

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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## The Session

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## The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, <i>Widows &amp; Shut-ins</i>	Brent M. Christenberry, <i>Buildings &amp; Grounds</i>	James R. Clinton
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Don L. Johnson	David W. Kelley	Michael A. Laws, <i>Secretary</i>
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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>
Ina Ruth Johnson, <i>Historian</i>	Marsha Plyler, <i>Treasurer/Pastor's Aide</i>	Lorie Rohrer, <i>Missions</i>
Frankie Guempel, <i>Chair-Circle 2</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 Global-Latin America</i> )	Debbie Richards ( <i>MTW-Japan</i> )

## Ministry Committees, 2023

### Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Brenda Nance (2023)
Jill Christenberry (2024)	Donna McArthur (2025)
Rick Summerville (2026)	Kathy Fairfax (2025)

### Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Susan Petty (2023)
Brian Carlisle (2024)	Thomas Hardison (2025)
Jason Petty (2026)	Lori Rohrer (2025)

### Witness Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2026), <i>Chairman</i>	Laura Frame (2023)
Katie Summerville (2024)	Marsha Plyler (2026)
Scharlie Carlisle (2026)	



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The Lord's Day, September 17, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship Mr. Simpson

**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 55 *To God Be the Glory* All

The Law of God Pastor Chip McArthur

*Leader:* What is the fifth commandment?

*People:* **The fifth commandment is: Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.**

*Leader:* What does the fifth commandment require?

*People:* **The fifth requirement requires us to respect and treat others, whether above, below, or equal to us, as their position or our relationship to them demands.**

*Leader:* What does the fifth commandment forbid?

*People:* **The fifth commandment forbids being disrespectful to or not treating others as their position or relationship to us demands.**

From *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*<sup>1</sup>, Questions 63-66

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Prayer

**Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of corruption. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive me for rebelling against the authority structures You've set up in my life. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me thankful for Your rule and reign in my life.**

Bobby Griffith, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 87 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)* All

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

Scripture Reading John 18:12-27

Sermon "Disowned" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 469 *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* All

\*Benediction

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

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able, please stand.

## Today at Olivet

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday Night Special - Children's Ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Adult Bible Study followed by a Fellowship Meal (Hamburger steaks, potatoes, etc)</b>

## This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm

<sup>1</sup> Kelly, Douglas F., et al. *The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English*. Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, 1986.

Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)

### Looking Ahead

September 28 Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Filbert PCA in York, 9 am  
October 1 Homecoming at Olivet – Guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Bryant  
October 14 Women in the Church Fall Gathering at Zion PCA. *Celebrating God Through the Psalms*. Registration forms are in the vestibule. If you wish to attend, please fill out the form & give Marsha Plyler \$15.00 by October 6, 2023  
November 17-19 Youth Fall Retreat at Ridgehaven

### Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Israel Plyler by his grandparents, Larry and Marsha Plyler.

### Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023: \$ 19,340.00  
2023 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 9,352.50

### Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date \$ 143,893.37  
Receipts to date: \$ 150,644.42

### Collection Duty

September Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws  
October Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton

### Nursery Team

Today (9/17) Addison Sikes, Barbara Lawson  
Next Sunday (9/24) Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle

### Children's Church Team

Today (9/17) Brenda Nance (T), Richard Sikes  
Next Sunday (9/24) Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton

### Devotional Guides

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

### Missions Prayer Requests - September

*Pray that God may open a door to us for the Word.*

--Colossians 4:3

**Debbie Richards** - Pray for the 36 people who have responded to the BI English Cafe ministry to be drawn to Christ. Pray that the cafe would lead to Bible study opportunities. Praise for 3 interns who have come to teach at the MK school this year. She will be coming to the states for 6 months beginning mid-September to help her parents and visit churches.

**Sara Driggers**-Pray for travel Sept.17-22 to Florida to facilitate in new member orientation. Pray for good relations with the new client she will receive this month. Pray for Marty who is in his 4th month in the law enforcement academy and for daughter Jade who is adjusting to college life. Pray for her to find Christian friends.

**Peter and Diane Bakelaar** - They are in the US until May. Pray for them as they travel and pray that they will be able to raise support needed for the future. Pray for their son, Evan, who is job hunting in his new home state of New Hampshire. Pray for J.J. and Anne Smoker who are taking the Bakelaars' place while they are in the US. Praise for their first grandchild Nara Josephine Bakelaar!

**Brian and Missy Howard** - Pray that they will be able to form relationships with college students at Clemson who are questioning issues of faith and life. Pray for their ministry, event Getaway Weekend, at the end of September. Pray for financial provision and for good student participation for this weekend of outreach.