

# Oliver Church of Christ

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## Taking God at His Word

Keeping one's word is a necessary element for the success and progress of any society. Contracts are signed with the idea that both parties to the contract will abide by its statements. Commerce would be virtually impossible if people could not count on individuals and corporations to keep their word. Federal and state legislation demands that any public claims or statements must be met, or the consumer can make a legal claim.

The same principle is true when one considers the Bible. In the Scriptures, God always meant what He said. God meant what He said when He placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-24). The Lord certainly meant what He said when He told Noah to build the ark so that he could be saved from the impending flood (Genesis 6-8). Under the Law of Moses, God meant what He said when He forbade any work on the Sabbath day. In fact, the Lord commanded a man to be put to death for picking up some sticks on the Sabbath (Numbers 15:32-37). This principle of taking God at His Word is found in both the Old and New Testaments.

Today, we must realize that God means what He says. When God says that a person must believe in Christ (John 8:24), He means what He says. When the Lord states that we must repent of our sins (Luke 13:3), He means what He says. When God commands people to confess (or state) their faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32), He means what He says. And, when the Lord said that baptism is necessary for salvation (Mark 16:16), He means what He says.

People often reject God's simple plan because they want to please themselves instead of Almighty God. The sobering truth is that the Bible (and only the Bible) must be our guide. When we follow it, then we are taking God at His Word.

David O'Connell

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 AM  
 Worship 10:00 AM  
 Worship 5:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 PM

### Minister

David O'Connell

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### WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

**SUNDAY January 11, 2026**  
 Announcements ..... David O'Connell  
 Song Leader ..... Daniel Ridinger  
 Opening Prayer (AM) ..... Larry Turpen  
 Closing Prayer (AM) ..... Tommy Parker  
 Opening Prayer (PM) ..... Warren Butler  
 Closing Prayer (PM) ..... Johnny Wilbanks  
 Usher ..... Raymond Sandlin

**Lord's Table**  
 Preside AM & PM ..... Randy Pyle

Audio ..... Lonnie Butler  
 Building Security ..... Lonnie Butler  
 Communion Prep ..... Vickie Parker

**TUESDAY January 14, 2026**  
 Song Leader ..... Daniel Ridinger  
 Scripture Reading ..... Wade Stinnett  
 Opening Prayer ..... Billy Leone  
 Invitation ..... Randy Pyle  
 Announcements ..... David O'Connell  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tommy Parker

### WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

**SUNDAY January 18, 2026**  
 Announcements ..... Daniel Ridinger  
 Song Leader ..... Randy Pyle  
 Opening Prayer (AM) ..... Wade Stinnett  
 Closing Prayer (AM) ..... Max Chandler  
 Opening Prayer (PM) ..... Larry Turpen  
 Closing Prayer (PM) ..... Tommy Parker  
 Usher ..... Raymond Sandlin

**Lord's Table**  
 Preside AM & PM ..... Wade Stinnett

Audio ..... Lonnie Butler  
 Building Security ..... Lonnie Butler  
 Communion Prep ..... Vickie Parker

**TUESDAY January 21, 2026**  
 Song Leader ..... David Wilbanks  
 Scripture Reading ..... Larry Turpen  
 Opening Prayer ..... Warren Butler  
 Invitation ..... David O'Connell  
 Announcements ..... Max Chandler  
 Closing Prayer ..... Johnny Wilbanks

## From My Heart to Your Heart

We apologize to failing to mention a prayer request last week. We want to express our Christian sympathy and pray for the family Kaitlyn Murphy who passed away recently . Kaitlyn was the mother of two children, a four year old and a seven year old. We pray God will comfort and strengthen this family in this loss.

We have updates on our sick list: Hazel's brother, Elbert Parsons, is making progress but will need to stay in Huntsville Hospital a little longer. The O'Connell's friend Dick Bulissa had surgery, everything went well, and he is now home. Jeff McDougal's father, James McDougal, had a port inserted for dialysis. Continue to pray for Harrison Bobo, Laurie Burmeister, Eula Goode, James Robbins, Marilyn Patterson, and Becky Clanton.

Please pray for Raymond Sandlin's cousin, Sammy Martin, and Daniel Ridinger's friend, Kenneth Bayles, who both recently suffered strokes. Also, Diane Leone, Billy's sister-in-law, and Brenda Ridinger, Daniel's sister-in-law, were diagnosed with breast cancer.

Betty Swan, Nelda Hinton's next door neighbor, needs our prayers. We have been asked to pray for Calvin Gifford, the son-in-law of Jackie Miller Poss. Please pray for Kathryn Miller's brother-in-law, William (Bill) Miller, as he undergoes chemotherapy. Wade Stinnett's cousin, Mike Stinnett, also needs our prayers. Please continue to pray for those who are fighting cancer: Jennifer Allison, Billy Barnes, Ken Hawkins, Diane Leone, Bill Miller, John O'Neill, Jerry Page, Christie Pyle, Brenda Ridinger, and Betty Swan.

