

# 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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## The Purpose of the Gospel of John

The apostle John wrote a very specific statement providing the reason for his gospel. He stated: "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:30-31). This is John's purpose statement for his gospel. What do we learn from this passage?

First, John's gospel does not contain all of Jesus' miracles (or signs). This does not discredit John's gospel at all. It simply recognizes that there were other miracles that the Holy Spirit did not see fit for John to include in his account.

Second, the miraculous signs in John are sufficient for someone to come to faith. Faith is produced by the Word of God (Romans 10:17), and John shows that his record of Jesus' miracles is perfectly adequate to bring a person to faith.

Third, since Biblical miracles can bring a person to faith, one does not need to have miraculous activity today. Some denominational teachers insist that miracles are necessary today so that people can have faith. However, in the first century, the recording of Jesus' miracles caused people to have faith, and the same miraculous records are evidence today.

Fourth, the faith which comes from reading John's account (along with the other gospels) will cause a person to have "life through his name." This is the "abundant life" (John 10:10). Life, true spiritual life, comes through Christ's name, which means through His authority. Jesus has the authority to give spiritual life because He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

John's gospel is full of wonderful statements that inspire us to greater faith. May we all examine the book of John and grow in our personal relationship with the Lord.

David O'Connell

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2023

Announcements ..... Billy Leone  
Song Leader ..... David Wilbanks  
Opening Prayer (AM) ..... Max Chandler  
Closing Prayer (AM) ..... Johnny Wilbanks  
Opening Prayer (PM) ..... Larry Turpen  
Closing Prayer (PM) ..... Allen Goode  
Usher ..... Raymond Sandlin

### Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM ..... Larry Turpen

Audio ..... Lonnie Butler  
Building Security ..... Billy Leone  
Communion Prep ..... Nelda Hinton

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 10, 2024

Song Leader ..... Max Chandler  
Scripture Reading ..... Larry Turpen  
Opening Prayer ..... Wade Stinnett  
Invitation ..... David O'Connell  
Announcements ..... Daniel Ridinger  
Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Parker

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024

Announcements ..... Max Chandler  
Song Leader ..... Chuck Moore  
Opening Prayer (AM) ..... Billy Leone  
Closing Prayer (AM) ..... Larry Turpen  
Opening Prayer (PM) ..... Jeff Trousdale  
Closing Prayer (PM) ..... Wade Stinnett  
Usher ..... Raymond Sandlin

### Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM ..... Allen Goode

Audio ..... Lonnie Butler  
Building Security ..... Billy Leone  
Communion Prep ..... Nelda Hinton

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2024

Song Leader ..... Daniel Ridinger  
Scripture Reading ..... Tommy Parker  
Opening Prayer ..... Allen Goode  
Invitation ..... Chuck Moore  
Announcements ..... Max Chandler  
Closing Prayer ..... Billy Leone

## From My Heart to Your Heart

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Kenny Barfield, who passed away on March 28. For many years, Kenny was the principal at Mars Hill Bible School and a beloved gospel preacher. For the last few years, he had also served as an elder at the Sherrod Avenue congregation in Florence.

It was good to see James Robbins last Sunday. Diane Jackson's brother, Lloyd Jackson, is in UAB with leukemia. Please pray for Lloyd and his wife, Jean. Hazel Wilbanks had injections in her back last week and had to remain in bed for 48 hours. Neal Trousdale is in Huntsville Hospital with dehydration, and he is undergoing tests. Ron Moore, the brother of Chuck Moore, will be having surgery on April 29. We have been asked to pray for Calvin Gifford, who is the son-in-law of Jackie Miller Poss. Please keep Barry Hamilton and his wife, Donna, in your prayers. Becky Clanton is still dealing with congestive heart failure at home. James Robbins' and Glenda Pyle's brother-in-law, Ronald Hill, is still recovering from burns on his legs. Tracie Trousdale's father, Bill Corum, is at home now but not doing well. Brenda Brooks, the wife of Mike Brooks and niece of Lorene Troglen, has begun radiation treatments.

Please keep Joyce Walton in your prayers. She has heart and kidney problems. We want to be praying for Daniel McClellan's mother, Sylvia. 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 can resume his chemotherapy soon. 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 doing well following his bone marrow transplant. Please continue to pray for those who are fighting cancer: Jennifer Allison, Gene Britnell, Pam Dahlstrom, Julie Fretwell, Calvin Gifford, Rene Griffin, Barry Hamilton, Ken and Beth Hawkins, Bill Miller, John O'Neill, and Jerry Page.

We are thankful to those who came last Friday and Saturday to work on the weeds around the building.

Today, we will have our Fellowship Dinner following the morning services, and our afternoon singing will begin at 1:00 p.m. There will be no 5:00 p.m. service.

There is a Gospel Singing at Bethel on April 12. On Saturday, April 13, there will be a one day lectureship at Cedar Grove. A notice on the bulletin board gives the times and speakers.

On April 28, the young men from Mt. Carmel will be speaking on Sunday night at Oliver. The young ladies would like to speak to our ladies at 4:30, before our regular service. Following the service, there will be a puppet show in the annex, along with pizza and desserts.

David O'Connell

## OUR RECORD



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 31, 2024</b>
Bible Study	32
Worship AM	40
Worship PM	55
Contribution	\$3100
Weekly Budget	\$2300
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Apr 3, 2024</b>
Bible Study	28

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 20 Ladies' Day, at Pleasant Valley, "God's Portrait of a Woman," Judi Dean
- Apr 21 'Madison Makes Melody' singing, Madison Church of Christ
- Apr 27 "Stir" Hebrews 10:24, Ladies Day, with Celine Sparks, Wood Avenue, Florence

- See bulletin board for details. -

## April

### Happy Birthday

- 4 Raymond Sandlin
- 26 James Robbins
- 28 Daniel Ridinger
- 29 Ruth Butler

## 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, Daniel and Anne Ridinger, James Robbins, Ray Sandlin, 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, Calvin Gifford (son-in-law of Jackie Miller Poss), 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, Lloyd Jackson (Diane's brother), Sylvia McClellan, Bill Miller, Contessa Moore, Ron Moore (Chuck's brother), Sean Mosley (Chuck's cousin), Jimmy Moss (uncle of Annie Sandlin), John O'Neill, Jerry Page, Iris Posey, Vera Pyle, Diane Ridgeway (Annie Sandlin's sister), Mike Stinnett, Kim Sztanyo, Neal Trousdale.

**Nursing Home:** Charles Kretzer, Mitchell-Hollingsworth, rm. 312.