

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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Blessed Assurance

We live in a world of doubt. People doubt the existence of God, the inspiration of the Bible, and the deity of Christ. Occasionally, this problem will affect members of the body of Christ. Can a child of God really have "Blessed Assurance?" The answer is: "Yes, a thousand times yes!" How do we know we have "Blessed Assurance?"

The apostle John used the word "know" several times to show the assurance that Christians have. John said that we know God (I John 2:3). If that statement is true, then we must know that God exists.

The inspired apostle also stated that Christians can know that they are in the Lord (I John 2:5). Obviously, this occurs when one comes into Christ by being baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27). John affirms that a continuous obedience to Christ gives the Christian the assurance that the Christian is in a pleasing relationship to Christ (I John 2:4-5).

The apostle that Jesus loved also declared that the child of God can know that Christ dwells in us (I John 3:24). Paul affirmed this same point to the saints at Colossae when he stated that they had "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Christ dwells in our hearts by faith (Ephesians 3:17). Knowing that Christ is in our hearts lifts our spirits and refreshes our hearts.

John also declared that Christians can know that they have eternal life (I John 5:13). While Paul used the words "eternal life" in the sense of eternal reward (Titus 1:2), John used the words "eternal life" in the sense of our quality of life through Jesus Christ (John 17:3). The Christian can know he has a far superior quality of life, and he can also know that he is promised an eternal reward.

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine." The Christian does not live in doubt, but in wonderful confidence, based upon God's Word.

David O'Connell

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY MAY 5, 2023
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 Daniel Ridinger
Communion Prep Nelda Hinton

WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2024
Song Leader Daniel Ridinger
Scripture Reading Tommy Parker
Opening Prayer Allen Goode
Invitation David O'Connell
Announcements Max Chandler
Closing Prayer Billy Leone

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

From My Heart to Your Heart

We express Christian sympathy in the passing of Betty Wolf, who was the grandmother of Ashley Wilbanks. May God comfort this family in their loss.

We were very happy to host the young people from Mt. Carmel last Sunday night. All of the young men did a fine job in leading the worship. The ladies enjoyed having the young girls speak as well. We appreciate all who helped to set up, bought desserts, and helped with cleanup. It was a very encouraging night for all of us.

Here are several updates on our sick list: Julie Fretwell is recovering at home. Ron Moore's surgery last Monday went well. James Robbins had successful surgery last Wednesday, but he is still in pain

He 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 came home last Tuesday. Anyone who knows of someone who is willing to sit with Neal, please see Jeff or Tracie. Barry Hamilton is in serious condition and is under hospice care. The family needs our prayers.

Tommy Butler will have surgery on May 9. 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, but her mother, Pat Selby, is having some blood pressure problems. Brenda Brooks, the wife of Mike Brooks and niece of Lorene Troglen, will complete her radiation treatments in the next week or so.

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 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.

We want to thank all the men who helped set up the tables and chairs in the annex last Wednesday night. Many hands make light work.

David O'Connell

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

OUR RECORD



Sunday	Apr 28, 2024
Bible Study	34
Worship AM	37
Worship PM	100
Contribution	\$2570
Weekly Budget	\$2300
Wednesday	May 1, 2024
Bible Study	30

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 8-12 Truth in Love Lectures, East Hill, Pulaski
- 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 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, (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, Ronald Hill (James Robbins and 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, Iris Posey, 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