

April 21, 2019

Olney Church of Christ

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff,
Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Invitation to Hear God's Truth

By Michael Hickox

2 Timothy 3:16-17 teaches that "***all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.***"

The Bible is our source of divine instruction. It is the means through which God reveals Himself and His will to mankind today. As the written Word of God, the Bible is infallible truth (cf. **John 17:17**). This truth is not just for education's sake, but relates to "***all things that pertain to life and godliness***" (2 Pet. 1:3).

The inspired truth of God teaches us how the world was created (**Gen. 1**), how mankind came into existence (**Gen. 1:27**), what our purpose should be (**Ecc. 12:13**), what our great problem is (**Rom. 3:23; 6:23a**), what God's solution is (cf. **Rom. 5:8-10**), and what we must do to be saved.

The inspired truth of God has the ability to take us from where we are to where we need to be. By hearing God's Word with the right heart, we can gain faith in the Lord (**Rom. 10:17**), and live fruitful lives (**Matt. 13:23**). By hearing God's Word and responding to it rightly, we can escape the wages of sin, which is eternal condemnation in hell, and gain hope of eternal life in heaven (**Rom. 6:23**).

We invite all to come hear lessons from the inspired Word of God this week.

The Joy of Gospel Meetings

Gospel meetings are wonderful opportunities both for those outside the body of Christ to learn and obey the truth, and for Christians to be edified.

It is a joy any time Christians assemble together to strengthen one another and worship God. The Holy Spirit's command to not forsake the assembly of the saints is prefaced by the words "**Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good works,**" (Heb. 10:24). Assembling with saints is a means by which Christians can help each other please God. Gospel meetings offer great opportunities for this.

It is likewise a joy for saints to join together to feast on the spiritual nourishment provided through God's Word (1 Pet. 2:2). Gospel meetings offer multiple opportunities for looking into divine truth, and doing so with others who share a desire to grow through the Word.

Gospel meetings also provide opportunities for worshipping God through singing (Eph. 5:19), and joining with fellow saints while approaching God in prayer.

Gospel meetings create opportunities for Christians to invite family, friends, and neighbors to come hear the saving Gospel, while benefitting ourselves through the opportunities provided.

May we appreciate opportunities such as these to be spiritually strengthened, strengthen others, and please our Creator.

-Michael Hickox

"Examine Yourself"

2 Corinthians 13:5 says "**Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...**"

The need for self-examination is seen throughout Scripture. Centuries before Paul wrote to the Corinthians, certain Jews had failed to rebuild the temple as God desired of them. They were exhorted, "**Consider your ways**" (Haggai 1:5,7).

Examining ourselves and considering our ways does not mean reflecting on how we "measure up" to others (2 Cor. 10:12), or how we are at living like the world says we should (cf. 1 Cor. 3:19). Rather, we must reflect on our obedience to God's will.

God's Word is *able* to build us up, but one of the things needed from us to be built up is honest self-examination.

Consider the example of Saul of Tarsus. Before Saul's conversion, he was wreaking havoc as he rebelled against Jesus. He recognized this when confronted by Jesus on the road to Damascus. Upon learning how wrong he was, he did not run from the truth. Instead, Saul showed a desire to make things right by saying "**Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?**" (Acts 9:6).

May we have a similar mindset as we search the Scriptures, reflect on how we can better serve God, and become "**doers of the Word**" when we find things that need fixed (James 1:22).

This self-examination is critical to be pleasing to God.

-Michael Hickox

Area Gospel Meetings

*Our Gospel meeting is this week
with Gerry Sandusky*

Sun: 9:30 AM, 10:20 AM, 2:00 PM; M-F: 7:00 PM

Elm Grove Church of Christ:

April 28 - May 3 (with L.A. Stauffer)

Sun: 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 3:30 PM; M-F: 7:00 PM

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God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

***"The LORD is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth."* – Psalm 145:17-18**

Prayer List

Holly G
 Barb A
 Sandy S (Foot Injury)
 Betty P
 Mabel H
 Norma's Grandson, Ryan (Head Injury)
 Cheryl S (Breast Cancer)
 Norma C (Injuries from fall)
 Mattie B (Leukemia)
 Linda & Family
 Dody G
 Joe B (Lung Cancer)
 Allen S (Cancer)
 Jeanette & Family
 Raymond B
 Mike D (Broken Neck)
 Everly G

Daily Bible Reading

April 21 – 1 Sam. 30-31; Luke 13:23-35
 April 22 – 2 Sam. 1-2; Luke 14:1-24
 April 23 – 2 Sam. 3-5; Luke 14:25-35
 April 24 – 2 Sam. 6-8; Luke 15:1-10
 April 25 – 2 Sam. 9-11; Luke 15:11-32
 April 26 – 2 Sam. 12-13; Luke 16
 April 27 – 2 Sam. 14-15; Luke 17:1-19

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Bible Study: Roger

Worship: Joe

Evening: Mark

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Carlyle

Cleaning Building

Jeanette

Prepare Communion

Jeanette

Upcoming Reminders

April 21-26: Gospel Meeting
with Gerry Sandusky

April 27: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

June 15: Vacation Bible School

Assignments

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Reading: Dave

Announcements: Travis

Table: Dan H

Serve: Jim

Harold

John

Roger

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Invitation:

Anniversaries

Birthdays

April 25 - Jessica

April 29 - Jerry

May 4 - Lovetta

May 10 - John