

June 9, 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.

## “For Such a Time As This”

By Michael Hickox

The book of Esther tells the story of how a Jewish girl named Esther became queen of the Persian empire and used her influence to save the Jews.

**Esther 4:14** records part of a message sent to Esther by her cousin Mordecai: ***For if you remain silent now, then relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Who knows if you haven’t come to the kingdom for such a time as this?***

Mordecai’s statement implies his recognition of God’s providence being at work. His message was “look at the influence you have. You might be in the best position to save our people!” Indeed, Esther *had* come to the kingdom “**for such a time as [then],**” to be an unlikely deliverer for those who, at the time, were God’s chosen people.

Esther’s situation is not the first in which God brought about good through seemingly unlikely circumstances (cf. **Gen. 50:20**).

Like those of old, God’s people today could be in situations that unwittingly provide us with great opportunities to do good for the Lord.

May we look to do good in all the situations we find ourselves in. Who knows...God may have placed us there “**for such a time as this.**”

# “Overcome Evil with Good”

By Michael Hickox

**Romans 12:19-21:** *Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord." Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in doing so, you will heap coals of fire on his head." Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

The first eleven chapters of Romans describe the “**mercies of God**,” which should motivate us to “**present [our] bodies a living sacrifice**” to God (**Rom. 12:1**). We do this by transforming our lives to think and behave as God instructs instead of conforming to the world's standards of righteousness (**verse 2**).

The fruit God's Word produces in a sincere heart is described in the remainder of **Romans 12**.

Much of the focus is on our treatment of others: loving sincerely (**verse 9**), putting others first (**verse 10**), helping when it is needed (**verse 13**), being there for others in good times and bad (**verse 15**), and loving even those who treat us poorly. **Verse 14** says “**Bless those who persecute you; bless, and don't**

**curse.**” Verses 17-18 teach “**Repay no one evil for evil. Respect what is honorable in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men.**”

An interesting phrase used in **Romans 12:21** is the command “**overcome evil with good.**”

It is a simple truth that if one wants to “put out” darkness, he or she would need a light of some kind. We cannot put out darkness by adding more darkness to it.

In the same way, evil does not go away when one responds with more evil. It only makes things worse.

We can allow evil to overcome us, or we can respond to it with good.

Jesus chose the second option. “**When He was cursed, He didn't curse back. When He suffered, He didn't threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously**” (**1 Pet. 2:23**). He was (and is) a light in a dark world.

When we observe the darkness of sin around us, we must not join in, but be the light of the world (**Phil. 2:15**).

May we respond to darkness with light...and may we never be “**overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**”

## 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

### Casey Westside church of Christ:

June 24-28 (Vacation Bible School)

M-F: 6:30 PM

### Yale church of Christ:

July 15-19 (with Mike Davis)

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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## Prayer List

Holly G  
 Sandy S  
 Betty P  
 Mabel H  
 Cheryl S  
 Norma C  
 Linda & Family  
 Dody G  
 Joe B  
 Allen S (Cancer)  
 Jeanette & Family  
 Raymond & Maxine  
 June H (Broken Pelvis)  
 Loren G (Injuries from fall)  
 Randy S (Strokes)

## Daily Bible Reading

June 9 – 2 Chron. 21-22; John 14  
 June 10 – 2 Chron. 23-24; John 15  
 June 11 – 2 Chron. 25-27; John 16  
 June 12 – 2 Chron. 28-29; John 17  
 June 13 – 2 Chron. 30-31; John 18:1-18  
 June 14 – 2 Chron. 32-33; John 18:19-40  
 June 15 – 2 Chron. 34-36; John 19:1-22

**Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Bible Study: Steve

Worship: Darrell

Evening: Larry

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Dan H

**Cleaning Building**

Janice

**Prepare Communion**

Janice

**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 16, 2019

Reading: Darrell

Announcements: Roger

Table: Harold

Serve: Travis

Dan H

Mike

Jim

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Invitation: Michael

**Anniversaries**

June 10 – Jeff and Patty

**Birthdays**

June 16 – Jenna