

April 17, 2022

## Invitation to Hear the Truth

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.

The Bible is our source of divine instruction (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**). It is the means through which God reveals Himself and His will to mankind today. As the Word of God, the Bible is infallible truth (**John 17:17**). This truth is not just intended to satisfy curiosities, but it relates to “***all things that pertain to life and godliness***” (**2 Peter 1:3**).

The inspired truth of God teaches us how the world and mankind came into existence (**Gen. 1**), what our greatest problem is (**Rom. 3:23; 6:23a**), what God’s solution is (cf. **Rom. 5:8-10**), and what each of us must do to be saved.

The inspired truth of God has the ability to take us from where we are to where we need to be. By hearing God’s Word and responding to it rightly, one can escape eternal condemnation in hell, and gain hope of eternal life in heaven (**Rom. 6:23**).

We invite all to come hear lessons from the inspired Word of God this week. A list of the times we will be meeting are included on the inside of this bulletin.

If you’re interested in visiting or have questions about our church, feel free to call (217) 218-0803, or submit a question at [olneychurchofchrist.org](http://olneychurchofchrist.org). We look forward to seeing you!

# Simply Christians

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**Acts 11:26: *And when [Barnabas] had found [Saul], he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.***

After He was raised from the dead, Jesus told His apostles to “**Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you**” (Matthew 28:19-20).

The apostles carried out this mission in the book of Acts. They did not teach people to follow man-made traditions or doctrines, but taught *Jesus’* commands.

Barnabas and Saul (Paul) taught Christ’s message to people in Antioch, and God referred to those who heeded Christ’s doctrine as Christians in **Acts 11:26**.

In the New Testament, the qualification for being a Christian is not following man’s rules, but rather following the Word of Christ (**Colossians 3:16**). The apostles did at times encourage people to be followers of themselves, but only inasmuch as they followed Jesus (see **1 Corinthians 11:1**; **1 Thessalonians 1:6**).

Following fallible men as the standard leads to divisions and many different ideas of what’s right (**1 Corinthians 1:11-12**).

It’s when we obey Christ that we become united through the Gospel.

Consider the application of this principle today. What would God say of the thousands of “denominations” and “sects” that exist? “**Is Christ divided?**” (**1 Corinthians 1:13a**).

What would God say of the creeds that have been penned by men as guidelines in religious matters? Has God not given us “**all things that pertain to life and godliness**” (**2 Peter 1:3**)?

God did not call those meeting at Antioch “Paulians.” The group didn’t follow “Barnabas’ Official Creed.” Such might seem odd, yet this is similar to what is often done today.

There *are* some individuals though who do not bear the name of a man-made denomination, but simply aim to be Christians like those in Antioch. There *are* some individuals who do not religiously follow doctrines or creeds from the minds of fallible men, but simply aim to follow Christ’s Word. There are some who, like the church meeting at Antioch, simply strive to be the church *God* designed, allowing His Word to determine the organization, work, and worship of the church.

Won’t you choose to follow the simple pattern of the New Testament and be a part of *the Lord’s* church?

## Area Gospel Meetings

**\*Our Gospel Meeting is this week with J.R. Bronger\***

*Sunday time: 9:30 & 10:20 a.m., 2:00 p.m.  
Monday – Friday time: 7:00 p.m.*

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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

***“Now I say this, that each of you says, ‘I am of Paul,’ or ‘I am of Apollos,’ or ‘I am of Cephas,’ or ‘I am of Christ.’ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?” – 1 Corinthians 1:12-13 (NKJV)***

## Prayer List

Holly G  
Jerry & Sandy S  
Cheryl S  
Norma C  
Raymond B  
Robert C  
Sharon G (Cancer)  
Doans’ Grandson, Wilson  
Devin D (Cancer)  
Vicki S (Cancer)  
Susan F (Cancer)  
Christie’s Brother, Jerry (Lung Cancer)

## Daily Bible Reading

April 17 – 2 Samuel 1-2; Luke 14:1-24  
April 18 – 2 Samuel 3-5; Luke 14:25-35  
April 19 – 2 Samuel 6-8; Luke 15:1-10  
April 20 – 2 Samuel 9-11; Luke 15:11-32  
April 21 – 2 Samuel 12-13; Luke 16  
April 22 – 2 Samuel 14-15; Luke 17:1-19  
April 23 – 2 Samuel 16-18; Luke 17:20-37

***“...If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” – John 8:31-32***

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Bible Study: Roger

Worship: Mike

Evening: Jeff

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Mark

### **Assignments**

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Reading: Jim

Announcements: Mark

Table: Steve

Serve: Dave

Jeff

Travis

Jim

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Invitation: Larry

### **Clean Building**

Jeanette

### **Prepare Communion**

Jeanette

### **Upcoming Reminders**

**Nex Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) adult class:**

*Effective Bible Study*

**Next Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup>) adult class:**

*Ephesians 3:18ff*

### **Anniversaries**

### **Birthdays**

April 25 – Jessica

April 29 – Emily

April 29 – Jerry