

# 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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## Dealing with Selfishness

Hardly anyone would deny the enormous problem of selfishness in our world today. The self-centeredness of so many people affects almost every aspect of society. Homes are ruined by selfishness, businesses sometimes flounder because of selfish employees, and many governments are at a standstill because of the selfish attitudes and actions of some of their leaders and citizens.

The Bible has much to say on this important subject. Paul taught the Roman brethren: "For even Christ pleased not himself" (Romans 15:3). Paul also urged the Corinthian saints: "Let not man seek his own, but every man another's wealth" (I Corinthians 10:24). He further instructed the Corinthian brethren by saying about Christ: "He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again" (II Corinthians 5:15). The inspired apostle told the Philippian brethren: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Philippians 2:4). Paul warned Timothy that in the last days "Men shall be lovers of selves" (II Timothy 3:2). James asked a haunting question when he wrote: "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled: not withstanding ye give them not those things which are needful of the body: what doth it profit?" (James 2:15-16). The apostle John wrote a similar question when he asked: "But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:17)

Everything about God shows how wrong selfishness is. God was not selfish when He gave His one and only Son. Christ was not selfish when He gave His life on Calvary. The Holy Spirit was not selfish when He inspired the writing of the Bible. The early church was not selfish when they sold their lands and houses to meet the needs of their brethren.

There is a sense of self-esteem and self-worth that the Scriptures teach. Since we are to "love our neighbors as ourselves" (Matthew 22:39), we must have a good sense of self-love or self-worth. However, the devil has twisted this good sense of self-love and caused many people to become selfish.

We should all remember: "Love seeketh not its own" (I Corinthians 13:5).

David O'Connell

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Announcements ..... Billy Leone  
Song Leader ..... Daniel Ridinger  
Opening Prayer (AM) ..... Wade Stinnett  
Closing Prayer (AM) ..... Johnny Wilbanks  
Opening Prayer (PM) ..... David Wilbanks  
Closing Prayer (PM) ..... Jeff Trousdale  
Usher ..... Raymond Sandlin

### Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM ..... Lonnie Butler

Audio ..... Lonnie Butler  
Building Security ..... Randy Pyle  
Communion Prep ..... Patricia Moore

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Song Leader ..... Max Chandler  
Scripture Reading ..... Allen Goode  
Opening Prayer ..... Randy Pyle  
Invitation ..... David O'Connell  
Announcements ..... Billy Leone  
Closing Prayer ..... Wade Stinnett

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Announcements ..... David O'Connell  
Song Leader ..... David Wilbanks  
Opening Prayer (AM) ..... Jeff Trousdale  
Closing Prayer (AM) ..... Tommy Parker  
Opening Prayer (PM) ..... Billy Leone  
Closing Prayer (PM) ..... Johnny Wilbanks  
Usher ..... Raymond Sandlin

### Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM ..... Wade Stinnett

Audio ..... Lonnie Butler  
Building Security ..... Randy Pyle  
Communion Prep ..... Patricia Moore

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2024

Song Leader ..... Allen Goode  
Scripture Reading ..... Lonnie Butler  
Opening Prayer ..... Wade Stinnett  
Invitation ..... Daniel Ridinger  
Announcements ..... Randy Pyle  
Closing Prayer ..... Billy Leone

## From My Heart to Your Heart

Tonight, we will have a guest speaker at Oliver. Brother Andy Erwin will be presenting a lesson as well as informing us about his new work: the McGarvey College of the Bible.

Tony Davis, the father of Chase Davis had open heart surgery last Thursday. Everything went well, but he still needs our prayers.

Tommy Butler is waiting to hear results from his latest treatments. We have been asked to pray for Billy Barnes, who has cancer. He was Kathryn Miller's brother-in-law.

Daniel Ridinger is now making monthly trips for his treatments at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Anne is still recovering at home. Marilyn Patterson has concluded her rehab and is recovering at home.

Randy and Glenda Pyle are 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, is not doing well at this time.

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.

We want to thank everyone who attended the afternoon service at the Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home last Sunday afternoon. We had ten people to come and participate. The residents there always appreciate Oliver coming.

Next Sunday, September 29, will be the fifth Sunday. We will have a Fellowship Dinner immediately following our morning worship. Afterward, we will have an early service at 1:00 p.m., which will be a Gospel Singing. There will be no 5:00 p.m. service.

Brother Tom Ekpot, from the Nigerian Christian School, will speak on the morning of October 6.

David O'Connell

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

## OUR RECORD



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept 15, 2024</b>
Bible Study	35
Worship AM	44
Worship PM	37
Contribution	\$2530
Weekly Budget	\$2300
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept 18, 2024</b>
Bible Study	30



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 22-25	Gospel Meeting, West Hobbs Street
Sept 22	Homecoming, Lone Cedar
Sept 29	Friends and Family Day, Pleasant Valley



### 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, Glenda Bohanan, Melba's aunt, 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, Tony Davis (Chase Davis'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, 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