

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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## The Session

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## The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, <i>Widows &amp; Shut-ins</i>	Lee K. Guempel, <i>Safety</i>	Malcolm Harshaw
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## The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, <i>President</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children's Church</i>	Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>
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Frankie Guempel, <i>Circle Chair</i>		

## Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar ( <i>MTW-Japan</i> )	Brian Howard ( <i>RUF1-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 17, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

**O**h sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in  
the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and  
faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

(Psalm 98:1-3, ESV)

\*Hymn 16                      *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord (Psalm 98)*                      All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 30                      *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*                      All

Scripture Meditation                      Pastor Austin Simpson

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,

Preparation for Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

they shall not reach him.  
You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.  
Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

(Psalm 32, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving                      Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 457                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      All

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

Scripture Reading                      Isaiah 37:21-38

Sermon                      "The God Who Answers Prayer"                      Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 461                      *Not What My Hands Have Done*                      All

\*Benediction

\*Offering of Praise 735                      *The Gloria Patri*                      All

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Today at Olivet

8:45 am	Sunday School "Rally Sunday" – Donuts and Coffee
8:50 am	Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

## This Week at Olivet

**Tuesday                      Ladies Day Circle Meets, 1 pm**

Wednesday Officer Training, 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Youth Group Meets, 6 pm  
Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

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.

*Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)*

**Next Sunday Fellowship Supper following Children and Adult Groups (Missionary Updates) starting at 6 pm.**

September 25 Fellowship Presbytery Meets, 9 am at Trinity PCA in Chester.

October 5 Homecoming at Olivet

*Faith Promise for World Missions*

2025 Faith Promise *Pledged*, April 30, 2025 \$ 14,460.00

2025 Faith Promise *Received to date* \$ 4,705.00

*Church Budget Matters*

Receipts to Date \$ 143,351.63

Budget requirements to Date \$ 144,315.62

Difference -\$ 963.99

*Collection Duty*

August Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw

September Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

*Nursery Team*

Today (8/17) Kathy Fairfax, Maddie Sikes

Next Sunday (8/24) Donna McArthur, Megan Covington

*Children's Church Team*

Today (8/17) Lorie Rohrer, Jane Harshaw

Next Sunday (8/24) Brenda Nance, Rick Summerville

*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