00 am | Morning Worship Service |
| 4:00 pm | Session Meeting |
| 5:00 pm | Choir Practice |

6:00 pm Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Sun. -Sat. *Impact West Virginia* – Summer Youth Mission, Fairmont, WV
Tuesday Game Night, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm
Wednesday Youth Group Meets, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

Game Night

Olivet's annual summer "Game Night" ministry begins this Tuesday evening with games, snacks, and a Bible lesson. (Note to parents: If bringing a child under 10, please stay to help chaperone). Game Night is scheduled for 7 to 8:30 pm on Tuesday evenings through the end of July.

Attention Ladies – You're invited

First Baptist Church of McConnells' Sonshine Sisters group invites you to a special evening of inspiration featuring award-winning Christian author Mary Ethel Eckard. When: This Thursday evening, June 12 at 7 pm. Where: McConnells First Baptist Church.

Please Note

The 50th Anniversary reception for Rick and Debbie Summerville announced last Sunday has been postponed to a later date.

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

June 23-27 52nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America – Chattanooga, TN
July 6 Communion Service, 10 am

Faith Promise for World Missions

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| 2025 Faith Promise <i>Pledged</i> , April 30, 2025 | \$ 14,460.00 |
| 2025 Faith Promise <i>Received to date</i> | \$ 1,465.00 |

Church Budget Matters

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| Receipts to Date | \$ 100,445.19 |
| Budget requirements to Date | \$ 99,216.90 |
| Difference | + \$1,228.20 |

Collection Duty

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| June | David Kelley, Brian Carlisle, John Hawley |
| July | Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson |

Nursery Team

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| Today (6/8) | Bryce Laws, Addisyn Sikes |
| Next Sunday (6/15) | Gwen Carlisle, Gracie Horton |

Children's Church Team

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| Today (6/8) | Amanda Lenker, Richard Sikes |
| Next Sunday (6/15) | Scharlie Carlisle, Toni Clinton |

Missions Prayer Requests For June

. . . *men ought always to pray and not lose heart*

--Luke 18:1 (ESV)

Garry and Anita Chambers - Pray for a short-term mission trip that they are in the process of planning. The purpose for this trip is to repair the Shekinah Presbyterian Church. The church needs to fence the church yard, seal openings around the roof, and refinish the pews. The total cost of these 3 projects will be \$4,150.00. If anyone would like to help with this send donations to mtw.org/missionaries/details/garry-and-anita-chambers.

Brian Howard - Please pray for the graduates and the challenging times for the students that are looking for jobs in this very difficult time in our world. Please pray for Anna as she makes her transition to staff in June. Please pray for Anna as she begins raising additional financial support with increased responsibilities as campus staff. I am super excited about this! Finally, I am excited to ask for your prayers for Izak and his wife Carolene. Izak will be coming on board as Campus Assistant in June. They are currently in South Africa raising support and securing their visa status as they await New Staff orientation in June. More on this soon!!

Olivet Outreach - Pray that souls will be added to the kingdom through the ministry of VBS. Also pray for Men of the Covenant as they reach out to our community this summer. (Contact Jimmy Hawley or Dennis Krueger for information or to participate.)

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