

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 Global-Latin America*)

Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson Univ.*)
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)
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Ministry Committees, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*
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Missions Committee

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Marsha Plyler (2025)
Austin Simpson (2028)



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The Lord's Day, July 14, 2024

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship

Preparation for Worship
Pastor Austin Simpson

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?
Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?

For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

(Romans 11:33-36, ESV)

*Hymn 38 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 36 *Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me and I Know* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick; who can understand it?

"I the LORD search the heart
and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds.

(Jeremiah 17:9-10, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin All

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**

(Psalm 51:1-4, ESV)

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

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

(Psalm 32:5, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer
His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 499 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* All

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:1-10

Sermon "Imitators of God-Part 2" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 528 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* 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
2:00 pm Deacons' Meeting
5:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, and Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday Game Night, 7-8:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday	Sunday Night Special – Ice Cream Social following Children’s Ministries and Adult Bible Study
October 6	Homecoming

Attention Parents

A “Communicants Class” is being organized for the fall. If you have a child showing interest in becoming a communing church member, please let Pastor Chip know.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024	\$ 20,960.00
2024 Faith Promise Received to date	\$ 3,945.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 116,786.26
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 122,027.04
Difference	-\$5,240.78

Collection Duty

July	Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson
August	Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley

Nursery Team

Today (7/14)	Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (7/21)	Kathy Fairfax, Jane Harshaw

Children’s Church Team

Today(7/14)	Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton
Next Sunday (7/21)	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 July

Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Mt. 28:19-20

An MTW Japan missionary agreed to have a conversation with a Buddhist man with less than a year to live. The man’s Christian daughter told him she could not hold a Japanese Buddhist funeral for him, so she asked her father to meet with her pastor about making arrangements for a Christian funeral. The missionary pastor explained the gospel to the man and his wife, explaining the differences between Christian and Buddhist funerals.

At the end of their conversation, the man asked: “So I don’t have to be a Christian to have a Christian-based funeral?” “No, sir! We would never want you to believe something you don’t want to,” the missionary answered. “Well,” he paused. “I might as well become Christian.” His daughter and the missionary stared at him in astonishment. The missionary quickly said, “Sir, there is really no pressure to ...” To their surprise the father explained, “I may not look like it, but I am a very prideful man. But when you face death, there is no longer a need to hold on to pride. I listened to your explanation,” he said, pointing at the scribbles that explained the gospel, “and it sounds right. I would like to enter into your faith.” Still skeptical, the missionary asked, “Does this mean you want to get baptized?” “Yes. With my wife as well.”

His wife was surprised but nodded in agreement. After a few Bible studies and a baptism interview, the 70-year-old couple got baptized in front of their Christian daughter.

God is working through MTW! Pray for our missionaries

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