## Schedule of Services

## Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 PM

## Minister

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### **WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS**

Announcements Song Leader Opening Prayer (AM) Closing Prayer (AM) Opening Prayer (PM) Closing Prayer (PM) Usher	Daniel Ridinger Wade Stinnett Billy Leone David Wilbanks Tommy Parker
Lord's Table Preside AM & PM	Larry Turpen
Audio	Lonnie Butler
WEDNESDAY Song Leader	FEBRUARY 14, 2024 David Wilbanks

Scripture Reading . . . . . David O'Connell Opening Prayer . . . . . . . Chuck Moore

Invitation . . . . . . . . . . . . Daniel Ridinger

Announcements . . . . . . . . . . Max Chandler

Closing Prayer . . . . . . . . . Allen Goode

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## In The Beginning

One of the most meaningful passages in God's Word is the opening verses of the Gospel of John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3). There are many things these verses teach us.

First, the Word (Jesus – John 1:14) is eternal. He was "in the beginning."

Also, we learn that the Word was with God (the Father). This verse certainly teaches that the Father and the Son co-existed together in eternity.

These verses teach that the Word (Christ) is God. He is not God, the Father, but He is God, the Son. Certainly, all the fullness of the God-head "dwells in him bodily" (Colossians 2:9). Christ is the "express image of his person (i.e. God's person)" (Hebrews 1:3), because Christ is God in nature or quality.

The opening of John's gospel also shows us that Christ was involved in creation. This idea is taught in Genesis because God, the Father, said, "Let us create man in our image" (Genesis 1:26). Paul also affirmed this when he said about Jesus: "all things were created by him and for him" (Colossians 1:16). The Hebrew writer declared that Christ "made the worlds" (Hebrews 1:3). Jesus is not only our Savior; He is our Creator as well.

The beginning of John's gospel tells us so much about our Lord. Let us all read and reread these verses and drink deeply from the spiritual fountain of God's Word.

David O'Connell

## From My Heart to Your Heart

Tonight, Randy Baker will be our guest speaker. He will be giving a report on the Lord's work in Nigeria. Oliver has decided to increase our support of this work.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of brother Glen Wilson, who passed away last week. His funeral was last Tuesday night. Brother Wilson was well known to many of the brethren at Oliver.

We have several updates on our sick list. Tommy Butler is not doing well and is very weak. Hazel Wilbanks' surgery went well, and she is doing physical therapy three times a week. Patricia Moore's mother, Belle Graham, and her brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Lavon Graham, have all recently had Covid, but they are doing much better. James Robbins has had extreme swelling in his left foot. James and Glenda Pyle's brother-in-law, Ronald Dale, was recently severely burned on his legs. Hazel Wilbanks's niece's husband, Numa Latham, was in Crestwood Hospital but has been sent home with hospice care. Tracie Trousdale's parents, Bill Corum and Pat Selby, are not doing well. Bill's condition is extremely serious. Jeff Trousdale's uncle, Doug Trousdale, is having serious health problems.

Lakely Pepper is continuing to improve at home. Please keep Joyce Walton in your prayers. She has heart and kidney problems. We want to be praying for Daniel McClellan's mother, Sylvia. 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.

Chuck's uncle, Ken Hawkins had surgery recently to remove stones from his liver. We hope he has a speedy recovery and can resume his chemotherapy. 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. Annie Sandlin's sister, Diane Ridgeway, has serious medical problems and needs our prayers. John O'Neill, a friend of the O'Connells, is at Houston for a bone marrow transplant. 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, Barry Hamilton, Rene Griffin, Numa Latham, Bill Miller, and John O'Neill.

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.

David O'Connell

### **OUR RECORD**



Feb 4, 2024
39
42
33
\$3125
\$2300

**Wednesday**Bible Study

Feb 7, 2024
23



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb 13 Heritage Christian University Partnership Dinner Beltline

Feb 16 - Spring Gospel Meeting, Hobbs 18 Street, Speaker Wayne Cox See bulletin board for details.



## Happy Birthday!

2 Ronnie Newton

18 Eula Goode

## In Our Prayers

Oliver Members: Tommy & Enid Butler, Max Chandler, Becky Clanton, Ann Hamilton, Lella Mae Hamilton, Keith Hunt, Chuck Moore, Sandra Porter, 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), Tim & Sherri Clutts, Eugene Coco (Chuck Moore's friend), Rick Crill, Bill Corum (Tracie Trousdale's father), Pam Dahlstrom & Faith Reed, 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, 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), John O'Neill, Jerry Page, Lakely Pepper, Iris Posey, Vera Pyle, Doyce Rickerson (father of Tommy and Enid's daughter-in-law), Diane Ridgeway (Annie Sandlin's sister), Pat Selby, (Tracie Trousdale's mother), Mike Stinnett, Kim Sztanyo, Neal Trousdale.

**Nursing Home:** Charles Kretzer, Mitchell-Hollingsworth, rm. 312; Kay Wall, Limestone County Health Facility, rm. 60.