

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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All Things Are New

A New Year brings many things to mind. There are resolutions, new plans, new hopes, and dreams. When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he stated, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17). In what way is the world "new" for the child of God?

First, the world is "new" for a Christian because there is forgiveness. Old sins and trespasses have been forgiven. Old offenses have been wiped out by the blood of Jesus (cf. Ephesians 1:7).

Second, the world is "new" for the Christian because there is freedom. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). The child of God has been set free from the bonds of sin, and Satan no longer controls his thinking or his life. The new-found freedom becomes a source of "newness" for the disciple of Jesus.

Third, the world is "new" for the Christian because there is hope for the future. Having been washed in the blood of Christ, the Christian can put his past behind him and look to the future. Everything is brighter, clearer, and more promising for the child of God. Hope replaces despair, confidence replaces doubt, and optimism replaces pessimism.

May all of God's people rejoice, not only with the New Year, but with the glorious statement of Paul, "all things are become new."

David O'Connell

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY January 4, 2026
Announcements Daniel Ridinger
Song Leader David Wilbanks
Opening Prayer (AM) Warren Butler
Closing Prayer (AM) Johnny Wilbanks
Opening Prayer (PM) Max Chandler
Closing Prayer (PM) Billy Leone
Usher Raymond Sandlin

Lord's Table
Preside AM & PM Larry Turpen

Audio Lonnie Butler
Building Security Lonnie Butler
Communion Prep Vickie Parker

WEDNESDAY January 7, 2026
Song Leader David O'Connell
Scripture Reading Wayne Birdwell
Opening Prayer Wade Stinnett
Invitation Daniel Ridinger
Announcements Chuck Moore
Closing Prayer Larry Turpen

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

From My Heart to Your Heart

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and pray we will have a wonderful year in service to the Lord.

We express Christian sympathy to Patsy Wilbanks and her family. Patsy's sister, Bonnie Dison, passed away last Monday at Helen Keller Hospital. Her funeral was last Wednesday. We pray God's comfort and strength for this family.

Please pray that the tests that the tests Harrison Bobo is having will reveal the source of his problems. Laurie Burmeister, the mother of Larry Burmeister, recently had emergency surgery. She is in her 90's. Marcus Calsor is recuperating at home after his recent hip surgery.

We have a large number of our members who have Covid and other illnesses that have confined them to home. Please pray that they will recover quickly.

Please continue to pray for 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.

There are current copies of Andy Erwin's report on the McGarvey College of the Bible in the foyer. Also, there are reports from Connecticut and other mission works.

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

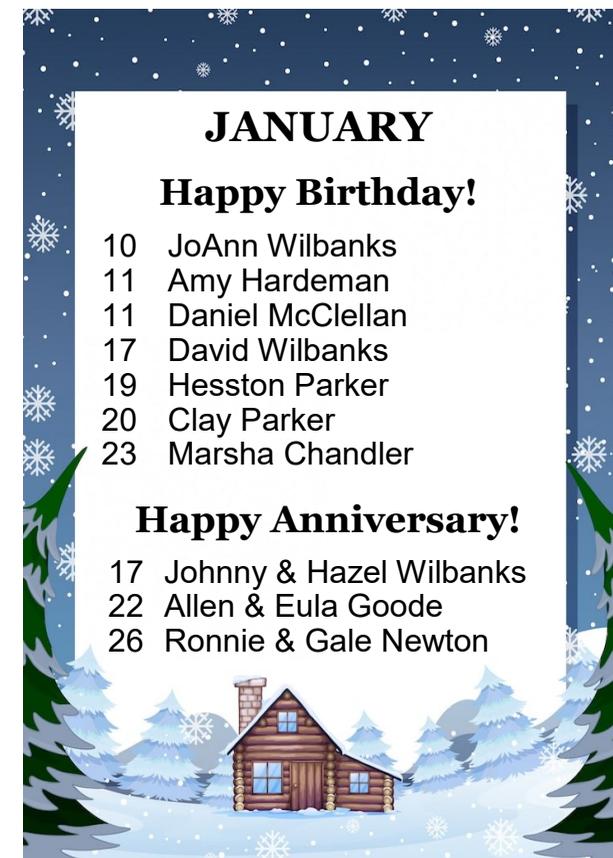
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In Search of the Lord's Way - Fox 54 Sunday Mornings at 7:30 AM

OUR RECORD	
	Sunday Dec 28, 2025
	Bible Study 20
	Worship AM 41
	Worship PM 36
	Contribution \$2632
	Weekly Budget \$2300
Tuesday Dec 30, 2025	Bible Study 25

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."

Proverbs 1:7



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.

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