

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Christopher W. Arnold
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The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*
James R. Clinton
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*
Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus*

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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 (*RUF1-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*
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Jason Petty (2026)

Thomas Hardison (2025)
Lorie Rohrer (2025)
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Witness Committee

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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, September 1, 2024

Prelude	Preparation for Worship
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Austin Simpson
*Call to Worship	

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
 Serve the Lord with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.”

(Psalm 100, ESV)

*Hymn 6	<i>Oh, Come My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord</i>	All
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*Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn 44	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	All
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Scripture Meditation	Pastor Chip McArthur
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Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 460	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	All
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Children’s Message	Pastor Simpson
(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children’s Church Program)	

Scripture Reading	Ephesians 5:22-33
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Sermon	“Husbands and Wives”-Part 2	Pastor McArthur
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*Hymn 565	<i>All for Jesus!</i>	All
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*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	All
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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
4:00 pm	Session Meeting
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children’s Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet:

Wednesday	Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
Thursday	Communicants’ Class, 4 pm

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

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

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

Inquirers' Class

A four-week *Inquirers' Class* for any who may be interested in becoming a member at Olivet is scheduled to begin next Sunday morning, September 8, during the Sunday School hour. It will be led by Pastor Chip. Please let him know if you are interested. His mobile number is (803) 417-1865. **A sign-up list is in the vestibule.**

Communicants' Class

A *Communicants Class* for Olivet's covenant children interested in becoming communing members is set to begin Thursday at 4 pm. Parents, if you haven't already let Pastor Chip of your child's interest and readiness, please speak with him today.

Operation Christmas Child

This fall Olivet will once again be participating in Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Contributions of items for the shoeboxes may be placed in the Ladies' Sunday School room.

Faith Promise for World Missions

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

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 149,331.59
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 153,663.68
Difference	-\$4,332.09

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

Today (9/1)	Nora Kaye Summerville, Jane Harshaw
Next Sunday (9/8)	Maddie Sikes, Frankie Guempel

Children's Church Team

Today (9/1)	Barb Lawson (T), Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (9/8)	Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry

Devotional Guides

Missions Prayer Requests For September

Pray for us that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Brian Howard RUF1 Clemson- The typical International student has no interest or knowledge of Christianity. Pray that they will be awakened as RUF team members share the gospel. Pray that many students will attend meetings to read and study the Bible and to learn about Jesus.

Pete and Diane Bakelaar Japan -The Bakelaar's will be participating in 2 festivals. One will be held Sept 14-15 and the other Sept 28-29. Pray for God to work mightily through their efforts and give them wisdom and boldness. Pete will also be attending the 4th Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism on Sept 21-27. Pray that this congress will help to equip leaders in missions from around the world.

Garry and Anita Chambers-Pray for the MTW Belize team to be seen as having unity, working well with one another and with those to whom they minister. Pray for their wisdom in pointing others to Christ as well as wisdom in decision-making.

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

The PCA's *Mission to the World* has ongoing projects that need prayer support. One of these is The Lighthouse Home. The ministry began in 1999 by MTW Philippines church planting team and cares for children who are orphaned, abandoned, or abused. Children receive nurture, physical provision, education, and the gospel.

A local Presbyterian church provides spiritual oversight to the children.