

# 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 Devil's Desire

The apostle Peter wrote: "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8). What is the inspired apostle telling us?

First, Peter is saying that the devil is real. He is not a myth or a made up character. He is just as real as all of us.

Second, Peter lets us know that the devil is not our friend. Peter describes the devil as our adversary. Being in an adversarial position means that anything that is a characteristic of God or Christ, will be just the opposite with the devil. God is characterized as truth, goodness, and happiness. Satan's characteristics are lying, evil, and sadness. Truly, the devil is our adversary.

Third, the devil is active. Peter says that he "walks about." Several modern translations translate it "prowls about like a roaring lion." This certainly brings out the nature of the devil. He will wait for just the right opportunity and then pounce on the unsuspecting Christian. Just like a lion waiting for his unsuspecting prey, Satan is waiting to attack the child of God.

Fourth, Peter relates the intention of the devil. He says that Satan is seeking whom he may devour. The word "devour" really means to destroy or totally overcome. Satan lied to Eve about God and attacked God's Word (Genesis 3:4,5). The tempter convinced Eve that God had withheld something good from her. However, the Lord had not withheld anything good from Adam and Eve. Satan tempted Eve, and she succumbed to the temptation. The devil wants every person to give in to sin and thereby lose his soul. Jesus taught that nothing is more important than your soul (Matthew 16:26).

Peter tells us how to overcome the devil. He began the verse by saying, "Be sober, be vigilant." One must be alert to the devil's attacks and his tricks (II Corinthians 2:11). Make no mistake, we are in a war. Our enemy is real and powerful. However, God is the most powerful being in the universe, and by relying on His help, we shall overcome the evil one.

David O'Connell

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024

Announcements . . . . . Billy Leone  
Song Leader . . . . . Daniel Ridinger  
Opening Prayer (AM) . . . . . Max Chandler  
Closing Prayer (AM) . . . . . Johnny Wilbanks  
Opening Prayer (PM) . . . . . Larry Turpen  
Closing Prayer (PM) . . . . . Jeff Trousdale  
Usher . . . . . Raymond Sandlin

### Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM . . . . . Allen Goode

Audio . . . . . Lonnie Butler  
Building Security . . . . . David O'Connell  
Communion Prep . . . . . Amy Hardeman

### WEDNESDAY JULY 17, 2024

Song Leader . . . . . Randy Pyle  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Daniel Ridinger  
Invitation . . . . . Steve Ferguson  
Announcements . . . . . David O'Connell  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Wade Stinnett

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY JULY 21, 2024

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

### Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM . . . . . Billy Leone

Audio . . . . . Lonnie Butler  
Building Security . . . . . David O'Connell  
Communion Prep . . . . . Amy Hardeman

### WEDNESDAY JULY 24, 2024

Song Leader . . . . . David Wilbanks  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Wade Stinnett  
Invitation . . . . . Dick Stzanyo  
Announcements . . . . . Randy Pyle  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Tommy Parker

## From My Heart to Your Heart

Marilyn Patterson fell at home last Wednesday night and fractured her hip. She had successful surgery on Friday and will be spending several weeks in rehab. Chuck Moore had a CT Scan last week, along with an EKG and bloodwork. These tests did not reveal any problems.

Anne Ridinger will have surgery to replace her aortic valve on Wednesday, July 17. This will be done at Huntsville Hospital, and hopefully she will only need to stay for one night. Tommy Butler will have a biopsy on Monday, July 22 at Huntsville Hospital to determine the contents of the spots on his lungs.

Lloyd Jackson is home from the hospital. Danonda Hardeman, Amy Hardeman's ex-sister-in-law, is doing much better. She is in room 805 at Huntsville Hospital.

Randy Pyle states that his mother is getting weaker. Barry Hamilton is in serious condition and under hospice care. Next week, Daniel Ridinger will have his first in a series of appointments for a new treatment at M.D. Anderson.

James Robbins is experiencing extreme pain in his feet and has other health issues. Brother Bill Brazier is in serious need of prayer. He has been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver. Julie Fretwell is recovering from surgery, but she has an additional spot near her heart and lung that will need radiation. .

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. Tracie Trousdale's father, Bill Corum, is doing a little better.

We want to be praying for Daniel McClellan's mother, Sylvia. 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.

This afternoon we will have a Men's Business Meeting at 3:30, and our singing will be tonight at our evening service. On July 21, we will have our annual Ice Cream Supper after the evening service. Please bring homemade ice cream or store bought ice cream, toppings, or drinks.

The Killen congregation will have a VBS on July 15-19. There will be a Gospel Meeting at Lexington on July 21-24, speaker Miles Stutts. North Carolina will host their Annual Singing on Friday, July 26 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. See the bulletin board for more details.

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

## OUR RECORD



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 7, 2024</b>
Bible Study	35
Worship AM	45
Worship PM	36
Contribution	\$2505
Weekly Budget	\$2300
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 10, 2024</b>
Bible Study	41

## The Other Beatitudes

### Wednesday Summer Series

July 17	James 1:12	Steve Ferguson
July 24	Acts 20:35	Dick Stzanyo
July 31	Rev. 19:9	Connor Boyer
Aug 7	Isaiah 30:18	John Malone
Aug 14	Psalms 32:1	Randy Baker
Aug 21	Rev. 14:13	Randy Pyle
Aug 28	Psalms 41:1	Daniel Ridinger

## Happy July Birthdays!

7	Lella Mae Hamilton
10	Nash McClellan
11	Barbara Turpen

## In Our Prayers

**Oliver Members:** Tommy & Enid Butler, Marsha Chandler, Becky Clanton, Lella Mae Hamilton, Keith Hunt, Chuck Moore, Kathryn Miller, Marilyn Patterson, 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, Bill Brazier, Gene Britnell, Brenda Brooks (wife of Mike Brooks and niece of Lorene Troglen), 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, Willodyne Gibbons, 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), Danonda Hardeman, 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 (Chuck's sister), 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 Stzanyo, Neal Trousdale.

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

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