

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Austin R. Simpson, *Assistant Pastor*

Thomas Hardison, *Ministerial Intern*

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## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold  
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Robert B. Mendenhall  
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Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*  
Daniel H. Harshaw  
John M. McArthur, Jr. *Moderator*  
William Lee Summerville, Jr., *Clerk*  
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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The Lord's Day, October 20, 2024

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
\*Call to Worship

Preparation for Worship  
Pastor Austin Simpson

**B**lessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

(1 Chronicles 29:10b–13, ESV)

\*Hymn 38                    *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*                    All  
\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 53                    *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*                    All  
Scripture Meditation                    Pastor Chip McArthur

Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,  
let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;  
let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.  
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.  
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

(1 Peter 3:10–12, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin                    Unison Reading

**Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and done those things which we ought not to have done; There is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer  
His Tithes & Our Offerings  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
\*Hymn 313                    *Unto My Lord Jehovah Said (Psalm 110)*                    All  
Children's Message                    Pastor Simpson  
(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)  
Scripture Reading                    Micah 6  
Sermon                    Pastor Simpson  
\*Hymn 252                    *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*                    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  
5:00 pm                    Choir Practice  
6:00 pm                    Communicants' Class, 6:30 pm

## This Week at Olivet:

Wednesday                    Youth Group Meets  
Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)

## Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday                    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.

### *Please Note*

Pastor Chip is scheduled for vacation time this week through next Sunday.

### *Faith Promise for World Missions*

2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024	\$ 20,960.00
2024 Faith Promise Received to date	\$ 9,672.00

### *Church Budget Matters*

Receipts to Date	\$ 181,090.39
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 185,300.32
Difference	-\$ 4,209.93

### *Collection Duty*

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

### *Nursery Team*

Today (10/20)	Maddie Sikes, Frankie Guempel
Next Sunday (10/27)	Donna McArthur, Megan Covington

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (10/20)	Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry
Next Sunday (10/27)	Lori Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville

### *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.