

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 Christ-like Response

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declared: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44). The apostle Paul taught the same idea. He wrote, "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not" (Romans 12:14). He went on to say Christians are to "Recompense to no man evil for evil" (vs. 17). Paul concluded this chapter by saying, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (vs. 21). What do we conclude from these passages?

To begin with, Christians are to think differently than the world does. Because we follow a different leader (Christ), we must think differently, speak differently, and act differently. The world would say that it is just normal to get back at someone when they have hurt or offended you. However, Christ commands us to be different from the world. If we try to avenge ourselves, the other party will try to get an even greater vengeance. Where will it stop?

Also, we have the example of Jesus. When the Jewish leaders incited the people to demand the crucifixion of Jesus, Christ did not retaliate while on the cross. He said, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). God did forgive those Jews on the day of Pentecost when they repented and were baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). It is true that, as the song says, Christ could have "called 10,000 angels, but he died alone for you and me." Jesus had every right to lash out and strike down the murderous Jews and tormenting Romans, but He did not.

We should also remember that God has put the burden of vengeance and punishment on civil government. Paul said that the government acts as a minister of God (Romans 13:4). The justice system may be far from perfect, but governments are ordained of God (Romans 13:1), and we must realize that their role of executing vengeance is part of God's plan.

Brethren, let us all do our best to return good for evil and, thereby, follow the example of our Lord.

David O'Connell

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AUGUST 4, 2024
Announcements David O'Connell
Song Leader David Wilbanks
Opening Prayer (AM) Wade Stinnett
Closing Prayer (AM) Tommy Parker
Opening Prayer (PM) Billy Leone
Closing Prayer (PM) Johnny Wilbanks
Usher Raymond Sandlin

Lord's Table
Preside AM & PM Max Chandler

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security David Wilbanks
Communion Prep Mary Jo Stinnett

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7, 2024
Song Leader Max Chandler
Opening Prayer Billy Leone
Invitation John Malone
Announcements David O'Connell
Closing Prayer Johnny Wilbanks

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

From My Heart to Your Heart

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Mary Frances Goode, who passed away recently. She was a faithful member of the Lord's church in Cowan, Tennessee and was a cousin of Allen Goode and Max Chandler.

Raymond Sandlin's aunt, Eleanor (Sis) Martin, will be 100 years old on August 6. There will be a celebration on Saturday, August 10, at the Elgin Senior Center from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Ice cream and cake will be served. No presents please, but cards will be welcomed.

We have been asked to pray for Billy Barnes, who has cancer. He was Kathryn Miller's brother-in-law.

Lloyd Jackson came home last week and is under hospice care.

Daniel Ridinger will continue his treatments at M.D. Anderson in Houston. He will fly out this afternoon and return on Wednesday. Anne is still recovering at home.

Marilyn Patterson is still recovering at home from her recent surgery. Tommy Butler will be seeing an oncologist in Florence this week.

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. Barry Hamilton is in serious condition and under hospice care. 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, 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 will have our Monthly Singing this evening. Everyone is encouraged to come out and praise God in song.

There will be a called Men's Business Meeting this afternoon at 4:00.

Gospel Meeting at Bethel, August 4-7. See bulletin board for details.

David O'Connell

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

OUR RECORD



Sunday	July 28, 2024
Bible Study	25
Worship AM	42
Worship PM	37
Contribution	\$2680
Weekly Budget	\$2300
Wednesday	July 31, 2024
Bible Study	39

The Other Beatitudes

Wednesday Summer Series

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	Jameson Steward



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), 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