

September 11, 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.

## For All Truth Diggers

*a word of caution and encouragement*

For the vast amount of information the Bible covers is radically brief, still for those who long to mine the gems held between its covers it can be an intimidating task. For this reason, a word of caution and encouragement is offered from one truth digger to another. The word is **STUDY** (2 Tim. 2:15 KJV). There are hazards, dead ends, bottomless pits and such that perforate the mountain of truth (2 Tim. 2:14 16, 3:7). Many have carelessly ventured down such shafts only to find fools gold. Some go so far that finding the way back is no longer possible (2 Thess. 2:11). Only honest diligent study can keep a truth digger from straying too far (2 Jn. 9). Yes, there are dangers for the truth digger, but don't let fear keep you from the most rewarding work anyone can do. In those mines there are also veins of truth worth more than any pot of gold. There are gems of solid truth that are clearer and more brilliant than any diamond dug from the earth. Cartloads are lying right on the floor waiting for anyone willing to reach out and take them (Eph. 3:4). Others are deeper; requiring time, diligence, and sweat. They are there though and the truth digger that seeks through study will have his reward (Matt. 7:7).

**Ray Warfel, Jr - 2002**

# Bad Things And Good People

Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?

That question has fanned the flames of skepticism for most of history. If God is so good, why does he not prevent every evil and destroy every evildoer, instead of permitting wickedness to continue?

Habakkuk asked a similar question, but without a hint of skepticism in his heart. When God foretold the Babylonian invasion of Judah, the prophet wondered aloud how he could suffer something bad to happen to his good people. Then he said, "I will stand my watch to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected" (Hab. 2:1).

God was disciplining His children in Judah as a loving father spans his wayward offspring and while "no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Heb. 12:11). God still

Chastens His people today, "for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?" (Heb. 12:7, cf. 1 John 3:1).

What some people seem to want is a planet in which no suffering or disease or injustice or even tear ever befalls mankind. They want the wicked punished and the "good" to prevail permanently. They never want to see another plane crash or a drunk driver plow into a minivan.

Trouble is, God created a place like that and man was ultimately dissatisfied. The Garden of Eden was pure until Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and the enticing knowledge of sin began to spread to humanity (James 1:14-15). Now, the only way to change this planet into what people claim they want would be to take away free will. But we do not even like that in the abstract. People in prison experience a partial removal of free will and they hate it. They cannot go where they like and do what they like and we call it punishment.

## 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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Moreover, God has instituted the kind of place people are describing when they lament the presence of injustice and human suffering. As the wilderness wanderings of the Exodus produced a people fit to dwell in Canaan, so this earthly pilgrimage is purifying a population for heaven where "God will wipe away every tear from our eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Rev. 21:4).

**J.S. Smith, 2002**

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## 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)

## Daily Bible Reading

Sep 11: Prov 10-12; 2Cor 4  
Sep 12: Prov 13-15; 2Cor 5  
Sep 13: Prov 16-18; 2Cor 6  
Sep 14: Prov 19-21; 2Cor 7  
Sep 15: Prov 22-24; 2Cor 8  
Sep 16: Prov 25-26; 2Cor 9  
Sep 17: Prov 27-29; 2Cor 10

**Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Bible Study: Steve

Worship: Darrell

Evening: Jim

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Douglas

**Assignments**

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Reading: Mark

Announcements: Roger

Table: Dan H

Serve: Travis

Jim

Jeff

Steve

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Invitation: Mike

**Prepare Communion**

Misty

**Clean Building**

Misty

**Preaching September 4, 2022**

AM – Michael Hickox

PM – Michael Hickox

**Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

September 12 – Syddney

September 15 – Emory