

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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James R. Clinton

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Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)

Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*)

Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global-Latin America*)

Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson Univ.*)

Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)

Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Ministry Committees, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*

Jill Christenberry (2024)

Rick Summerville (2026)

Donna McArthur (2025)

Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), *Chairman*

Brian Carlisle (2024)

Jason Petty (2026)

Thomas Hardison (2025)

Lorie Rohrer (2025)

Dennis Krueger (2026)

Witness Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2026), *Chairman*

Katie Summerville (2024)

Scharlie Carlisle (2025)

Barbara Lawson (2028)

Marsha Plyler (2025)

Austin Simpson (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

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The Lord's Day, August 25, 2024

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship

Preparation for Worship
Pastor Chip McArthur

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

(Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9, ESV)

*Hymn 4 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the

grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."

(James 1:2-12, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, you who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Choral Offering *Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness* Choir

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:22-33

Sermon "Husbands and Wives" Pastor McArthur

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

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Choir Practice

6:00 pm **Impact West Virginia Team Report, 6 pm at Zion PCA.**
Fellowship and refreshments to follow. Note: Regular
Sunday evening ministries at Olivet will not be held today

This Week at Olivet:

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

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

September 26 Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Salem PCA, Gaffney.
October 6 Homecoming

Inquirers' Class

An *Inquirers' Class* for any who may be interested in becoming a member at Olivet is being organized and planned to be held during Sunday School for four weeks. It will be led by Pastor Chip and is tentatively set to begin September 8. Please let him know if you have questions. His mobile number is (803) 417-1865. **A sign-up list is in the vestibule.**

Communicants' Class

As announced earlier in the summer, a *Communicants Class* for Olivet's covenant children interested in becoming communing members is also beginning soon. Pastor Chip will be contacting parents next week to determine the best time to schedule the class. Parents, if you haven't already let Pastor Chip of your child's interest and readiness, please speak with him as soon as possible.

Faith Promise for World Missions

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| 2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024 | \$ 20,960.00 |
| 2024 Faith Promise Received to date | \$ 6,957.00 |

Church Budget Matters

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| Receipts to Date | \$ 145,751.04 |
| Budget requirements to Date | \$ 149,144.16 |
| Difference | -\$3,393.12 |

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

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| Today (8/25) | Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle |
| Next Sunday (9/1) | Nora Kaye Summerville, Jane Harshaw |

Children's Church Team

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| Today (8/25) | Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton |
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Next Sunday (9/1) Barb Lawson (T), Roy Clinton

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are available today in the vestibule.

Missions Prayer Requests For August

(We) ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Luke 18:1

Brian Howard RUF1 Clemson – Pray for Brian and his team as they begin the fall semester at Clemson. This is truly a multi-cultural ministry. Last semester they were able to bring the Gospel to students from Ghana, Nigeria, Madagascar, Cameroon, and India! Pray for continued opportunities to share Christ and for hearts that are open to hear.

Pete and Diane Bakelaar Japan – Praise the Lord that they have been able to begin a new branch of ministry called “Art and Soul”. This is a series of talks that relate the beauty of art to the truths of the Bible and reflect God's handiwork as well as His attributes. Pray for good attendance as these talks continue. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare hearts open and receptive as well as for meaningful connections to be established.

Continue to pray for our other missionaries: **Sara Driggers, Roger and Laura Dye, Debbie Richards, and Garry and Anita Chambers.**

The PCA's *Mission to the World* has ongoing projects that need prayer support. One of these is Hilltop School in South Asia. The school provides food, shelter, education, and the Gospel to more than 60 children, and is a platform for the Gospel to reach surrounding villages. Help to further the spread of the Gospel by praying for this unique school.