

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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Why Be a Christian?

The apostle Paul gave us some wonderful motives for anyone to become a Christian in Romans chapter 8. Quite often, people will ask, "Why should I be a Christian? What's in it for me?" Besides salvation; redemption; justification; and fellowship with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Paul gives several other points in Romans 8.

First, Paul says the person who is in Christ (a Christian) has escaped condemnation (vs. 1). The word "condemnation" in this verse means "that the sentence has been pronounced with the suggestion of punishment to follow" (Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words). Paul had already affirmed in Romans that all had sinned (3:23) and that the wages of sin is death (6:23).

Second, Paul tells us that the Christian is freed from the law of sin and death (vs. 2-3). The "law of sin" is the rule of sin in one's life. Paul had earlier told the Roman brethren how sin could rule a person's life (Romans 6:12-14). Jesus said that whoever sinned was the slave of sin (John 8:34). While a Christian can never claim sinless perfection (I John 1:8-10), he refuses to let sin control his life. This is the basic difference in the Christian and non-Christian in regard to sin.

Third, the Christian is blessed with life and peace (vs. 6). The Christian has the abundant life (John 10:10). With this abundant life comes a purpose for living, hope in the afterlife, confidence in one's relationship with God, and a joyful attitude. All of this is possible because the Christian has peace with God (Romans 5:1).

Fourth, the Christian is a child of God (vs. 14-18). One of the great privileges of being a child of God is being able to converse with God in prayer (I John 4:14). John also says that it is an honor to be called the sons of God (I John 3:1).

Why be a Christian? To escape condemnation, to be free from the law of sin, to have life and peace, and to become a child of God.

How does one become a Christian? By believing in Jesus as God's Son (John 8:24), by repenting of his sins (Acts 2:38), by confessing one's faith in Christ (Acts 8:37), and being baptized in water for the remission of his sins (Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). These are the steps to make one a Christian and to give one the blessings of Romans 8.

David O'Connell

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023

Announcements Max Chandler
Song Leader Chuck Moore
Opening Prayer (AM) Randy Pyle
Closing Prayer (AM) Larry Turpen
Opening Prayer (PM) Daniel Ridinger
Closing Prayer (PM) Wade Stinnett
Usher Raymond Sandlin

Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM Billy Leone

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security Lonnie Butler
Communion Prep Tracie Trousdale

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Song Leader Daniel Ridinger
Scripture Reading Lonnie Butler
Opening Prayer Wade Stinnett
Invitation Randy Pyle
Announcements David O'Connell
Closing Prayer Tommy Parker

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024

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

Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM Randy Pyle

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security Allen Goode
Communion Prep Eula Goode

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2024

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

From My Heart to Your Heart

Tonight, we are privileged to have brother Andy Erwin to speak to us. He will be giving us an update on his preacher training ministry.

Kathryn Miller had a watchman implant last Thursday. The surgery went well and was successful. Norman Brown's mother, Renee Brown, had a procedure last Monday and was transferred to the rehab center on Hobbs Street on Thursday. She is recovering well for a 92 year old.

It is so good to see Hazel attending service and making progress. Daniel visited Tommy Butler last Wednesday, and he was having a good day. James Robbins is at home with a swollen 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, is at 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. Brenda Brooks, the wife of Mike Brooks and niece of Lorene Troglen, has been diagnosed with invasive mammary carcinoma.

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.

We want to say a big thank you to Tommy Parker for doing much needed remodeling in the restrooms of the annex. We also want to say thank you to Daniel Ridinger for securing the rugs in the foyer.

Today after the morning worship service, we will have a short business meeting in room 17.

On March 17, Bill Rayburn will be speaking at our evening service to give a report on the Lord's work in the Philippines. Oliver has been supporting this work, and we are encouraged by the good news about it.

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

OUR RECORD



Sunday	Feb 18, 2024
Bible Study	32
Worship AM	47
Worship PM	31
Contribution	\$2540
Weekly Budget	\$2300
Wednesday	Feb 21, 2024
Bible Study	29

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 8-9 Coats Farm 15th Annual Benefit Trail Ride, Auction, and Yard Sale for NACCH
- Mar 9 Teddy Bear Tea Party fundraiser for FHU Student Scholarships



Happy Birthday

- 2 Jacob Trousdale
- 11 Ann Hamilton
- 15 Tommy Parker
- 15 Glenda Pyle
- 21 Jeff Trousdale
- 24 Anne Ridinger
- 25 Larry Turpen
- 27 Shelia Wilbanks

Happy Anniversary!

- 17 Max and Marsha Chandler

In Our Prayers

Oliver Members: Tommy & Enid Butler, Max Chandler, Becky Clanton, Ann Hamilton, Lella Mae Hamilton, Keith Hunt, Chuck Moore, Kathryn Miller, 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), Brenda Brooks (wife of Mike Brooks and niece of Lorene Troglen), Renee Brown (Norman Brown's mother), Charles Butler, 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.

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