

Oliver Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM
Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Number 1

Calling On the Name of the Lord

The apostle Paul made this statement: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). What is Paul saying about salvation in this passage?

First, Paul gives the scope of salvation. He said, "Whosoever." The inspired apostle did not say that salvation was only for the Jews or only for the Gentiles. The Bible says God wants all men to be saved (I Timothy 2:4) and that all should come to repentance (II Peter 3:9). Paul emphasized this point in the first chapter of Romans when he said that the gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

Secondly, Paul shows that salvation is conditional. Salvation is by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), but it is also not by grace only, because grace teaches us how to live (Titus 2:11-12). The Scriptures teach that Jesus saves the obedient believer (Hebrews 5:8-9).

Thirdly, Paul gives the "how" of being saved, i.e. "by calling on the name of the Lord." To call on the name of the Lord is not to merely audibly cry out "Lord, Lord" or to pray for salvation. Jesus had already made that clear in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:21-22). One cannot call on the name of the Lord unless one believes, and one cannot believe without hearing the gospel (Romans 10:13-17). In verse 13, Paul used the phrase "calling on the name of the Lord," and in verse 16, he used the phrase "obey the gospel." Therefore, the two phrases are used synonymously in the context. Luke recorded the words of Ananias to Paul: "And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

Salvation is important because it involves being saved from the consequences of sin (Romans 6:23). Let us all encourage everyone we know to call on the name of the Lord by believing in Christ, repenting of sins, confessing one's faith, and being baptized for the forgiveness of sins.

David O'Connell

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024

Announcements Jeff Trousdale
Song Leader Chuck Moore
Opening Prayer (AM) Billy Leone
Closing Prayer (AM) Tommy Parker
Opening Prayer (PM) Allen Goode
Closing Prayer (PM) David Wilbanks
Usher Raymond Sandlin

Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM Wade Stinnett

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security Lonnie Butler
Communion Prep Linda Bryan

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10, 2024

Song Leader Allen Goode
Scripture Reading Wayne Birdwell
Opening Prayer Billy Leone
Invitation Chuck Moore
Announcements Randy Pyle
Closing Prayer Johnny Wilbanks

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2023

Announcements David O'Connell
Song Leader Daniel Ridinger
Opening Prayer (AM) Wade Stinnett
Closing Prayer (AM) Billy Leone
Opening Prayer (PM) David Wilbanks
Closing Prayer (PM) Tommy Parker
Usher Raymond Sandlin

Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM Larry Turpen

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security Lonnie Butler
Communion Prep Linda Bryan

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17, 2024

Song Leader David Wilbanks
Scripture Reading David O'Connell
Opening Prayer Chuck Moore
Invitation Daniel Ridinger
Announcements Max Chandler
Closing Prayer Allen Goode

From My Heart to Your Heart

We are glad everyone is starting the new year together, and we hope everyone will make this the best year ever for the Lord's cause.

Several of our families are experiencing very difficult problems in many different ways. Please pray for all of the families at Oliver to be strengthened by God through His Word and to be strong in their faith.

We want to be praying for Daniel McClellan's mother, Sylvia. She is in very serious condition at this time. Hazel Wilbanks is still having serious congestion problems. Wayne Birdwell is having problems with his foot again (the same problem that he had around this time last year). Please pray for Doyce Rickerson, the father of Gina Butler, who is Tommy and Enid's daughter-in-law. Doyce had five stents inserted recently, and he will be needing more. We want to pray for Julie Fretwell, the daughter of Marilyn Patterson, as she undergoes treatment before cancer surgery. Tracie Trousdale's father, Bill Corum, is now in a rehab unit. James Robbins will need further work done on his watchman, and he has had a recent issue with his ear.

