

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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Handling God's Truth

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). The phrase "rightly dividing" literally means in Greek "cutting a straight line." It is also translated "handling aright," "rightly handling," or "correctly handles." The point is that Timothy needed to handle God's Word properly. There are several lessons from this passage.

We must see that there is a danger: one can improperly handle God's Word. If there is no danger, the admonition is meaningless. We must be aware that Peter also warned that Scripture can be "wrested" or "twisted" (II Peter 3:16). Paul also stated that God's Word could be handled deceitfully (II Corinthians 4:20). We must always be careful because there is the possibility of mishandling God's Word.

We should also see that while we can mishandle the Word of God, we can also properly handle God's Word. This begins by respecting the Scriptures as the Word of God (I Thessalonians 2:13). The Scriptures are the Word of God because they are inspired by God (II Timothy 3:16-17). To handle God's Word properly, we must also understand that the Word is a "discerner" of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). The word "discerner" really means "critic" and shows the power of God's Word to point out errors, both doctrinally and morally.

To handle God's Word correctly means several things. First, we must understand the distinction between the Old and New Testament. We must know that the law has been changed (Hebrews 7:12) and that the first covenant has been taken away (Hebrews 10:9-10). Second, we must accept all that God has spoken on a subject. Jesus said, "Again, it is written" (Matthew 4:1-11). Third, we must understand symbolic language in light of literal language. Symbolic language, such as the book of Revelation, must not nullify literal language.

As children of God, we must always use God's Word in a proper way. May God help us to always do this.

David O'Connell

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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

Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM Allen Goode

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security Randy Pyle
Communion Prep Patricia Moore

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

Song Leader Randy Pyle
Opening Prayer Wade Stinnett
Invitation Randy Pyle
Announcements Billy Leone
Closing Prayer Johnny Wilbanks

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Announcements David O'Connell
Song Leader David Wilbanks
Opening Prayer (AM) Allen Goode
Closing Prayer (AM) Jeff Trousdale
Opening Prayer (PM) Wade Stinnett
Closing Prayer (PM) Randy Pyle
Usher Raymond Sandlin

Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM Billy Leone

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security Randy Pyle
Communion Prep Patricia Moore

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Song Leader David Wilbanks
Scripture Reading Wayne Birdwell
Opening Prayer David O'Connell
Invitation Daniel Ridinger
Announcements Max Chandler
Closing Prayer Tommy Parker

From My Heart to Your Heart

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of brother Charles Kretzer, who passed away on August 23. The family had a private family funeral. Brother Kretzer preached at Oliver for several years, held a gospel meeting here, and spoke on several other occasions. Everyone loved brother Kretzer because of his commitment to Christ, his love for the church, and his whole-hearted devotion to the Word of God.

Annie Sandlin's aunt, Joyce Hill, is now at home under hospice care. Her situation is very serious.

Tommy Butler completed his treatments last week and will learn the results in the near future. Patricia and Chuck Moore's granddaughter, Crimson, is back at school and doing well. 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 making progress at Huntsville Hospital. 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 will be doing rehab for three more weeks and recovering at home.

Randy and Glenda Pyle are still helping with his mother at least once a month. James Robbins is continuing to have trouble with 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 at home.

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, Julie Fretwell, Calvin Gifford, Rene Griffin, Ken and Beth Hawkins, Joyce Hill, 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.

There will be a Men's Business Meeting on September 15 at 3:30 p.m. in room 17.

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

OUR RECORD



Sunday	Aug 25, 2024
Bible Study	34
Worship AM	44
Worship PM	32
Contribution	\$2585
Weekly Budget	\$2300
Wednesday	Aug 28, 2024
Bible Study	30

The Other Beatitudes

Wednesday Summer Series

Sept 4 Rev. 14:13 Randy Pyle



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Allen Goode
- 1 Diane Jackson
- 14 Randy Pyle
- 15 Britlee Parker

Happy Anniversary!

- 5 Larry & Barbara Turpen
- 15 Tommy & Vickie Parker

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), 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, Joyce Hill (Annie Sandlin's aunt), 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.

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