

August 4, 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.

Our Reasonable Service

By Michael Hickox

Romans 12:1-2: *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

The first two verses of **Romans 12** are at the foundation of faithful Christian living.

The words "***I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God***" are a plea to consider what has been explained in the first eleven chapters of Romans: man's rejection of God, and God's plan to redeem mankind through His Son.

As the Holy Spirit pleaded with the Romans (and pleads with us) to consider these "***mercies of God***," He offers the only appropriate response: our reasonable service.

The word translated reasonable (*logikos*) refers to the rationalizing or logical process that goes on in the mind of man. If we reason according to the wisdom of the world, we may come up with a number of excuses for not

Our Reasonable Service

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obeying God. If we reason according to the mercies of God, the only appropriate response will be to give ourselves as a “**living sacrifice**” to Him.

Presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice means to “put off” the old man of sin and submit fully to God’s Will.

Just as Paul said “***I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me***” (Galatians 2:20), so should all say if we understand God’s mercies and respond by putting away our sin to live for Christ.

Presenting our bodies a living sacrifice will result in being “**holy, acceptable unto God.**” Being holy involves being set apart from the sinfulness of the world in order to bring glory to God.

Such is needful in order to be acceptable to the One to whom we present ourselves. Notice **1 Peter 1:15-16: *But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner***

of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Holiness implies not being conformed to the world, but being *transformed* by the renewing of our minds.

The Greek word for transformed (*metamorphoo*) is related to the English word metamorphosis. Like a caterpillar changes into a cocoon and then into a butterfly, those who present themselves as a living sacrifice to God must go through a *spiritual* metamorphosis. As **2 Corinthians 5:17** says, “***if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.***”

To be an acceptable living sacrifice, we must surrender ourselves completely to God, which begins with a renewing of the mind. By transforming in this way, we can prove, or discern, “***what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***”

The remainder of **Romans 12** expands on how to live a holy life that is acceptable to God. Such a life begins by understanding God’s mercy and responding by offering our lives to Him. This is our reasonable service.

Area Gospel Meetings

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

"Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." – Psalm 40:5

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

August 4 – Psalms 51-53; Romans 2
August 5 – Psalms 54-56; Romans 3
August 6 – Psalms 57-59; Romans 4
August 7 – Psalms 60-62; Romans 5
August 8 – Psalms 63-65; Romans 6
August 9 – Psalms 66-67; Romans 7
August 10 – Psalms 68-69; Rom. 8:1-21

"With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." – Psalm 119:10-11

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Bible Study: Michael

Worship: Harold

Evening: John

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Carlyle

Cleaning Building

Cynde

Prepare Communion

Linda

Upcoming Reminders

*On Saturday (8/10), 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 11, 2019

Reading: Harold

Announcements: Steve

Table: Roger

Serve: Mike

Dave

Dan H

Darrell

Wednesday, August 14, 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