

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Christopher W. Arnold  
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## The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*  
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## The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*  
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Frankie Guempel, *Circle Chair*

Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*  
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*

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Lorie Rohrer, *Missions*

## 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

A member congregation of  
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The Lord's Day, July 7, 2024

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Chip McArthur

\*Call to Worship

**S**ing to the Lord,  
for he has triumphed gloriously;  
The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

(Adapted from Exodus 15:1-2, ESV)

\*Hymn 347

*The Church's One Foundation*

All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Meditation

You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.  
For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.  
The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
Who considers the power of your anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear of you?  
So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

(Psalm 90:8-12, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

All

**Almighty Father: we enter Your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from You and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times when we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm that we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Christ.**

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

[Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

(Romans 4:24-25, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 498

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

All

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:1-2

Sermon

"Imitators of God"

Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 423

*According to Thy Gracious Word*

All

\*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn 254

*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

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
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
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!)

<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Deacon's Meeting, 2 pm</b>
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	\$ 3,300.00

### Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 109,871.10
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 117,507.52
Difference	-\$7,636.42

### Collection Duty

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

### Nursery Team

Today (7/7)	Addisyn Sikes, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (7/14)	Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle

### Children's Church Team

Today (7/7)	Amanda Lenker (T), Richard Sikes
Next Sunday (7/14)	Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni 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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