

July 28, 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.

Following the Perfect Leader

By Michael Hickox

In speaking about the true shepherd in **John 10**, Jesus said, "***Whenever he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice***" (verse 4).

Like an earthly shepherd, Jesus leads both by His voice (i.e. His teachings), *and* through His example. God the Son *showed* us how to walk rightly (**1 John 2:6**).

For instance, after exemplifying servitude in **John 13:3-12**, Jesus said to His disciples, "***If I then, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should also do as I have done to you***" (**John 13:14-15**).

Later in the same chapter, Jesus gave "***a new commandment***" to His disciples concerning their need to love one another (**verse 34**). The need for loving others was not a new commandment (**Lev. 19:18**), but in **John 13:34**, the disciples were given a new *example* of love they were commanded to *emulate*. Notice the last few words of the verse: ***Just as I have loved you, you also love one another.***

In **Philippians 2:3-4**, the Holy Spirit through Paul commanded humility and selflessness. After commanding these, He said "***Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:***" (verse 5).

May we obey God's will for us, just as our perfect Savior and Leader exemplified.

“Upon the First Day of the Week”

By Michael Hickox

Luke 24:1-3: Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 20:7: And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

1 Corinthians 16:2: Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

One of the “ten commandments” given by God to the Israelites in **Exodus 20** was to “**Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy**” (**verse 8**). This command is not for those, including us, who are subject to the Law of Christ (**Col. 2:14-17**).

Some may suggest, though, that instead of resting on the seventh day of the week, Christians *must* make the *first* day of the week a day of rest. This is not commanded in the New Testament either. Much of God’s will for Christians does not vary by the day of the week.

Yet, there *is* some special significance to the first day of the week.

For instance, “**upon the first day of the week**,” it was discovered that Jesus’ body was no longer in the tomb. On this day, our Savior was raised from the dead, providing the basis for the hope that anchors our souls (**1 Cor. 15:20; Heb. 6:19**).

A practice Christians must observe that is unique to the first day of the week is seen in **Acts 20:7**. After Paul and his company came to Troas, they stayed there seven days (**verse 6**). On the first day of the week, the disciples came together “**to break bread**.” “Breaking bread” sometimes refers to partaking of the Lord’s Supper (**1 Cor. 10:16**), as it does here in **Acts 20:7**.

1 Corinthians 16:2 refers to another specific command that must be obeyed on the first day of the week. **Verses 1-4** of the chapter authorize local churches to provide financial relief for needy *saints* when they have the opportunity and ability. There is a *specific* command, though, regarding how the funds for this, and other works of the church, should be collected (cf. **verse 1**). Notice **verse 2: Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.**

In **Acts 20:7** and **1 Corinthians 16:2**, the Holy Spirit established a *pattern* for *all* Christians to follow (cf. **1 Cor. 16:1b**). May we follow the pattern established by the Holy Spirit concerning things that should be done “**upon the first day of the week**.”

Area Gospel Meetings

Hazel Dell Church of Christ:
July 28 - August 2 (with Greg Sharp)
Sun: 9:30; 10:30; 6:00; M-F: 7:00 PM

Ohio St. Church of Christ:
August 4 - 9 (with Jarred McCrary)
Sun: 1:30; 2:15; M-F: 7:00 PM

*Our Gospel Meeting will be **August 11-16**
with David Tant (see flyers for topics)*

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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

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow." – James 1:17

Prayer List

Holly G
Sandy S
Betty P
Mabel H
Cheryl S
Norma C
Dody G
Joe B
Allen S (Cancer)
Raymond & Maxine
June H (Broken Pelvis)
Randy S (Strokes)
Mike & Family

Daily Bible Reading

July 28 – Psalms 33-34; Acts 24
July 29 – Psalms 35-36; Acts 25
July 30 – Psalms 37-39; Acts 26
July 31 – Psalms 40-42; Acts 27:1-26
August 1 – Psalms 43-45; Acts 27:27-44
August 2 – Psalms 46-48; Acts 28
August 3 – Psalms 49-50; Romans 1

"Jesus said therefore to the twelve, 'You don't also want to go away, do you?' Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life.'" – John 6:67-68

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Bible Study: Travis

Worship: Jim

Evening: Larry

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

John

Cleaning Building

Jessica (July) / Cynde (Aug.)

Prepare Communion

Jessica (July) / Linda (Aug.)

Upcoming Reminders

On August 10th, we'll be taking around

flyers to invite the community to our

Gospel Meeting (meet at 9:30 a.m.)

August 11-16: Gospel Meeting

Speaker: David Tant

August 24: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

Study: Ruth's Care for Naomi (Ruth 2:14-23)

Assignments

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Reading: See

Announcements: Bulletin

Table: Board

Serve:

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Invitation:

Anniversaries

August 15 – Roger and Debbie

Birthdays

August 4 – Steve

August 4 – Mabel

August 5 – Julzy

August 10 – Cheryl

August 11 – Jim

August 19 – Paula

August 24 – Debbie

August 25 – Olivia

August 31 – Stephanie