

November 14, 2021

# 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.

## “Faith, Hope, and Love Remain – These Three”

**1 Corinthians 12-14** contains the most extensive teaching in Scripture about miraculous spiritual gifts Christians had prior to the completion of God’s written Word. Among the carnal views the Corinthian brethren had of these miraculous gifts was an exaltation of the gifts themselves above the attitude of love with which the gifts were to be exercised.

This provides the setting for the beloved chapter, **1 Corinthians 13**. The chapter shows that walking in love is more important than how many gifts one had, or how “impressive” one’s gifts were.

One of the ways this point is shown is by comparing the duration of the age of miraculous gifts to that of love. **Verse 10** of the chapter says, “***when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away.***” **Verses 8-9** show that “***that which is in part***” refers to miraculous gifts, like prophesying, speaking in tongues, and miraculous knowledge. These gifts would no longer be needed when the written Word (“***that which is perfect***”) was completed. Thus, these gifts would be “***done away***” with.

On the other hand, **verse 13** says,

# “Faith, Hope, and Love Remain – These Three”

(Continued)

**“faith, hope, and love remain – these three.”** The Holy Spirit through Paul foretold of a time that miraculous gifts would no longer be possessed by Christians, but faith, hope, and love would be.

This time has been realized for many centuries now, and thus we can perhaps appreciate **1 Corinthians 13:13** in a way that would have been difficult for the Corinthian brethren. None of us can speak in tongues, miraculously heal people, etc., but faith, hope, and love continue to be of utmost importance.

Faith, for instance, continues to be the *foundation* of the faithful Christian’s life, as it was in the first century.

As the apostle Paul said in **2 Corinthians 5:7**, **“for we walk by faith, not by sight.”** The Christian sees by faith what cannot be literally seen with the eyes. This “spiritual sight” comes from the Word of God, which produces faith in the hearts of sincere hearers (**John 20:29-31; Rom. 10:17**).

Hope continues to be the *anchor* of the faithful Christian’s soul, as it was in the first century.

As the writer said in **Hebrews 6:19**, **“This hope we have as an anchor of**

**the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and entering into that which is within the veil;”** The faithful Christian lays up **“treasures in heaven” (Matt. 6:20)** and has assurance, by faith (**Heb. 11:1**), that God will grant to the righteous exactly what He has promised.

Love continues to be the proper *motivation* for the faithful Christian’s obedience, as it was in the first century.

As the Holy Spirit through John said, **“this is loving God, that we keep His commandments” (1 John 5:3)**. The first seven verses of **1 Corinthians 13** show how love for others is at the root of treating others rightly (also see **Rom. 13:9-10**).

While miraculous spiritual gifts had an important purpose, the Holy Spirit through Paul made clear that their role should not be made into something more than it was. At the same time, faith, hope, and love should not be under-valued, but appreciated and pursued, as they are at the core of the Christian’s life, both then and now.

-By Michael Hickox

## Area Gospel Meetings

## Prayer List

Casey Westside church of Christ:  
November 14-17 (with Keith Stonehart)  
*Sun: 10:30, 6:00; Mon-Wed: 7:00*

Robinson Church of Christ:  
November 20 (with Tommy Peeler)  
*Singing: 5:00; Bible study: 6:00*

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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

***“The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” – Rom. 13:12 (ESV)***

Holly G  
Sandy S  
Cheryl S  
Norma C  
Raymond & Maxine  
Barbara G (Cancer)  
Robert C  
Don C (Esophageal Cancer)  
Ken G (Pancreatic Cancer)  
Sharon G (Cancer)  
Doans' Grandson, Wilson  
Carlyle B  
Ken & Christine F  
Devin D (Cancer)  
Gerry S (Cancer in Leg)

### Daily Bible Reading

November 14 – Lament 3-5; Heb. 10:19-39  
November 15 – Ezekiel 1-2; Heb. 11:1-19  
November 16 – Ezekiel 3-4; Heb. 11:20-40  
November 17 – Ezekiel 5-7; Hebrews 12  
November 18 – Ezekiel 8-10; Hebrews 13  
November 19 – Ezekiel 11-13; James 1  
November 20 – Ezekiel 14-15; James 2

***“Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!”  
– Psalm 119:12 (ESV)***

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Bible Study: Michael

Worship: Dan H

Evening: Steve

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Roger

### **Clean Building**

Halls

### **Prepare Communion**

Halls

### **Upcoming Reminders**

**Wednesday adult class:**

*Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God*

*Lesson 8 (Bitterness)*

### **Assignments**

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Reading: Jim

Announcements: Steve

Table: Roger

Serve: Mark

Travis

Mike

John

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Invitation: Travis

### **Anniversaries**

November 20 – Mike & Rowena

### **Birthdays**

November 20 – Patsy

November 21 – Tretyn

November 25 – Mason

November 27 – Roger