

October 2, 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.

The Greatest Book

How is a book's greatness judged? What are the defining points that separate the excellent from the average? Is it something on the outside like size, price or age? Is it something inside like subject, thoroughness, or simplicity? Is its greatness determined by the one who wrote it, or by those who read it? It is all of these. Here are three of many reasons why the Bible is the greatest book.

The Bible is divine in its origin.

The author has a lot to do with the value of a book, not just because he wrote it, but because of how it is written. A man skilled in the use of words with a proficient understanding of the subject can make even the driest subject matter bloom. The apostle Paul wrote to a fellow preacher reassuring of the value of Scripture saying "*All Scripture is inspired by God.*" 2 Tim. 3:16. Peter, another apostle, also assured later generations of Bible readers that what he and the other biblical penmen put down on paper was dictated by God when he wrote, "*no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*" 2 Pet. 1:21. The Bible is the world's greatest book because it was authored by the greatest genius. **Cont'd**

The Greatest Book, cont'd

The Bible is spiritual in its nature.

Some books tell facts about the past and some give assumptions about the future. Other books teach us “how to” do things, from gardening to cooking, and others tell us how not to do things, like pay too many taxes. There are enough books, even in small libraries, to answer most all of our questions, but there is a different sort of question that very few books even attempt to tackle and only one that does. Only the Bible can honestly solve this different sort of question: “Who am I?” “Why am I here?” and “Where am I going?” Peter said so this way, *“His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”* 2 Pet. 1:3. The Bible is the world’s greatest book because it answers the greatest questions.

The Bible is eternal in its duration.

A few classic books are still read, but after a short while on the shelf of some bookshop, most books are sold for half price and replaced. This is not the story of the Bible, however. Peter said *“For ‘All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the word of the Lord abides forever.’ And this is the word which was preached to you.”* 1 Pet. 1:24-25. The Bible has out-lived enemies that have tried to destroy it, disloyal friends who have tried to pervert it, and the willful who have refused to heed it; yet today it is still a bestseller and in high demand all of the world. The Bible is the world’s greatest book because it is and will remain the greatest of great books.

The Bible is a book of books, an ocean in a world of mud puddles.

Ray Warfel, Jr, 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

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Interesting Bible Facts

*Every year, the Holy Bible sells over 100 million copies.

*The Bible has been translated to over 690 languages.

*The average Bible has 1,200 pages.

*The Bible has more than 780,000 words.

*The Bible has 66 books.

*There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible with 31,102 verses.

Prayer List

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

Daily Bible Reading

Oct 2: Is 14-16; Eph 5:1-16
Oct 3: Is 17-19; Eph 5:17-33
Oct 4: Is 20-22; Eph 6
Oct 5: Is 23-25; Phil 1
Oct 6: Is 26-27; Phil 2
Oct 7: Is 28-29; Phil 3
Oct 8: Is 30-31; Phil 4

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Bible Study: Dan D

Worship: John

Afternoon: Dave

Wednesday, October 5

Larry

Assignments

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Reading: Jeff

Announcements: Mike

Table: Travis

Serve: Dan H

Roger

Dan D

John

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Invitation: Dave

Prepare Communion

Halls

Clean Building

Cynde

Anniversaries

October 11 – Mike & Paula

October 27 – Carlyle and Donna

Birthdays

October 2 – Carlyle

October 4 – Norma

October 20 – Alita

October 21 – Dave

October 22 – Janice

October 23 – Craig

October 29 – Morgan

Preaching Oct 2, 2022

AM – Jeff Wright

PM – Lucas McDaniel