

# 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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## Christ Is the Way

Our Lord made a wonderful statement when He declared: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). By saying that He is the way, Jesus is saying "follow me" (cf. Matthew 16:24). Why should people follow Jesus?

People should follow Jesus because He is the way out of darkness. Christ functions in this capacity as the light of the world (John 8:12). The Bible often uses "darkness" to describe sin (John 1:5; 3:19-20). Quite often, people do not know the consequences of sin because they are spiritually blind. They are blind to the suffering sin causes in this life and to the eternal suffering sin will cause. Christ said that those who follow Him will not abide in darkness (John 12:46).

People should follow Jesus because He is the way out of religious confusion. Jesus is this because He is the truth. The Pharisees and the Sadducees in Jesus' day were in error (Matthew 22:23-40). Christ taught that people could know the truth (John 8:31-33). It is very popular to say that no one can know the truth, and therefore no one is ever wrong. However, Jesus said people can know the truth and that the truth can set them free (John 8:32). One follows the truth by following Christ's Word (John 14:15).

People should follow Jesus because He is the way out of despair. He is that because He is the life. Our world is full of people who see life as just a world of despondency and despair. However, Jesus said that He came to this world of sin and sorrow so that people could "have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Christ gives meaning and purpose to life so that people can live for something greater than themselves.

If we follow Jesus (the Way), He will lead us to God and to the ultimate victory.

David O'Connell

## 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

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 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

### Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM ..... Larry Turpen

Audio ..... Lonnie Butler  
Building Security ..... David Wilbanks  
Communion Prep ..... Sheila Wilbanks

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 2024

Song Leader ..... Daniel Ridinger  
Opening Prayer ..... Randy Pyle  
Invitation ..... Jameson Steward  
Announcements ..... Billy Leone  
Closing Prayer ..... Wade Stinnett

## From My Heart to Your Heart

We extend Christian sympathy to two of our families. Diane Jackson's brother, Lloyd Jackson passed away on Saturday, August 10. Lloyd was a faithful member of the Highland Park Church of Christ. He had many hobbies and loved people and life itself. Our prayers are with Diane; his wife, Jean; and their whole family. We also extend sympathy to Marla Leone, Barbara Turpen, and Becky Clanton in the passing of their brother, Barry Hamilton. Barry had been seriously ill for quite some time. We rejoice that he recently obeyed the gospel of Christ. Our prayers are for his wife, Donna, and all of his family. Visitation for Barry will be this afternoon from 2:00-4:00 at the Williams Funeral Home in Florence. There will be a private grave side service on Monday. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

Tommy Butler had a consultation last week and will begin his radiation treatments tomorrow. He will go every other day for five treatments. Patricia and Chuck Moore's granddaughter, Crimson, was involved in a four-wheeler accident last Tuesday. She has a concussion as a result. 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 in a regular room and is making excellent progress. 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 made great progress and is at home. However, he remains in a body cast.

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, Ken and Beth Hawkins, 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



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 11, 2024</b>
Bible Study	33
Worship AM	46
Worship PM	39
Contribution	\$2316
Weekly Budget	\$2300
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 14, 2024</b>
Bible Study	31

## The Other Beatitudes

### Wednesday Summer Series

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, 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