

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Austin R. Simpson, *Assistant Pastor*

Thomas Hardison, *Ministerial Intern*

Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*

Robert B. Mendenhall, *Sunday School Superintendent*

## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold  
Jeffery E. Fairfax, *Emeritus*  
Robert B. Mendenhall  
Richard B. Summerville, Jr.

Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*  
Daniel H. Harshaw  
John M. McArthur, Jr. *Moderator*  
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David R. Currence, *Emeritus*  
James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*  
Jason M. Petty

## The Diaconate

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

Lee K. Guempel, *Safety*  
Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds*  
David W. Kelley

Malcolm Harshaw, *Treasurer*  
Don L. Johnson  
Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*

## The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*  
Ina Ruth Johnson, *Historian*  
Frankie Guempel, *Circle Chair*

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

Susan Petty, *Secretary*  
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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A member congregation of  
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The Lord's Day, September 15, 2024

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

**O**h sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!  
(Psalm 98:1, 4-6, ESV)

\*Hymn 16 *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord (Psalm 98)* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 78 *O Bless the Lord, My Soul (Psalm 78)* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have  
compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
(Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-9, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* All

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:1-4

Sermon "Parents and Their Children" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 647 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* 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:*

8:50 am Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)

9:00 am Sunday School

Inquirers' Class (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 am Morning Worship Service

**Missions Committee Meets (Following Worship)**

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, 6:30 pm

*Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)*

September 26 Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Salem PCA, Gaffney.  
**September 29 Joint Sunday Evening Worship at Zion PCA, Lowrys (6 pm)**  
October 6 Homecoming with Rev. Wallace Tinsley  
October 20 Shoebox Packing Party, 6 pm

*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	\$ 7,757.00

*Church Budget Matters*

Receipts to Date	\$ 157,545.59
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 162,702.72
Difference	-\$ 5,157.13

*Collection Duty*

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

*Nursery Team*

Today (9/15)	Donna McArthur, Megan Covington
Next Sunday (9/22)	Abby Sikes, Bryce Laws

*Children's Church Team*

Today (9/15)	Lori Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (9/22)	Brenda Nance (T), Marsha Plyler

*Devotional Guides*

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

## 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.