

May 26, 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.

## “Whoever of You Wants to Become First”

**Mark 10:44-45:** *Whoever of you wants to become first among you, shall be bondservant of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.*

In the above passage, Jesus contrasted the world’s view of greatness with what God sees as great (cf. **verses 42-43**).

The teaching came just after James and John asked to sit on Jesus’ right and left hands in His glory. Like James and John, people often seek prestige, position, and power, believing this is what greatness is.

Yet Jesus pointed out that this attitude is the opposite of what God calls great.

Before leaving the Ephesian elders in **Acts 20:35**, Paul told them “**Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’**” To follow Jesus’ steps, we must focus on giving. We must seek to serve rather than seeking to be served.

Jesus not only taught servitude, but also exemplified this. When He washed His disciples’ feet, He stated “***I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you***” (**John 13:15**).

Shortly after He washed His disciples’ feet, Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many. There could be no better example of putting others ahead of oneself.

May we follow His lead of servitude.

**-Michael Hickox**

# Baptism and Ephesians 2

By Michael Hickox

The Holy Spirit teaches that baptism is necessary to get **“into Christ.”**

**Romans 6:3: Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?**

**Galatians 3:27: For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

The Holy Spirit teaches that baptism is necessary for remission of sins.

**Acts 2:38: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

**Acts 22:16 [Ananias to Saul]: And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.**

Jesus taught His disciples to baptize.

**Matthew 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

**Mark 16:15-16: And [Jesus] said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

Despite these and other passages that teach the need for baptism, challenges to

baptism’s necessity abound.

One question that sometimes arises pertaining to this subject is, “Isn’t binding baptism for salvation teaching ‘salvation by works?’”

The bases for this question are passages like **Ephesians 2:8-9: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

The Bible teaches that we do not earn, or deserve, salvation. It is a gift of God and He deserves the credit. We have no reason to boast about what we do to receive God’s unmerited gift.

One thing **Ephesians** *never* says, though, is that we do not have responsibilities to meet to *receive* God’s gift of salvation. Works of obedience, including baptism, are part of what God requires of us (cf. **Phil. 2:12; Jas. 2:14,17**).

Salvation by grace through faith is a Bible doctrine. Salvation by grace *alone* through faith *alone*, with no works required on our part, is a manmade doctrine.

None of us deserve salvation, but we must do what God requires to receive the gift of salvation. One thing He requires is baptism in the name of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

May we accept and follow what God commands on this and all biblical subjects.

## Area Gospel Meetings

Walnut Chapel Church of Christ:

June 23-28 (with Mike Davis)

Sun: 9:30 AM, 10:20 AM, 6:00 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

***"Hereby we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous."***

– 1 John 5:2-3

## Prayer List

- 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
- June H (Broken Pelvis)

### Daily Bible Reading

- May 26 – 1 Chron. 13-15; John 7:1-27
- May 27 – 1 Chron. 16-18; John 7:28-53
- May 28 – 1 Chron. 19-21; John 8:1-27
- May 29 – 1 Chron. 22-24; John 8:28-59
- May 30 – 1 Chron. 25-27; John 9:1-23
- May 31 – 1 Chron. 28-29; John 9:24-41
- June 1 – 2 Chron. 1-3; John 10:1-23

***"I will never forget your precepts, for with them, you have revived me."***

– Psalm 119:93

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Bible Study: Larry

Worship: Dan D

Evening: Travis

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Carlyle

### **Cleaning Building**

Julzy (May) / Janice (June)

### **Prepare Communion**

Julzy/June (May) / Janice (June)

### **Upcoming Reminders**

**June 15: Vacation Bible School**

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

*Theme: Victory in Jesus*

**June 22: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.**

*Study: The Honorable Boaz (Ruth 2:1-7)*

### **Assignments**

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Dan D

Table: Roger

Serve: Carlyle

Darrell

Mark

Dave

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Invitation: Dave

### **Anniversaries**

May 30 – Larry and Patsy

June 7 – Michael and Julzy

June 10 – Jeff and Patty

### **Birthdays**

May 26 – David

June 2 – June

June 16 – Jenna