

September 13, 2020

## “Casting All Your Anxiety Upon Him”

# 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.

1 Peter 5:6-7: *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you.*

1 Peter 5:7 gives instruction to Christians that is similar to **Philippians 4:6**: *In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*

These passages demonstrate that God not only *offers* us the opportunity to ask for His help, He *wants* us to *use* this opportunity, especially when faced with anxieties of life (also see **Luke 18:1-8**).

As **Philippians 4:7** points out, when prayer is made with a heart that trusts God, the result is a peace that *“surpasses all understanding.”*

As the hymn *Did You Think to Pray?* says, *“O how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day; So when life seems dark and dreary, Don’t forget to pray.”* As the hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* says, *“O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.”*

If we trust God and believe in His power, we should cast our anxieties on Him, knowing that He cares for us.

**-Michael Hickox**

# “Let Love Be Without Hypocrisy”

By Michael Hickox

**Romans 12:9** commands, “*Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*”

Love is not described by God as an “uncontrollable feeling,” but something He commands us to *choose* and put into *action* (**John 13:34**; **1 John 3:16-18**). When directed toward others, it involves a choice to seek others’ highest good.

The phrase “*without hypocrisy*” in **Romans 12:9** indicates that the love we show others must be *sincere*. We must not just pretend to love others, but truly care for their well-being.

One application of this principle involves the way we approach those in spiritual danger.

Notice how Mark’s account of the rich young ruler describes Jesus. **Mark 10:21** says, “*Jesus looking at him loved him, and said to him, ‘One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me, taking up the cross.’*”

While hypocritical love would have told the rich young ruler what he *wanted* to hear, it’s clear from the ruler’s reaction (**verse 22**) that Jesus told him something he did *not* want to hear. Because of Jesus’ *genuine* concern for the man’s

soul, He told him what he *needed* to hear.

As Jesus walked the earth, He never approved (or pretended to approve) of sin. He was not spiteful in His approach, but He also did not sugar-coat truth.

The wisdom of the world may teach that it is hateful to rebuke someone for doing what “makes them happy,” regardless of whether such is in accordance with God’s commands.

Scripture teaches otherwise. While many “attack the messenger” when sin is pointed out (cf. **Gal. 4:16**), sincere love will point it out anyway when it’s appropriate to do so (and in the *manner* that’s appropriate).

There are times when patting someone on the back and encouraging him or her to “keep at it” is a demonstration of sincere love. Responding to current sin in the lives of others is not one of those times.

May we *sincerely* put others’ well-being ahead of our own comfort zone, and may we remember “*that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins*” (**James 5:20**).

## 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

***“Now the deeds of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God's kingdom. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” – Galatians 5:19-23***

## Prayer List

Holly G  
Sandy S  
Mabel H  
Cheryl S  
Norma C  
Raymond & Maxine  
Ken & Chris F  
Brandon O's Grandmother (Lung Cancer)  
Jeanette's Mother, Fontella  
Jerry S (Prostate Cancer)  
Carlyle (Hip)  
Heather's Friend, Courtney  
Roger H

## Daily Bible Reading

September 13 – Job 38-40; Acts 16:1-21  
September 14 – Job 41-42; Acts 16:22-40  
September 15 – Psalms 1-3; Acts 17:1-15  
September 16 – Psalms 4-6; Acts 17:16-34  
September 17 – Psalms 7-9; Acts 18  
September 18 – Psalms 10-12; Acts 19:1-20  
September 19 – Psalms 13-15; Acts 19:21-41

***“Let my tongue sing of your Word, for all your commandments are righteous.” – Psalm 119:172***

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Bible Study: Steve  
Worship: Darrell  
Evening: Michael

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Jeff

### **Assignments**

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Reading: Darrell  
Announcements: Dan D  
Table: Steve  
Serve: Roger  
Travis

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Invitation: Dave

### **Clean Building**

Cynde

### **Prepare Communion**

June / July

### **Anniversaries**

#### **Birthdays**

September 15 – Emory  
September 20 – Michael

### **Upcoming Reminders**