

March 27, 2022

## Our Passover Lamb

By Michael Hickox

# 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.

When the Israelites were in Egyptian bondage, God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and determined to lead Israel out of Egypt.

The hard-hearted Pharaoh rebelled against this (**Exod. 5:2**). Because Pharaoh refused to let Israel go, God brought the ten plagues on Egypt. The last of these plagues involved God destroying the firstborn of the Egyptians (**Exod. 11:4-5**).

While God's wrath was against Egypt, the *Israelites* were promised safety if they sacrificed a lamb without blemish as instructed, and put the blood of the lamb on "***the two door posts and on the lintel, on the houses in which they shall eat it***" (**Exod. 12:7**).

God promised "***The blood shall be to you for a token on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt***" (**Exod. 12:13**).

New Testament Christians recognize Christ as our "***Passover***" (**1 Cor. 5:7**).

As the blood of the sacrificial lamb saved the Israelites from the effects of the tenth plague, so does Christ's blood save us from destruction when we obey Him.

While the Israelites had reason to be thankful for what God did for them in Egypt, we have even greater reason to thank God for the blood of Jesus that allows us to escape eternal death.

# Obedience from the Heart

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**Mark 12:41-44:** *Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and saw how the multitude cast money into the treasury. Many who were rich cast in much. A poor widow came, and she cast in two small brass coins, which equal a quadrans coin. He called His disciples to Himself, and said to them, "Most certainly I tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those who are giving into the treasury, for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on."*

In **Mark 12:38-40**, the inspired writer recorded Jesus' rebukes against certain scribes who did works for "***greetings in the marketplaces***" and "***for a pretense.***" These individuals' righteousness looked impressive to many, but God saw right through them.

Right after Mark's account of these rebukes comes the account of the poor widow. Just as God saw through the hypocrisy of the scribes, He saw the sincerity of a woman who may not have appeared to be doing a whole lot in the eyes of others, but Jesus knew the "full story." Whether or not the widow's benevolence was impressive to mankind,

it pleased God in part because it came from a pure heart.

Some who gave much may have done so to "show off," like the motive the scribes had for making long prayers (**Mark 12:40**). Some may have given "***grudgingly, or under compulsion***" (**2 Cor. 9:7**), instead of cheerfully. The widow who gave two mites did not demonstrate either of these attitudes.

The widow's example demonstrates several biblical principles. God does not always judge and value things in the same way man does. This is partly because He knows things that we do not, as demonstrated with the poor widow and her circumstances.

It is also brought out that God looks at more than just outward actions...he looks at our hearts (**1 Sam. 16:6-7**). This is not to say that outward actions are not important, as this account itself shows, but the heart must be right to please God. The details of the account imply that the widow obeyed from the heart.

May we learn from this example and remember what Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount, "***Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God***" (**Matt. 5:8**).

## Area Gospel Meetings

## Prayer List

### Walnut Chapel Church of Christ:

March 27 – April 1 (with Chuck Bartlett)

*Sun: 9:30, 6:00; Mon-Fri: 7:00 PM*

### Casey Westside church of Christ:

April 6 – 10 (with Josh McKibben)

*Wed-Sat: 7:00 PM; Sun: 10:30, 6:00*

### Terre Haute church of Christ:

April 10 – 15 (with Jesse Flowers)

*Sun: 10:00, 11:00, 2:30, 3:00; Mon-Fri: 7:00 PM  
(Eastern Time)*

\*Our Gospel Meeting will be

**April 17-22** with J.R. Bronger\*

*Sun: 9:30, 10:20, 2:00; Mon-Fri: 7:00*

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Holly G

Jerry & Sandy S

Cheryl S

Norma C

Raymond B

Barbara G

Robert C

Sharon G (Cancer)

Doans' Grandson, Wilson

Carlyle & Donna B

Ken & Christine F

Devin D (Cancer)

Vicki S (Cancer)

Linda C

Susan F (Cancer)

Christie's Brother, Jerry (Lung Cancer)

## God's Plan for Saving Man

## Daily Bible Reading

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

March 27 – Judges 1-3; Luke 4:1-30

March 28 – Judges 4-6; Luke 4:31-44

March 29 – Judges 7-8; Luke 5:1-16

March 30 – Judges 9-10; Luke 5:17-39

March 31 – Judges 11-12; Luke 6:1-26

April 1 – Judges 13-15; Luke 6:27-49

April 2 – Judges 16-18; Luke 7:1-30

***“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” – 1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)***

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Bible Study: Jim  
Worship: Travis  
Evening: Dan D

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Larry

### **Assignments**

Sunday, April 3, 2022

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

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Invitation: Jeff

### **Clean Building**

Misty (Mar) / Jeanette (Apr)

### **Prepare Communion**

Julzy (Mar) / Jeanette (Apr)

### **Upcoming Reminders**

**Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup>) adult class:**

*Ephesians 2:8ff*

**Next Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup>) adult class:**

*Loving Our Enemies*

### **Anniversaries**

March 28 – John & Cynde  
April 9 – David & Janice

### **Birthdays**

April 25 – Jessica  
April 29 – Emily  
April 29 – Jerry