## Welcome Visitors

We hope you feel right at home in our church family. Please stay after worship, so we can get to know you!

## CLASSES

Fellowship Hall

Sunday-Carolyn Lee, Ladies Class/Never Give Up Wednesday-Jase Campbell/Focus on Faithfulness

Auditorium Sunday-Blake Hawkins/Building Christian Character Wednesday-Mike Hixson/Book of James

Old Fellowship Hall with D.O. White Sunday-Beginning of our Confidence (Basic Principles) Wednesday-Survey of the Old Testament

Rm 204 Upstairs - Sunday Brad Bryant/The Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ

### GROUPS

Kid's Pew Packers Meets every 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 5:30 in the auditorium to sing kid's Bible songs

Focus Team Meets every 2nd Sunday after the evening worship service to discuss what we as a church can to do help our members and community. Please bring finger foods, chips, and drinks. Everyone is invited!

### PRAYERS

Shut Ins: Fannie Taylor, Carline Polly,

Serving in the Military:

David Boren Devin Lee Benjamin Smith David Alm Griffin Stanford Joshua Vest Seth Rhodes

Adam Cannon Kaitlyn Morton Justin Melton Dylan Cooper William Turpin Russell Brummett

Keep in Your Prayers:

Wayne Boren, Mary Joyce Brewer, Sherry Brown, Florence Dixon, Keith Ericson, Saul Green, Julie Hatter, Gene Higdon, James Houston, Cathy Ivy, George & Carolyn Jacobs, Hailey McConnell, Jackie Meadows, Trey Monty, Patty Nelson, Millie Newport, Sheila Patel, Paula Perkins, Carline Polly, Hearel Ray, Donna Robertson, Glenn and Carol Ann Salter, Ellie Segars, Justine Soro, Kayla Surratt, Henry Sylvester, Kathy Taylor, Luke Tuberville, Sue Tyner, Karen Woods

#### Special Prayers:

Nancy Hixson will be starting radiation this week.

Sarah Bryant, mother of Brad Bryant, is being placed in hospice care.

Dorcus Moore, one of our viewers from Maryland, has requested prayers.

Rick Forsythe will be having surgery this week. Tonia Forsythe will be having knee replacement this week.

## SUPPORTS

- Coldwater church of Christ (Far East Mission and Fishers of Men)
- Christian Courier
- Gloster St. church of Christ (Dayspring/ James Segars)
- Dunlap church of Christ (Good News Today)
- Eagleville church of Christ (Caleb Jacobs)
- Gospel Broadcasting Network
- Hickory Grove church of Christ (Ronnie Gootam)
- Jasper County church of Christ (Fred Rhodes)
- Kansas Expressway church of Christ (Zambia, Ghana, 2 preaching students)
- Pine Vale Children's Home
- Ray Peters

### NEWS

Outlines of Mike Hixson's sermons are available every Sunday on the table in the foyer.

The Security Team is looking for more volunteers, Please see Brad Bryant or Dave Osborn if interested.

Good Samaritan calendars are on the table in the foyer. Please pick one up to see monthly ideas on how to serve your neigh-bors. All members of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Our sympathy is extended to Eric and Robin Beavers in the passing of Eric's mom, Vikki Dammoth. Please keep this family in your prayers.

For this years Christmas ministry, twenty-one people shopped for twenty-nine children. On Friday night, twenty-four people wrapped 631 gifts. Thank you for all of the shopping, wrapping, donating supplies, and donating money needed to accomplish such a manufactural task. Debbio Williams monumental task. Debbie Williams

### Last Week's Attendance

Bible Study 162 AM Worship 228 PM Worship 164 Budget \$11395 Contribution \$13459

#### Elders

Billy Sasser 901-626-1479 D.O. White 901-489-3121

#### Deacons

Kerry Dye Kevin Haddock Blake Hawkins Mike Foster Jody Howell Paul McConnell Herman Ray James McKinney Zachary Walker Tyler Boyd

**Minister** Mike Hixson

Associate Minister Jared Rhodes

**Song Leader** Billy Sasser

Office Secretary Yvette Sanders

## SERVING

Communion: Jase Campbell

Announcements Zachary Walker

AM Opening Prayer Dave Johnson

Scripture Reading Torrence Moore

Sermon Mike Hixson

AM Closing Prayer Paul McConnell

PM Opening Prayer Bill Miller

PM Closing Prayer Garrett McConnell

From the elders: Please dress appropriately if you are scheduled to serve.

### December 19, 2021

# Olive Branch church of Christ



9100 East Sandidge Road Olive Branch, MS 38654

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

M-W 8:30-2:30 TH-F 8:30-12:30

#### **WORSHIP TIMES**

9 AM Bible Class 10 AM Worship 6 PM Worship

> Tuesday 10 AM Bible Class

Wednesday 7 PM Bible Class and Devotional

### The Power Of The Tongue Mike Hixson

The tongue is a powerful instrument that can be wielded for good or evil. Solomon said on one occasion, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21). The book of James, which is the New Testament counterpart to the book of Proverbs, states "the tongue is a little member and boasts great things" (Jas. 3:5a).

Although it is admittedly difficult, our goal as God's people is to "bridle" the tongue and use it constructively for the welfare of others. One way we can use our tongue in a positive way is by sharing the gospel with a friend, neighbor, co-worker, classmate, relative, etc. (Matt. 28:19-20). The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and said, "we also believe and therefore speak" (II Co. 4:13). Think of the profound gratitude the Corinthian believers must have had for the opportunity to hear, believe, and obey the gospel (Acts 18:8; I Co. 6:9-11).

A second way the tongue can be employed for good is by offering words of encouragement. Solomon said, "And a word spoken in due season, how good it is" (Prov. 15:23b). He also observed, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Prov. 25:11). Solomon was simply saying a word spoken at the right time is of great value. We can offer words of encouragement to those who are battling various ailments, disappointments, frustrations, etc. in life. Sometimes just saying the right thing can change the countenance of another person.

Suffice it to say, there are numerous ways the tongue can be used for good. Hopefully and prayerfully, we will choose to use our tongue for the benefit of our fellow man and the glory of God.

## Sermon Notes

Lesson Title:		