

May 19, 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.

Did You Think to Pray?

By Michael Hickox

Philippians 4:6-7: *In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.*

A question for each of us to ask when we are faced with temptations, trials, or distresses is, "Did I think to pray?" As the hymn this question is based on expresses, "O how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day; So when life seems dark and dreary, Don't forget to pray."

As the hymn *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* says, "O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer."

It is a wonderful privilege to know that we can approach our Almighty God at anytime and from anywhere.

God not only *allows* us to ask for His help, but He *wants* us to ask for His help. Notice **1 Peter 5:7: casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you.**

May we not take this privilege for granted, but "think to pray" continually day in and day out.

Called to Be Different

By Michael Hickox

1 Peter 2:9: *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

The phrases used by the apostle Peter to describe Christians indicate that Christians are to be different from the world.

God has long desired His chosen people to be different from others. When God delivered the Israelite law to Moses at Mt. Sinai, it was intended to set the Israelites apart from other nations. If they chose to follow God's commands, they would be very unique.

New Testament Christians make up the "**Israel of God**" (**Gal. 6:16**), and are called to be different from "spiritual Gentiles," i.e. those outside Christ's body.

Christians should be different in our very purpose in life. While the world focuses on temporal things, we are to center our lives on God. Pleasing and glorifying God should be our goal.

As the Holy Spirit through Paul instructed the Corinthian brethren, "**Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God**" (**1 Cor. 10:31**). Later, Paul stated that his *aim* is to be well pleasing to God (**2 Cor. 5:9**). Such an aim is far different from the world's focus.

Our aim to please God should lead to differences in who we are. The world's

wisdom encourages individuals to be proud and do what pleases self. The world's wisdom teaches that we should seek prestige, possessions, promotions, power, or whatever "makes us happy." Such teaching is centered on a character of pride and self-centeredness.

Yet, Jesus says it is the meek who are blessed by God (**Matt. 5:5**). Christians are not taught to seek preeminence, but to lower ourselves for the glory of God and the benefit of others (cf. **Luke 22:24-26**). Having this character will make us different from the majority.

The differences in why we live and who we are should lead to differences in *how* we live. When others are making plans to go to the local bar, Christians may be spending the night praying or studying the Bible with friends or family members. When others are counting their money to buy their "dream" house or car, Christians may be counting their money to give to those in need.

Just as Jesus was set apart from the world, His followers are to be set apart from the world (**Rom. 12:2**). There is no reason to be ashamed of these differences. Rather, there is reason to rejoice for the chance to follow in Jesus' steps, and be a light amidst the darkness (**Phil. 2:15**).

Let us choose to live for the glory of God and not be ashamed of the differences that result.

Area Gospel Meetings

Prayer List

Elm Grove Church of Christ:

May 19-24 (with Raymond Warfel (Sr.))

Sun: 9:30 AM, 5:00 PM; M-F: 7:00 PM

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

Holly G
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 & Maxine
Everly G

Words to Consider

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.”
– 2 Peter 1:5-7

Daily Bible Reading

May 19 – 2 Kings 19-21; John 4:1-30
May 20 – 2 Kings 22-23; John 4:31-54
May 21 – 2 Kings 24-25; John 5:1-24
May 22 – 1 Chron. 1-3; John 5:25-47
May 23 – 1 Chron. 4-6; John 6:1-21
May 24 – 1 Chron. 7-9; John 6:22-44
May 25 – 1 Chron. 10-12; John 6:45-71

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” – Psalm 119:105

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Bible Study: Mike

Worship: Roger

Evening: Joe

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Jim

Cleaning Building

Julzy

Prepare Communion

Julzy / June

Upcoming Reminders

May 25: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

*Study: True Devotion (Ruth
1:15-22)*

June 15: Vacation Bible School

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Theme: Victory in Jesus

Assignments

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Reading: Dan H

Announcements: Dave

Table: Steve

Serve: Travis

Roger

John

Dan D

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Invitation: Larry

Anniversaries

May 30 – Larry and Patsy

Birthdays

May 23 – Jeanette

May 26 – David