

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Bible Study: Roger
Worship: Mike
Evening: Jeff

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Travis

Prepare Communion

Linda

Clean Building

Cynde

Preaching August 21, 2022

AM – Mike Gerber

PM – Mike Gerber

Assignments

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Reading: Darrell
Announcements: Mark
Table: Dan H
Serve: Jeff
Dave
Roger
John

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Invitation: Larry

Anniversaries

Birthdays

August 24 – Debbie
August 25 – Olivia
August 31 - Stephanie

August 21, 2022

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

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.

Religious, But Wrong

Clark Dugger via Gospel Power 1999

Is it possible to be religious, but wrong as far as God is concerned? In other words, is all that God wants of us is church membership somewhere? Men say, "I'm a member of a church. Why don't you go convert a sinner?" We seem to think that being religious means automatic acceptance with God, but the Bible shows that many religious people were as wrong as they could be.

A gospel preacher once visited the ancient city of Athens, Greece. He passed through their city and observed their religious practices. Their religion consisted of serving and paying homage to idols of wood and stone. When the man of God saw these idols, he acknowledged that the people were very religious, but he preached God's message of repentance to them in spite of their religiosity (Acts 17:30). Apparently, their religion was not enough to please God. First century Jews were very zealous in their religion, too. Their zeal, said the apostle, was "not according to knowledge" (Rom 10:1-3).

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They were religiously devoted alright, but they needed to be saved. Paul, as a practicing Jew before his conversion to Christianity, sincerely persecuted the disciples of Jesus even to their death (Acts 7:59-8:1). Though he was doing what he thought he ought to do, he was wrong! To his surprise, Saul (Paul) learned that he was actually persecuting Jesus in the process of punishing disciples of Christ (Acts 9:4-5).

Acts ten records that Cornelius, a God-fearing, moral, benevolent, religious man was in need of something more to be assured of his salvation. He needed the blood of Christ! In spite of his religious lifestyle and his unfeigned devotion to God, he had not truly obeyed the Gospel. God arranged for a preacher to meet him and "tell you words by which you and all you household will be saved" (Acts 11:14)

The problem is that many people have never considered that there is such a thing as false religion. It preaches a false Christ, believes false doctrines, builds false churches, and lives with a false hope. On the other hand, there is such a thing as "pure and undefiled religion" (James 1:27).

The Church For Which Christ Died

Some have the mistaken notion that the Lord's church is to solve all the social ills of their world. The church for which Christ died is not a political institution nor is it an entity for stopping crime, or supporting various community groups as the Boy/Girl Scouts, "Meals On Wheels," Nursery Schools, Ball Teams, etc. The Lord's church is a spiritual institution. This is why we worship God "*in spirit and in truth*" (Jn 4:24). The Lord's people offer up "*spiritual sacrifices*" to God (1 Pet 2:5; Heb 13:15). Paul said, "*the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost*" (Rom 14:17). The Lord's church is "*the pillar and ground of the truth*" (1 Tim 3:15). She is called the bride of Christ (Rev 22:17), and the body of Christ (Eph 4:4). Those who belong to the Lord's family are more concerned about spiritual matters than physical pursuits (Matt 6:19-21, 33).

Friends, the church for which Christ died is not an earthly entity. She is unlike anything this world has seen. Let us respect the Lord's church and be a member of it while we still have time.

Jarrod Jacobs 2002

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

Attendance at Sunday morning service tells how popular the church is.

Attendance at Sunday evening service tells how popular the preacher is.

Attendance at the Wednesday night service tells how popular Jesus Christ is.

Given to Ray Warfel Jr - Marlene Stoltz 2002

Prayer List

Holly
Jerry & Sandy Family
Cheryl
Norma
Raymond
Robert
Wilson
Devin (Cancer)
Jerry (Lung Cancer)
Berlyn
Leah
Roger (Covid Recovery)
Misty's Step-Dad, Ed (Cancer)

Daily Bible Reading

Aug 21: Ps 107-109; 1Cor 4
Aug 22: Ps 110-112; 1Cor 5
Aug 23: Ps 113-115; 1Cor 6
Aug 24: Ps 116-118; 1Cor 7:1-19
Aug 25: Ps 119:1-88; 1Cor 7:20-40
Aug 26: Ps 119:89-176; 1Cor 8
Aug 27: Ps 120-122; 1Cor 9