

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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When You Are Wronged

When someone does wrong to us, there is a tremendous temptation to exact some kind of vengeance on the person. The idea of "I'll get even with you" often translates into "Not only will I get even, I'll make you pay." Sometimes, this goes so far as "I'll make you pay double (or triple) for what you've done." For the Christian, a different standard is in play.

First, all vengeance belongs to God. Paul told the Roman saints, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Romans 12:19). Taking vengeance on wrongdoers belongs to God. When Paul gave his parting words to Timothy, he stated, "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works" (II Timothy 4:14). This does not mean that one should let wrongdoers walk all over you. Paul also added about Alexander, "Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words" (II Timothy 4:15). In warning Timothy of Alexander, Paul was showing that one could be wary of a false brother and still leave the vengeance up to God.

Second, the idea of an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (Exodus 21:23-25; Leviticus 24:20; Deuteronomy 19:21) was not so much for vengeance as for limitation. While certainly there is the element of justice (i.e. punishment for injury), the real reason for an "eye for an eye" is to limit the person who had been wronged. The tendency among people is to punish in a greater measure than the original injury. God was limiting the Israelites in dealing with injuries and injustices. One could only punish one with an "eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth." If a man had lost a tooth in some way due to someone's misdeed, he was not allowed to knock three or four out of the guilty party.

Third, since all vengeance belongs to God, we must keep in mind that His punishment is greater than anything we could possibly do or imagine. Any attempt at exacting punishment pales in comparison to eternal torment. God's ways are always greater than man's.

Let us always remember that God is a God of justice, and no sin or wrongdoing escapes His all-seeing eyes. We may not see the punishment in this life, but God assures us, wickedness will not go unpunished.

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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

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY JULY 28, 2024
Announcements Jeff Trousdale
Song Leader Randy Pyle
Opening Prayer (AM) Billy Leone
Closing Prayer (AM) Daniel Ridinger
Opening Prayer (PM) Wade Stinnett
Closing Prayer (PM) Johnny Wilbanks
Usher Raymond Sandlin

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From My Heart to Your Heart

Anne Ridinger had successful heart surgery to replace a valve last Wednesday. Everything went well, and she came home the next day. Glenda Pyle's twelve year old great nephew, Aiden Bryan, was involved in a severe car accident in Little Rock, Arkansas. He remains in the hospital with numerous broken bones and other serious problems. Please keep this young man in your prayers.

Marilyn Patterson is now at home and recovering from recent surgery. 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 in Helen Keller Hospital with high blood pressure and high blood sugar. 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. This 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, remains about the same.

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.

We have wonderful news about the Student Center at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead, Mississippi. Madelyn and Eddie Lewis have stated that Corey and Mary Ashley Ramsey (Madelyn's granddaughter) will be the new directors. They will move in soon and begin work in the middle of August. They have a four-year-old daughter, Aria, and a one-month-old son, Rhett. We know they will do a fine job with the student center.

Tonight, 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.

Gospel Meeting at Lexington on July 21-24, Annual Singing at North Carolina, July 26 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gospel Meeting at Center Hill July 28-August 1. Gospel Meeting at Loretto July 28-31. See bulletin board for details.

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

OUR RECORD



Sunday	July 14, 2024
Bible Study	34
Worship AM	40
Worship PM	39
Contribution	\$2550
Weekly Budget	\$2300
Wednesday	July 17, 2024
Bible Study	25

The Other Beatitudes

Wednesday Summer Series

July 24	Acts 20:35	Dick Stzanyo
July 31	Rev. 19:9	Connor Boyer
Aug 7	Isaiah 30:18	John Malone
Aug 14	Psalm 32:1	Randy Baker
Aug 21	Rev. 14:13	Randy Pyle
Aug 28	Psalm 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, Aiden Bryan (Glenda Pyle's great nephew), 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