

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

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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*
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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, May 12, 2024

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
(Psalm 95:1-2, ESV)

*Hymn 76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 164 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* All

Special Presentation Mr. Bobby Mendenhall

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep 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, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

The First Table of the Law (Exodus 20:3-11, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Prayer

Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, and my rebellious

ways: according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O Lord. For the sake of Your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

From Psalm 25

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

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.

(Psalm 145:8-9, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 87 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* (Psalm 23) All

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon "To Know the Love of Christ" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 535 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!* 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.

Happy Mothers' Day!

Today at Olivet:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship Service

No Sunday Evening Ministries this evening.

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)
Fri.-Sat. Youth Campout (at Olivet)

Confronting the Lies of Our Modern Age – A New Bible Study Series

During the last few decades, we have experienced a cataclysmic upheaval in the fundamental values once held by the majority of Americans. The acceptance and normalization by American society of such things as homosexuality and transgenderism along with a corresponding disregard and even contempt for the foundational institutions of marriage, family, and the home, has left many Christians confused, conflicted, and unsure how to remain faithful Christ and to be a witness for Him in a world where it seems that right has become wrong and wrong has become right. Join us for Bible Study on Sunday evenings *starting next week* as we look to the unchanging truth of God’s revealed word for answers.

Sunday Night Special Next Week

A covered dish “potluck” supper is planned for next Sunday evening after Bible Study and Children’s Ministries. Bring a favorite dish and join us!

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

June 2-6 Vacation Bible School (see note on insert)
June 10-14 51st General Assembly of the PCA, Richmond, VA

Vacation Bible School 2024 – Please Register

Olivet is again hosting Summer Vacation Bible School with McConnells First Baptist Church, scheduled for June 2-6, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. with classes for children and teens 3 years old through Grade 12. Please register on the church website at www.olivetpca.org.

VBS Help Needed

Everyone, please see the signup sheet in the vestibule for food needs for VBS. We’re expecting 75-80 youth and adults, so we need lots!! Thank you for your help.

Attention Parents

A “Communicants Class” is being organized. If you have a child showing interest in becoming a communing church member, please let Pastor Chip know.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise FINAL	\$ 21,728.00
2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024	\$ 20,960.00
2024 Faith Promise Received to date	\$ 470.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 77,478.60
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 81,351.36
Difference	(\$3,872.76)

Collection Duty

May	Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw
June	David Kelley, Brian Carlisle, John Hawley

Nursery Team

Today (5/12)	Gracie Horton, Megan Covington
Next Sunday (5/19)	Abbey Sikes, Bryce Laws

Children’s Church Team

Today (5/12)	Lori Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (5/19)	Brenda Nance (T), Marsha Plyler

Devotional Guides

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

By Faith

The PCA’s denominational magazine **byFaith** is now available exclusively in an online digital format. You can find it at byFaithonline.com where you can also sign up to receive [twice-weekly updates in your inbox](#).