

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold
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James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
Jason M. Petty

The Diaconate

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

Sandra Currence, *President*
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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, March 17, 2024

Annual World Missions Conference

Morning Worship Service

Prelude Preparation for Worship
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur
*Call to Worship

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
(Psalm 96:1-6, ESV)

*Choral Offering *God Himself Is With Us* Choir
*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 441 *Jesus Shall Reign* All
Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

(Philippians 2:5-11, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

All

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all, yet we must confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives as we ought. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and his head of the Church, His body. In his name we pray, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Missions Report

Garry and Anita Chambers
Mission to the World

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 302

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

All

Children's Message

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

Mr. Simpson

Sermon

"His Vision: Our Mission" (John 17:11-23) Rev. Chuck McArthur
Equipping Leaders International

*Hymn 437

O God to Us Show Mercy (Psalm 67)

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 – World Missions Conference

- 9 am Sunday School
Children (with Brian Carlisle)
Teens (with Gary and Anita Chambers)
Adults (with Chuck McArthur)
- 10 am Morning Worship Service (Garry and Anita Chambers reporting)
- 11:30 am Fellowship Luncheon – On the menu: BBQ with fixings! Everyone’s Invited.
- 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service (Roger and Laura Dye Reporting)
Dessert Social following the service.

Our Guest Preacher

Our special guest preacher this year is **the Rev. Chuck McArthur**. Chuck is a veteran PCA church planter and pastor who now serves as Executive Director of Equipping Leaders International (ELI). And yes, he’s also Pastor Chip’s younger brother. A graduate of Belhaven College and Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, Chuck met his wife Sheree in 1980 while at Belhaven, and they were married the following year. They currently reside in St. Augustine, Florida. They have three grown sons, two wonderful daughter-in-laws, three handsome fun-loving grandsons, and a beautiful Costa Rican granddaughter.

Our Missionaries

We are delighted to have back and joining us this weekend two of Olivet’s supported missionary couples. **Roger and Laura Dye** served for sixteen years as missionaries in Chile with Mission to the World, and since 2013, with FamilyLife Global where Roger serves as the Assistant to the Director of Hispanic Ministries, working to equip pastors and leaders to strengthen marriages and families. FamilyLife is a ministry of Cru (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ). The Dyes have four grown children: Deanna, Isaac, Hudson, and Suzy Grace, one granddaughter and three grandsons. They currently reside in Winnsboro, SC, ministering throughout Latin America as well as the Hispanic communities of NC, SC, GA, and TN.

Garry and Anita Chambers have served in the Caribbean area since 1982 and have witnessed God working in amazing ways throughout the country of Haiti and surrounding areas. After meeting at LeTourneau University, God called them together to serve at Hospital of Light in southern Haiti for 15 years, where they ministered, raised their family, and saw many people come to know Christ.

In 2002 the Lord led them to northern Belize to assist at the Presbyterian Medical Clinic in the village of Patchakan. Garry initially worked as the clinic

administrator, then trained a Belizean to take his place and worked among the Presbyterian churches in discipleship, evangelism, preaching, and teaching. (OVER) He currently serves on the boards of the seminary and clinic. Anita, an R.N., ministered as nursing manager, promoting spiritual and community health and supported the local church leadership. The clinic is now staffed completely by Belizean nationals and the churches have a vision for discipleship and growth.

In January 2015, Garry took the role of MTW leadership as the regional director and council coordinator for the Caribbean region, giving oversight and developing MTW ministries throughout the Caribbean. Garry and Anita enjoy teaching, leading marriage seminars, and ministering to MTW missionaries and national partners. Garry was also asked to serve as the regional director for Indigenous Ministries to North America-MTW in August 2018.

Faith Promise for World Missions

All of Olivet’s financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Since 1999, the Lord has been pleased to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in missionary support through the Olivet Church family and Faith Promise giving.

What is a Faith Promise? A Faith Promise is a commitment to the Lord in which a believer promises, by faith, to give an amount of money over and above his or her regular tithes and offerings, as the Lord provides, to the world missions ministry of the church.

Please prayerfully consider making **a new Faith Promise Commitment for 2024** using the enclosed card. Cards may be submitted through the offering plate and will be received through the month of April.

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 18,603.50
2024 (New) Faith Promise Pledges to Date:	\$ 5,250.00

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
Saturday	Fellowship Presbytery Women’s Gathering at Salem PCA (see information below)

Women’s Gathering

All ladies are encouraged to pray for and attend the *PresWIC Women’s Gathering* scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 23 at Salem PCA in Gaffney (1907 Hickory Grove Rd. Gaffney, SC). The theme of the event is “Taking the Gospel to the

Nations.” Check in starts at 8 am with the program starting at 9 am. Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. To register, see Marsha Plyer or Sandra Currence.

Looking Ahead

- March 30 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am to noon. Egg hunt, cookies, and the *REAL* Easter story
- March 31 Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, 7 am
Morning Worship, 10 am
- April 7 Communion Service, 10 am
- April 20 Youth Sports Day with Christ Ridge PCA
- April 27 Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Olivet, 9 am
- May 17-18 Youth Campout (at Olivet)

We're Invited

Zion PCA in Lowrys is planning a Good Friday Service fort 7 pm on March 29. They've invited us to join them for worship and the Lord's Supper.

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to Date	\$ 45,195.20
Receipts to Date	\$ 42,705.72
Difference	(\$2,489.48)

Collection Duty

March	Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle
April	John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

Nursery Team

Today (3/17)	Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw
Next Sunday (3/24)	Sandra Currence, Frankie Guempel

Children's Church Team

Today (3/17)	Barb Lawson (T), Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (3/24)	Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry

Evening Worship Service

*Call to Worship

Austin Simpson

Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.
Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,
the villages that Kedar inhabits;
let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,
let them shout from the top of the mountains.
Let them give glory to the LORD,
and declare his praise in the coastlands.

(Isaiah 42:10-12, ESV)

*Hymn 16 *Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* (Psalm 98) All

*Invocation

*Hymn 173 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* All

Missionary Report Roger and Laura Dye
Family Life Global

Evening Prayer Pastor Chip

Sermon *"The Joy of Missions Engagement"* (John 17:1-10) Chuck McArthur
Equipping Leaders International

Hymn 647 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* All

*Benediction

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!"

(Psalm 67:1-5, ESV)