

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
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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The Lord's Day, October 13, 2024

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

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
(Psalm 111:1-3, ESV)

*Hymn 4 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* All
*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 295 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* All
Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
(Psalm 90:1-8, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Reading
Have mercy on us, O God,

**according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from my sin!
For we know my transgressions,
and our sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**

(Psalm 51:1-4, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer
His Tithes & Our Offerings
*Doxology
*Prayer of Thanksgiving
*Hymn 128 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* All
Children's Message Pastor Simpson
(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)
Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-20
Sermon "Our Great Struggle" Pastor McArthur
*Hymn 92 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* All
*Benediction
*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All
*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

8:50 am Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm Joint Officers Meeting (Elders and Deacons)
5:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet:

Monday	Fellowship Presbytery Called Meeting, 6:30 pm (at Olivet)
Wednesday	Youth Group Meets Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
Thursday	Communicants' Class, 6:30 pm

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

October 19	PresWIC – Annual Fall Gathering at Redeeming Grace PCA in Lake Wylie, 9 am to 1 pm. All ladies are invited. (See insert)
October 20	Shoobox Packing Party, 6 pm.
October 27	Deacon's Meeting (Budget), 2 pm.
November 24	Joint Thanksgiving Service at McConnells First Baptist, 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.

Attention Moms

Moms are invited to join a weekly park moms' meet-up and picnic lunch on Fridays at 11 am at Lowrys Park. Carson Simpson and Dani Day are organizing it. Please see them for details.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024	\$ 20,960.00
2024 Faith Promise Received to date	\$ 7,967.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 170,318.59
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 180,780.80
Difference	-\$ 10,462.21

Collection Duty

October	Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton
November	Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle

Nursery Team

Today (10/13)	Nora Kaye Summerville, Jane Harshaw
Next Sunday (10/20)	Maddie Sikes, Frankie Guempel

Children's Church Team

Today (10/13)	Barb Lawson (T), Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (10/20)	Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry

Devotional Guides

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

Missions Prayer Requests for October

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.... (1 Timothy 2:1)

Brian Howard RUF1 Clemson- Pray that God's Word would work to convert those who are not yet Christians and that Christian students would be strengthened in their faith. Pray for Brian's son who is going through a hard time, that he will be assured of God's nearness and rely on Him.

Pete and Diane Bakelaar Japan - Pray for the safe arrival and smooth transition of 2 volunteers who will be joining the Bakelaars. Pray that their time of service will be meaningful and fruitful.

Garry and Anita Chambers - Garry and Anita have a heavy travel schedule for October. Pray for their health and safety this month. Also, pray for a new missionary couple who has moved to Nassau and begun their ministry.

Sara Driggers Wycliffe-Sara is busy with several different training groups. Pray that she will be able to meet the variety of needs each group has. She also asks us to pray for Marty and Jade during her times of travel.

Continue to pray for our other missionaries, **Roger and Laura Dye, and Debbie Richards.**

MTW has ongoing projects that need prayer support. One of them is Libreaccesso, a church plant in Spain. Spain is the least evangelized Spanish-speaking country and only 1% of the population is evangelical.