

September 4, 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
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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.

What the Seat Can Endure

Every now and then we are treated to the wisdom that “the mind can only absorb what the seat can endure”. This is offered to prompt preachers to be brief. I do not favor repetitious sermons or rambling discourses with apparent design. Every speaker needs to build rapport with his audience and be alert to signs of weariness or loss of interest. Every speaker cannot hold an audience for long periods of time.

But it needs to be said that the seat can endure whatever the mind wills. Whatever occupies the mind will determine very often what the seat can endure. That is what enables people to sit for hours to drive to a vacation spot or to see relatives long missed. That is what empowers us to stay strapped in a seat on a jet plane across country, or half way around the world. That is what caused me to sit for seven hours in a school taught by a physical therapist a few weeks after back surgery, with only a five minute stretch every hour. That is what causes people to sit through baseball double-headers and football games. The mind wills it and the seat endures it.

The saying is catchy and usually draws a laugh, but it is actually the reverse of the truth. Let’s get it straight – “The seat can endure what the mind wills it to endure.”

~**Connie Adams, 2002**

Discouraging, But Not Discouraged

There is a story common to us all. The names of people and places may be different, the setting may vary from recital to recital, but the plot is always the same. Though circumstances were discouraging, confidence in the Lord kept us from being discouraged. The apostle Paul gives his own account of victory in the Lord over less than preferred conditions in his letter to the church in Thessalonica (1 Thess. 2).

Paul reminds the Thessalonians that just before coming into their city he had been preaching in the city of Philippi where he was mistreated. However, he continued to do what the Lord willed him to. He traveled to Thessalonica and taught the same message and continued teaching it while some tried to hinder him. Paul's preaching trips were filled with discouraging events but he was not discouraged because the trips were also filled with good. People were hearing God's good news and were obeying it.

Paul continues to remind the Thessalonians about his conduct while

he was with them he did not want to leave the false impression that he was preaching the gospel for money or fame, so he calls to their mind how he supported himself while he taught them. Useful study, mental work, is strenuous enough but to then add to it physical labor and any man might buckle under this workload. Paul, however, would rather wear out himself than allow the gospel to be worn out in the mind of those he taught by lies about his motives. Paul's work was often discouraging but he was not discouraged because good was being done. People were hearing God's good news and were obeying it.

Paul finally writes that he knows he was not the only one to suffer. Many who had obeyed the gospel in Thessalonica had been persecuted by their neighbors. Persecution of any kind is discouraging to a person, but to see others suffer only multiplies the pain.

Continue -

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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Satan has many devices to cause Christians to fail, and discouragement is one of his best. It works so well because there are many discouraging issues, but there are also some that are good. It is when the inward happenings, not the outward, are the ones that are the determining factor. We can choose to dwell on the bad or we can choose to dwell on the good, but the one we choose will drastically affect the ending to our story.

~ Ray Warfel, Jr 2002

Prayer List

Holly
Stivers Family
Cheryl
Norma
Raymond
Robert
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Devin (Cancer)
Jerry (Lung Cancer)
Berlyn
Leah
Misty's Step-Dad, Ed (Cancer)
Surgery Tuesday

Daily Bible Reading

Sep 4: Ps 143-145; 1Cor 14:21-40
Sep 5: Ps 146-147; 1Cor 15:1-28
Sep 6: Ps 148-150; 1Cor 15:29-58
Sep 7: Prov 1-2; 1Cor 16
Sep 8: Prov 3-5; 2Cor 1
Sep 9: Prov 6-7; 2Cor 2
Sep 10: Prov 8-9; 2Cor 3

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Bible Study: John

Worship: Dave

Evening: Larry

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Dan D

Prepare Communion

Misty

Clean Building

Misty

Preaching September 4, 2022

AM – Jeff Wright

PM – Lucas McDaniel

Assignments

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Reading: Steve

Announcements: Dave

Table: Jeff

Serve: Dan H

Darrell

Dan D

Mark

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Invitation: Travis

Anniversaries

Birthdays

September 12 – Syddney

September 15 – Emory