

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
Jeffery E. Fairfax, <i>Emeritus</i>	Daniel H. Harshaw, <i>Clerk</i>	James M. Hawley, <i>Emeritus</i>
Robert B. Mendenhall	John M. McArthur, Jr. <i>Moderator</i>	Jason M. Petty
Richard B. Summerville, Jr.	William Lee Summerville, Jr.	

The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, <i>Widows & Shut-ins</i>	Lee K. Guempel, <i>Safety</i>	Malcolm Harshaw
James R. Clinton	Michael A. Laws, <i>Secretary</i>	Don L. Johnson
John F. Hawley, <i>Chairman</i>	Larry M. Plyler, <i>Emeritus</i>	
Brent M. Christenberry, <i>Buildings & Grounds, Treasurer</i>		

The Women in the Church

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

Our Missionaries

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

Ministry Committees, 2025

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Rick Summerville, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Donna McArthur (2025)
Kathy Fairfax (2025)	Susan Petty (2026)
Lee Summerville (2029)	Megan Covington (2028)

Missions Committee

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

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, <i>Chairman</i> (2028)	Marsha Plyler (2025)
Barbara Lawson (2026)	Scharlie Carlisle (2025)
Bobby Mendenhall (2029)	Gwen Carlisle (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, August 3, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

(Isaiah 12:1-2, 4, ESV)

*Hymn 6 *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 347 *The Church's One Foundation* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Preparation for Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

(John 15:1-11, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 353 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* All

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

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Sermon Pastor Simpson

*Hymn 644 *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

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
7:00 pm Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday **Women in the Church (WIC) Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room).**
All ladies welcome
Officer Training, 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Youth Group Meets, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

Looking Ahead

August 16 Called Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery, 9 am at Bethel PCA in Clover
August 19 Ladies' Day Circle Meets, 1 pm
October 5 Homecoming at Olivet

Next Saturday - We're All Invited

We're all invited to a 50th Anniversary Party for Rick and Debbie Summerville being held next Saturday, August 9 from 5 to 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A BBQ dinner will be served.

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

October 5 Homecoming

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>	\$ 3,880.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 131,222.20
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 135,295.89
Difference	- \$4,073.69

Collection Duty

August	Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw
September	Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

Nursery Team

Today (8/3)	Gracie Horton, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (8/10)	Carson Simpson, Nora Kaye Summerville

Children's Church Team

Today (8/3)	Barb Lawson, Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (8/10)	Michael Laws, Jill Christenberry

Missions Prayer Requests For August

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Psalm 66:19, ESV

Roger and Laura Dye (Family Life US Latino) - Continue to pray for them as they launch a US Latino website.

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW-Japan) – Pray for spiritual protection, for Peter's role as a leader, for Diane's Bible study, for wisdom regarding team expansion and volunteers onboarding, for health, strength, and funds. Also pray for Peter's brother and wife who lost an adult child

Brian Howard (RUFU-Clemson University) - Pray for Brian as he and his team plan for the upcoming semester. Pray for wisdom, unity, and financial provision.

Garry and Anita Chambers (MTW Caribbean) – The Chambers ask for prayers concerning gang warfare in Haiti. The suffering and violence that is imposed by these gangs is extreme. Pray for God to move in the churches of the Caribbean drawing young people to Himself and calling some to be pastors and teachers. Pray for the Chamber's health and stamina as they oversee the ministries in medical clinics, churches, and schools.