

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
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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>
Larry M. Plyler, <i>Emeritus</i>		

## 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>	Donna McArthur, <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 10, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship Mr. Austin Simpson

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love  
The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD  
and all your saints shall bless you!  
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the splendor of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

(Psalm 145:8-13, ESV)

\*Hymn 110 *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

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

The Law of God Mr. Simpson

Leader: What is the fourth commandment?

**People:** **The fourth commandment is: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.**

Leader: What does the fourth commandment require?

**People:** **The fourth commandment requires us to set apart to God the times he has established in His word—specifically one whole day out of every seven as a holy Sabbath to Him.**

Leader: Which day of the week has God designated as the Sabbath?

**People:** **From the beginning of the world until the resurrection of Christ God established the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath. From that time until the end of the world the first day of the week is the Christian Sabbath.**

Leader: How do we keep the Sabbath holy?

**People:** **We keep the Sabbath holy by resting the whole day from worldly affairs or recreations, even ones that are lawful on other days. Except for necessary works or acts of mercy we should spend all our time publicly and privately worshipping God.**

From *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*<sup>1</sup>, Questions 57-60

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Prayer

**Holy Father, forgive us. Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though You should rule us, we control ourselves. Though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable.**

**Heal our confused mind with your Word, heal our divided will with Your law, our troubled conscience with Your love, and our anxious hearts with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.**

Bobby Griffith, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 100 *Holy, Holy, Holy* All

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

Scripture Reading Exodus 33:17-34:8

Sermon Exodus 33:17-34:8 Mr. Simpson

\*Hymn 455 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* All

\*Benediction

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

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

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able, please stand.

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

### *Today at Olivet*

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting (Rescheduled)</b>
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Adult Bible Study

### *This Week at Olivet*

Wednesday	Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
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### *Looking Ahead*

September 28	Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Filbert PCA in York, 9 am
October 1	Homecoming at Olivet – Guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Bryant
November 17-19	Youth Fall Retreat at Ridgehaven

### *Faith Promise for World Missions*

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 8,227.50

### *Church Budget Matters*

Budget requirements to date	\$ 140,004.36
Receipts to date:	\$ 146,991.17

### *Collection Duty*

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

### *Nursery Team*

Today (9/10)	Abbey Sikes, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (9/17)	Addison Sikes, Barbara Lawson

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (9/10)	Michael Laws (T), Marsha Plyler
Next Sunday (9/17)	Brenda Nance (T), Richard Sikes

### *Devotional Guides*

### *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.