Wayne Birdwell has a new phone number: 256-800-0125.

Please continue to pray for our Preacher Search Committee.

Today (Jan. 11) Oliver will not be conducting the afternoon devotional at the Lauderdale County Christian nursing home due to illness in the nursing home.

Our bi-monthly Men's Business Meeting will be on January 18 at 3:30 p.m.

David O'Connell

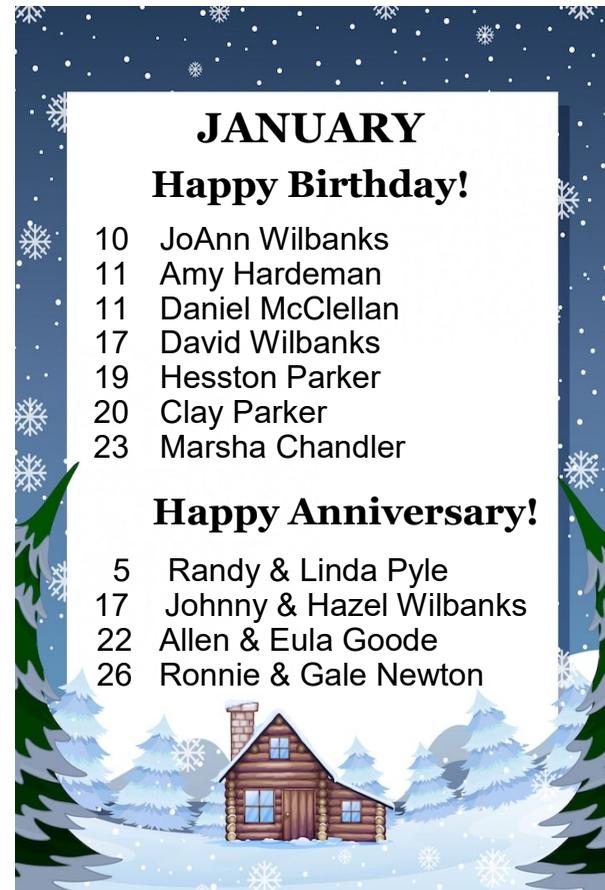
## OUR RECORD



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 4, 2026</b>
Bible Study	34
Worship AM	48
Worship PM	26
Contribution	\$2675
Weekly Budget	\$2300
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 7, 2026</b>
Bible Study	28

*"Rejoice with them that do rejoice,  
and weep with them that weep."*

Romans 12:15



## JANUARY

### Happy Birthday!

- 10 JoAnn Wilbanks
- 11 Amy Hardeman
- 11 Daniel McClellan
- 17 David Wilbanks
- 19 Hesston Parker
- 20 Clay Parker
- 23 Marsha Chandler

### Happy Anniversary!

- 5 Randy & Linda Pyle
- 17 Johnny & Hazel Wilbanks
- 22 Allen & Eula Goode
- 26 Ronnie & Gale Newton

## In Our Prayers

**Oliver Members:** Marsha & Max Chandler, Becky Clanton, Eula Goode, Ann Hamilton, Kathryn Miller, Chuck Moore, Marilyn Patterson, Sandra Porter, Daniel Ridinger, James Robbins.

**Family and Friends:** Jennifer Allison (Hazel's niece's daughter), Billy Barnes (relative of Kathryn Miller), Kenneth Bayles (Daniel's friend), Harrison Bobo (great-grandson of Randy & Glenda), Amy Chandler (Max & Marsha's daughter-in-law), Rex Chandler (Max & Marsha's nephew), Joe Clemons, Tim & Sherri Clutts, Rick Crill, Christie Franklin (Randy's daughter), Julie Fretwell, Calvin Gifford (son-in-law of Jackie Miller Poss), Paula Gilliam (Hazel Wilbanks' niece), Ken Hawkins (uncle of Chuck), Robert Huffaker, Diane Leone, Sammy Martin (Raymond Sandlin's cousin), Ray McClellan, James McDougal (Jeff's father), Bill Miller, Sean Mosley (Chuck's cousin), Jimmy Moss (uncle of Annie Sandlin), John O'Neill, Jerry Page, John Peacock (Sheila Ridgeway's son-in-law), Vera Pyle, Brenda Ridinger, Mike Stinnett, Betty Swan (Nelda Hinton's neighbor), Kim Sztanyo.

### Nursing Home:

Lella Mae Hamilton - Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home, room 3.