

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 Proper Order of Things

Jesus stated: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). There are many lessons we can learn from this verse.

By using the word "first," Jesus recognizes that there are several areas of life that are vying for one's time and attention. There are our jobs, our homes, community activities, education, hobbies, and church. It is obvious that some things are going to be a priority, while other things have to wait. Our Lord knew that, while on earth, every person will have to make choices of what is really important.

Certainly, we need to choose the kingdom of God above earthly treasures and luxuries. Jesus had spoken about material things being corrupted, disintegrating, or being stolen (Matthew 6:19-21). Jesus also said that we cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24). This coincides with Paul's exhortation to the Colossian brethren to "set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2).

Jesus also taught us that God's Kingdom has precedence even over the necessities of life (Matthew 6:25-32). Throughout the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus consistently emphasized the fruitlessness of anxiety about necessities (Matthew 6:25, 27, 28, 31, 34). If we are to seek God's Kingdom in preference to necessities, how much more should we seek the kingdom in preference to luxuries?

How does one seek the Kingdom first? Certainly, there must be a poverty of spirit (Matthew 5:3), along with a hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matthew 5:6). One must be willing to submit to God and obey His Word (Matthew 7:21-22). This means that worship assemblies are a priority, as well as other church activities. In one's personal life, Bible study and prayer are in the forefront. One makes up his mind to be Christ-like in every area of life.

Does it pay to put the Kingdom first? Yes, a thousand times, yes. Life on earth is brief, but eternity is forever.

David O'Connell

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY MAY 12, 2024

Announcements Jeff Trousdale
Song Leader David Wilbanks
Opening Prayer (AM) Max Chandler
Closing Prayer (AM) Tommy Parker
Opening Prayer (PM) Allen Goode
Closing Prayer (PM) Larry Turpen
Usher Raymond Sandlin

Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM Wade Stinnett

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security Daniel Ridinger
Communion Prep Nelda Hinton

WEDNESDAY MAY 15, 2024

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

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024

Announcements David O'Connell
Song Leader Daniel Ridinger
Opening Prayer (AM) Max Chandler
Closing Prayer (AM) Tommy Parker
Opening Prayer (PM) Allen Goode
Closing Prayer (PM) David Wilbanks
Usher Raymond Sandlin

Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM Randy Pyle

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security Daniel Ridinger
Communion Prep Nelda Hinton

WEDNESDAY MAY 22, 2024

Song Leader Randy Pyle
Scripture Reading Daniel Ridinger
Opening Prayer Larry Turpen
Invitation Randy Pyle
Announcements David O'Connell
Closing Prayer Johnny Wilbanks

From My Heart to Your Heart

We were all very happy to hear that Barry Hamilton, the brother of Barbara, Marla, and Becky was baptized last Monday evening. We rejoice with this family and welcome Barry into the Lord's body.

Here is the latest news on our sick folks: Tommy Butler had successful surgery on Thursday, but it was very difficult for him, and he had to see a doctor afterward. He is recovering at home. Enid had several skin issues frozen off on Wednesday.

Julie Fretwell is recovering at home. Ron Moore is also recovering at home. James Robbins will have about six weeks of recovery at home.

Chuck Moore's sister, Contessa Moore, was told that the spot on her liver is benign. They are doing further tests. Neal Trousdale is at home. Barry Hamilton is in serious condition and is under hospice care. The family needs our prayers.

Diane Jackson's brother, Lloyd Jackson, is currently at home. He is continuing to have additional treatments and tests. We have been asked to pray for Calvin Gifford, who is the son-in-law of Jackie Miller Poss. 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 doing a little better.

We want to be praying for Daniel McClellan's mother, Sylvia. 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. 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, Lloyd Jackson, Bill Miller, John O'Neill, and Jerry Page.

Let us all be thinking of our Gospel Meeting, which is coming up June 2-5. Be praying and inviting your family, friends and neighbors. Flyers are available in the foyer.

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

OUR RECORD



Sunday	May 5, 2024
Bible Study	36
Worship AM	43
Worship PM	35
Contribution	\$2601
Weekly Budget	\$2300
Wednesday	May 8, 2024
Bible Study	28

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 18 Ladies Day, Plainview
 - May 18-19 "God and Science" with Mike Houts, Pleasant Valley
 - June 2-5 Oliver Gospel Meeting and Homecoming with Andy Erwin**
 - June 15 Benefit Dinner for North Alabama Christian Children's Home
 - June 22 Ladies Day, West Hobbs Street
- See bulletin board for details. -



MAY

Happy Birthday!

- 9 Hazel Wilbanks

Happy Anniversary!

- 9 Daniel & Krystal McClellan
- 9 Daniel & Anne Ridinger
- 17 Lonnie & Ruth Butler

In Our Prayers

Oliver Members: Tommy & Enid Butler, Marsha Chandler, Becky Clanton, 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, 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), Ken and Beth Hawkins (uncle & aunt of Chuck), Martha Hawkins, Ronald Hill (James Robbins & Glenda's brother-in-law). Earline Hinton (Nelda Hinton's mother), Robert Huffaker, Lloyd Jackson (Diane's brother), Sylvia McClellan, Bill Miller, Contessa Moore, Ron Moore (Chuck's sister & brother), Sean Mosley (Chuck's cousin), Jimmy Moss (uncle of Annie Sandlin), John O'Neill, Jerry Page, Vera Pyle, Diane Ridgeway (Annie Sandlin's sister), Mike Stinnett, Kim Sztanyo, Neal Trousdale.

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

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