

November 13, 2022

# Straight Preaching

## 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.

Several years ago, a denominational preacher told me that when he went to a new congregation, the first thing he had to do was to try to find out what kind of preaching they wanted: straight Bible preaching, the social gospel, or a combination of the two.

I asked him what would be wrong with preaching the Bible only. His reply was that "At one time you could do that, but it is no longer that way. Today you have to preach what the people want to hear."

What about the preachers named in the Bible? Did they preach God's message, or did they preach what the people wanted to hear? Let us examine several verses of scripture and the answer should be obvious.

Noah's preaching would be a good place to begin. We are told in 2 Peter 2:5 that God saved Noah... "*a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly.*" Genesis 7:5 tells us that Noah did according to all that God commanded him.

Examining all scripture relating to Noah, we find that he preached only righteousness, and built an ark according to God's instruction. While he was building

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the ark and warning the people, they didn't want to hear him. They no doubt ridiculed him, but he remained faithful and saved himself and the members of his family.

People in Noah's time would probably have welcomed a social gospel, but Noah preached only what God had commanded.

Our second example is Stephen of the New Testament. Here is part of what he preached: *"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you"* (Acts 7:51). The people didn't want to hear that, but it was truth. It cost Stephen his life.

John the Baptist said to Herod: *"...It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife"* (Mark 6:18). Was that what Herod wanted to hear? Of course not. But it was the truth. John was killed for preaching truth, just as was Stephen.

Our Lord Himself is the perfect example of a preacher who spoke truth regardless of what people wanted to hear or the consequences. As he stood before Pilate, he would not deny that he was the Son of

God, King of the Jews (Matthew 27:11). So, they killed Him.

Preachers we read about in the Bible preached the Word, the Gospel of Christ, Christ crucified, righteousness, glad tidings, the Kingdom of God, peace, the resurrection, repentance, in His name, the Word of Faith, the Word of truth, or they simply preached Christ.

There is no room for a social gospel in the church. Only the Word, the pure Gospel, has the power to save the soul (Romans 1:16).

**Harry Hillis, Jr – 1997**

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes; first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

*Romans 1:16*

## 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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*Yesterday is History,*

*Tomorrow is a Mystery*

*Today is a gift of God,*

*Which is Why We call it the  
Present...*

*~ Bill Keane*

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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)  
Ken & Chris

## Daily Bible Reading

Nov 13: Lam 1-2; Heb 10:1-18  
Nov 14: Lam 3-5; Heb 10:19-39  
Nov 15: Ezek 1-2; Heb 11:1-19  
Nov 16: Ezek 3-4; Heb 11:20-40  
Nov 17: Ezek 5-7; Heb 12  
Nov 18: Ezek 8-10; Heb 13  
Nov 19: Ezek 11-13; James 1

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Bible Study: Jim

Worship: Douglas

Afternoon: Steve

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Roger

### **Prepare Communion**

Paula

### **Clean Building**

Misty

### **Preaching Nov, 13 2022**

AM – Michael Hickox

PM – Michael Hickox

### **Assignments**

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Reading: Dan H

Announcements: Roger

Table: Mark

Serve: Douglas

Jeff

Darrell

Travis

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Invitation: Jeff

### **Anniversaries**

November 20 - Mike & Rowena

### **Birthdays**

November 13 – Misty

20 – Patsy

21 – Tretyn

27 – Roger