

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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)

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Donna McArthur (2025)

Susan Petty (2026)

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Missions Committee

Jason Petty, *Chairman* (2026)

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Chris Arnold (2029)

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Bryce Laws (2028)

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, *Chairman* (2028)

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Bobby Mendenhall (2029)

Marsha Plyler (2025)

Scharlie Carlisle (2025)

Gwen Carlisle (2028)



Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, October 12, 2025

Morning Worship Service

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Psalm 100, ESV)

*Hymn 1 *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism

Ernest Rhett McClure

Scripture Meditation

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends

on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

(Romans 12:9-21, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 308 *Jesus Paid It All* Congregation

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:8-44:5

Sermon

"Witnesses of the Lord"

Pastor Chip McArthur

*Hymn 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735

The Gloria Patri

Congregation

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today's Schedule

8:50 am	Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Morning Worship Service
3:00 pm	Session Meeting
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	Ladies' Circle Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

On Vacation

Please be aware that Pastor Austin is on vacation this week through Saturday. Youth group will not meet this Wednesday. Also, Pastor Chip is scheduled for a week of vacation starting Tuesday.

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

October 23	<i>Men of the Covenant Supper</i> at Bethel PCA, Clover, 6:30 pm.
October 26	Congregational Meeting (See other insert) following Morning Worship Service.
November 2	<i>Fellowship Presbytery PresWIC Fall Gathering</i> , 2-5 pm (at Westminster PCA, Rock Hill)
November 14	Olivet hosts <i>Winthrop's RUF</i> group for annual Barn Dance (Picnic Shelter). Contributions of desserts will be appreciated.
November 21-21	<i>Fall Youth Retreat</i> at Ridge Haven – See Austin Simpson for details.
November 23	Annual Joint Thanksgiving Service with McConnells First Baptist followed by time of food and fellowship, 6 pm - At Olivet
December 14	Christmas Pageant, 6 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm

Operation Christmas Child

This fall Olivet will once again be participating in *Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child*. Contributions of items for the shoeboxes may be placed in the Ladies' Sunday School room.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2025 Faith Promise <i>Pledged</i> , April 30, 2025	\$ 14,460.00
2025 Faith Promise <i>Received to date</i>	\$ 7,880.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 178,420.63
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 180,394.52
Difference	-\$ 1,973.89

Collection Duty

October	Brent Christenberry, Jamie Clinton
November	Malcolm Harshaw, Brian Carlisle

Nursery Team

Today (10/12)	Abbey Sikes, Bryce Laws
Next Sunday (10/19)	Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle

Children's Church Team

Today (10/12)	Amanda Lenker, Rick Summerville
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Next Sunday (10/19) Scharlie Carlisle, Marsha Plyler

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.

Called Congregational Meeting (Revised)

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 26, 2025, following the Morning Worship Service, for the purpose of:

1. Acting on Pastor Chip McArthur's request that his pastoral relationship with Olivet be dissolved effective May 30, 2026, due to his anticipated honorable retirement.
2. Electing a pulpit committee to begin the search for a new pastor.

Missions Prayer Requests For October

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... (1 Timothy 2:1)

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW Japan)-The Bakelaar's ask us to join them in praying as they put forth the idea of boasting in our weakness. This holds profound significance in the Japanese society that prioritizes perfection.

Brian Howard (RUF-I Clemson)-Pray for a Muslim student who has stepped away from Islam and is sincerely exploring Christianity. Pray for a student who is a husband and father of 2. He is concerned about what to do when their funding runs out in December. Continue to pray for Brian, Izak and Anna as they sow seeds of God's truth at Clemson.

Garry and Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean)-Pray for the Chambers as they attend the America's leadership Forum in Columbia, South America Oct.3-10. Pray that Anita will be able to acquire needed equipment and supplies for the medical clinic. Pray for the tensions that exist between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. These tensions make theology and leadership classes difficult for Haitian church leaders in the Dominican Republic.

Please remember to pray for all of our missionaries and continue our financial support through giving.

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