Chuck's aunt and uncle, Ken and Beth Hawkins, are making some progress. Please keep Randy Pyle's mother, Vera Pyle, in your prayers. Also, please pray for Kathryn Miller's brother-in-law, William (Bill) Miller, as he undergoes chemotherapy. Wade Stinnett's cousin, Mike Stinnett, also needs your prayers. Belle Graham is still having many serious problems. Annie Sandlin's sister, Diane Ridgeway, has serious medical problems and needs our prayers. John O'Neill, a friend of the O'Connells, has blood and bone cancer and is in need of our prayers. Barry Hamilton is still undergoing weekly cancer treatments. Please continue to pray for those who are fighting cancer: Gene Britnell, Jerry Page, Jennifer Allison, Pam Dahlstrom, Ken and Beth Hawkins, Holly Fox, Barry Hamilton, Rene Griffin, Numa Latham, Bill Miller, and John O'Neill.

We want to thank Tommy Parker and Wade Stinnett for working on our front door. They shaved part of it so that it will be easier to open and operate.

Next Lord's Day, January 14, we will have our bimonthly men's business meeting at 3:30 in room 17.

There will be a Ladies' Spiritual Workshop entitled "Cultivate" at Heritage Christian University on February 3. Laura Jenkins will be the speaker.

We want to remind everyone to please dispose of their communion cups after services.

David O'Connell

In Search of the Lord's Way - Fox 54 Sunday Mornings at 7:30 AM

OUR RECORD



Sunday	Dec 31, 2023
Bible Study	31
Worship AM	41
Worship PM	33
Contribution	\$2490
Weekly Budget	\$2300
Wednesday	Jan 3, 2024
Bible Study	27



Happy Birthday!

- 10 Joann Wilbanks
- 11 Amy Hardeman
- 11 Daniel McClellan
- 16 Austin Wilbanks
- 17 David Wilbanks
- 19 Hesston Parker
- 20 Clay Parker
- 23 Marsha Chandler

Happy Anniversary!

- 5 Randy & Glenda Pyle
- 17 Johnny & Hazel Wilbanks
- 22 Allen & Eula Goode
- 26 Ronnie & Gale Newton

In Our Prayers

Oliver Members: Wayne Birdwell, Lonnie Butler, Tommy & Enid Butler, Max Chandler, Becky Clanton, Ann Hamilton, Lella Mae Hamilton, Keith Hunt, Chuck Moore, Sandra Porter, Randy Pyle, James Robbins, Ray Sandlin, Stan Stanford, Kay Wall, Hazel Wilbanks, Patsy Wilbanks.

Family and Friends: Jennifer Allison (Hazel's niece's daughter), Jonna Dean Barrier, Gene Britnell, (father of Ashley Parker), Amy Chandler (Max & Marsha's daughter-in-law), Rex Chandler (Max & Marsha's nephew), Cathy Clemmons (Amy Hardeman & Gale Newton's cousin), Tim & Sherri Clutts, Eugene Coco (Chuck Moore's friend), Bill Corum (Tracie Trousdale's father), Rick Crill, Pam Dahlstrom & Faith Reed, Holly Fox (Chuck's cousin), Julie Fretwell, Paula Gilliam (Hazel Wilbanks' niece), Belle Graham (Patricia Moore's mother), Vincent Graham (Patricia's nephew), Barry & Donna Hamilton (Marla, Becky, & Barbara's brother & sister-in-law), Ken and Beth Hawkins (uncle & aunt of Chuck), Martha Hawkins, Thad Hebbe, Earline Hinton (Nelda Hinton's mother), Robert Huffaker, Numa Latham (husband of Hazel Wilbanks' niece), Sylvia McClellan, Bill Miller, Contessa Moore, Sean Mosley (Chuck's cousin), Jimmy Moss (uncle of Annie Sandlin), Colleen O'Connell, John O'Neill, Jerry Page, Iris Posey, Vera Pyle, Doyce Rickerson (father of Tommy and Enid's daughter-in-law), Diane Ridgeway (Annie Sandlin's sister), Mike Stinnett, Kim Sztanyo, Neal Trousdale.

Nursing Home: Bill Gibson, Wing C, Room 116B, 2701 Meridian Street, Huntsville, AL 35811. Charles Kretzer, Mitchell-Hollingsworth, rm. 312; Kay Wall, Limestone County Health Facility, rm. 60.

The Gospel of Christ - Fox 54 (Direct TV) Sunday Mornings at 7:00 AM