

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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A Shadow, but Not the Real Thing

The apostle Paul warned that in the last days, people would be guilty of numerous sins (II Timothy 3:1-5). One of the sins Paul mentions is that people would be "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (verse 5). Basically, Paul is saying that their religion would be one of externals. How does this apply to us today?

In the Old Testament, there was a time when the wrong items were emphasized. The prophet Micah taught that people were more interested in external rituals than internal righteousness (Micah 6:6-8). In Jesus' day, people were guilty of the same thing (Matthew 15:8-9). An external religion is one of lip service, but the heart is not involved. This has never been pleasing to God. Sometimes, when people are only concerned about external religion, Christianity is reduced to "churchianity." What happens is that some folks "go to church" but then do as they please. One may attend a worship service with an impenitent heart and then leave the same way. This is the "form of godliness but denying the power thereof."

The results of this practice of external religion are disastrous. Many people who observe the "external Christian" turn away in disgust. Most people are aware of the fact that rote ritual is as empty as no worship at all. Some people try to substitute some other aspect of Christianity for a sincere, whole-hearted relationship with God.

God's basic solution to this problem is succinctly given in the book of Revelation, when the Lord told the church at Ephesus: "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works" (Revelation 2:5). The Lord said to remember, repent, and respond. This is what will cure the problem of external Christianity. People are not really changed unless they are changed in their hearts. A very popular hymn is entitled "Is Thy Heart Right with God?" This is the basic question and the basic issue.

Externals do matter in our relationship with God, but without the internals being right, we have only a "form of godliness."

David O'Connell

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 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 Wilbanks
Communion Prep Mary Jo Stinnett

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14, 2024

Song Leader Randy Pyle
Opening Prayer Daniel Ridinger
Invitation Randy Baker
Announcements Max Chandler
Closing Prayer Allen Goode

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2024

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

Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM Billy Leone

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security David Wilbanks
Communion Prep Sheila Wilbanks

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, 2024

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

From My Heart to Your Heart

We extend Christian sympathy to Hazel Wilbanks in the recent passing of her cousin, Dick Schrimsher.

Tommy Butler will be having radiation treatments for the next two weeks. Lloyd Jackson came home last week and is under hospice care. He is not doing well at this time. Barry Hamilton is not doing well. He has been under hospice care for three and a half months. We have been asked to pray for Billy Barnes, who has cancer. He was Kathryn Miller's brother-in-law. Annie Sandlin's cousin, Faye Pettus Hale, is in Huntsville Hospital. She has now been moved to a regular room but still has several serious problems. Please keep all these families in your prayers.

Daniel Ridinger is continuing his treatments at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Anne is still recovering at home. Marilyn Patterson is still recovering at home from her recent surgery.

Please continue to pray for Glenda Pyle's great nephew, Aiden Bryan, who is recovering from a car accident in Little Rock, Arkansas. He has numerous broken bones and other problems.

Randy Pyle states that his mother is getting weaker. James Robbins is experiencing extreme pain in his feet and has other health issues. Brother Bill Brazier is in very serious condition and needs your prayers. 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, Billy Barnes, Gene Britnell, Tommy Butler, Pam Dahlstrom, Julie Fretwell, Calvin Gifford, Rene Griffin, Barry Hamilton, Ken and Beth Hawkins, Lloyd Jackson, Bill Miller, John O'Neill, and Jerry Page.

On September 8, Oliver will be conducting the afternoon service at the Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home at 2:00. Everyone is encouraged to come and participate.

David O'Connell

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

OUR RECORD



Sunday	Aug 4, 2024
Bible Study	38
Worship AM	46
Worship PM	36
Contribution	\$2500
Weekly Budget	\$2300
Wednesday	Aug 7, 2024
Bible Study	47

The Other Beatitudes

Wednesday Summer Series

Aug 14	Psalm 32:1	Randy Baker
Aug 21	Rev. 1:3	David O'Connell
Aug 28	Psalm 41:1	Jameson Steward
Sept 4	Rev. 14:13	Randy Pyle



Happy Birthday!

2	Kathryn Miller
5	Shannon Wilbanks
11	Heather Moore
24	David O'Connell

Happy Anniversary!

7	Chuck & Patricia Moore
9	Raymond & Annie Sandlin
19	David & Melba O'Connell

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), Billy Barnes (relative of Kathryn Miller), 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), Faye Pettus Hale (Annie Sandlin's cousin), 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 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