

March 8, 2020

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.

“No Man Ever Spoke Like This Man!”

In **John 7**, Jesus taught at the feast of tabernacles. Some of the chief priests and Pharisees, determined to “bring Him down,” “**sent officers to take Him**” (**verse 32**). When the officers returned empty-handed, the Pharisees asked why they had not brought Him. Their response was “**No man ever spoke like this man!**” (**verse 46**).

The officers were not inspired when they spoke these words. Yet, their perception of Jesus is a good indication of how striking His speech was. Both the authority He spoke with (**Matt. 7:29**), and the content of what He taught stood out as different. Consider a few “unique” teachings of Jesus:

“He Who is Greatest...” - The world perceives greatness as “moving up the ladder.” Those who “get to the top” are considered great. Yet Jesus said “**he who is greatest among you will be your servant**” (**Matt. 23:11**).

Jesus did not come to earth to win a popularity contest or acquire great wealth (cf. **Luke 9:58**), but to serve mankind (**Matt. 20:28**). He taught

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that those who do likewise are the ones doing great things for God (**Phil. 2:3-8**).

“Love Your Enemies” - The world urges getting “revenge” on those who treat us poorly. Such might be seen as “standing up for oneself.”

Yet, Jesus said ***“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you”*** (**Matt. 5:44**).

Jesus taught that vengeance belongs to God (cf. **Rom. 12:19-21**).

“Except Ye...Become as Little Children” - In another passage where Jesus spoke of *greatness*, He taught, ***“Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven”*** (**Matt. 18:3**).

The Bible teaches that we are hopeless without God (cf. **Rom. 6:23**). Though the world may stress pride and “self-sufficiency” as honorable character traits, Jesus stressed humbling ourselves as little children who recognize our need for Him.

“Blessed are the Meek...” - The world sees meekness as weakness. Yet, our Lord said ***“blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth”*** (**Matt. 5:5**).

Much like humility, meekness is necessary for allowing ourselves to be *guided* by God. Meekness does not mean yielding to sin in order to submit to others, but it does involve *proper* submission, and allowing ourselves to be molded like clay by our Master. This is not a weakness, but rather a *strength*, according to our Savior.

These are just a few examples of things Jesus spoke that may have struck those who heard Him as unique.

Jesus’ speech was this way because He taught wisdom from above rather than the wisdom of this world (cf. **John 7:16**).

May we heed Christ’s ***“words of eternal life”*** (**John 6:68**), realizing it is *His* doctrine, and not the world’s, that leads to salvation.

-Michael Hickox

Area Gospel Meetings

Mattoon Southside Church of Christ:

March 9-15 (with Michael Hickox)
M-Sat: 7:00; Sun: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00

Walnut Chapel Church of Christ:

March 15-20 (with J F Dancer)
Sun: 9:30, 10:20, 6:00; M-F: 7:00

Hazel Dell Church of Christ:

March 22-27 (with Chuck Richardson)
Sun: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; M-F: 7:00

Casey Westside church of Christ:

March 29 - April 1 (with Eric McKee)
Sun: 9:30, 10:20, 6:00; M-W: 7:00

*Our Gospel meeting will be **April 19-24**
with J F Dancer*

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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

Prayer List

Holly G
 Sandy S
 Betty P
 Mabel H
 Cheryl S
 Norma C
 Allen S (Cancer)
 Raymond & Maxine
 Randy & Kim S
 Ken & Chris F
 Brandon O's Grandmother (Lung Cancer)
 Jeanette's Mother, Fontella
 Jerry S (Prostate Cancer)
 Larry S

Daily Bible Reading

March 8 – Numbers 32-34; Mark 9:30-50
 March 9 – Numbers 35-36; Mark 10:1-31
 March 10 – Deut. 1-3; Mark 10:32-52
 March 11 – Deut. 4-6; Mark 11:1-18
 March 12 – Deut. 7-9; Mark 11:19-33
 March 13 – Deut. 10-12; Mark 12:1-27
 March 14 – Deut. 13-15; Mark 12:28-44

“Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth...” – Psalm 86:11

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Bible Study: Dan H

Worship: Steve

Evening: Darrell

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Assignments

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Harold

Table: Mike

Serve: Harold

Jeff

John

Mark

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Invitation: Larry

Clean Building

Misty

Prepare Communion

Misty

Upcoming Reminders

March 28: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

Study: Women of the NT (Lessons 4-5)

April 19-24: Gospel Meeting with J F Dancer

Anniversaries

March 22 – Raymond & Maxine

March 28 – John & Cynde

Birthdays

March 13 – Harold

March 15 – Anna

March 23 – Patty