

December 11, 2022

## Problems

Steve Cawthon via FOCUS, 2007

# 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.

Problems facing the body of Christ are many and varied. The devil opposes us with persecutions, false doctrines, and all kinds of fleshly temptations. But one of his most successful devices is apathy – an attitude of indifference which afflicts Christians and eats away their zeal like a cancer. It is highly contagious and, if unchecked, is fatal to the souls of men and women. In many areas, it has now reached epidemic proportions.

Indifference was the problem with the church in Laodicea. To that dead congregation, Jesus said, “I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would that thou wert cold or hot. So, because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth” (Rev. 3:15-16). How many churches of Christ are in that same condition today?

Brethren, when we spend more time watching TV and playing ball than we do studying and teaching the word of God, are we not indifferent? When we find time to go to the movies and other places of entertainment, but not to visit the sick and erring, are we not indifferent? The time has come for us to wake up and get to work. Our indifference will send us to eternal Hell!

# Every Joint Supplies

Paul White via Gospel Power, 2006

I ran across this piece some months ago, and wish to pass it along to each of you. The author is unknown to me or I would give credit where credit is due. Enjoy and profit. As the story goes, a congregation built a new church building, and people came from far and wide to see it. They admired its beauty! Up on the roof, a little nail heard the people praising everything about the lovely structure – except the nail! No one even knew he was there, and he became angry and jealous. “If I am that insignificant, nobody will miss me if I quit!” So the nail then released its hold and slid down the roof, and fell in the mud.

That night it rained and rained. Soon, the shingles that had no nail blew away, and the roof began to leak. The water streaked the walls and the beautiful murals. The plaster began to fall, the carpet was stained, and the pulpit Bible was ruined by water. All this because a little nail decided to quit!

But what of the nail? While holding the shingle, it was obscure, but it was also useful. Buried in the mud it was just as obscure, but now it was useless and would soon be eaten by rust!

**The Moral of The Story** – Every member is important to the church! Like the nail you may feel obscure at times, but just like the nail, your absence is felt. Make sure you’re a help and not a hinderance to the future spiritual and numerical growth is this body. **Remember:**

**We Are Members of the Same Body** (1 Cor. 12:12-27). Please never forget, as members of the body of Christ, we belong to each other, and we need each other. Each member of the body has a function to perform so that the body as a

whole will grow and remain healthy. Each part is needed, and no one part should think it’s more important than any other part. Remember, a spiritually healthy church is one in which the various members know their God-given gifts and use them to serve and edify others in that local body.

**We Are Soldiers in the Same Army** (Eph. 6:10-18). The church is an army to fight against Satan, the hosts of darkness, and sin; not to fight each other. And please understand that in the Lord’s army each individual soldier (Christian) is expected to wage war and fight. However, our weapons must never be carnal, or our struggle will be useless and eventually deadly. And just as there are leaders in the physical army, there are to be leaders (shepherds, overseers) in the spiritual army. Only when the soldiers are in their proper place and obeying divinely appointed orders, can an army expect to withstand the attacks of the enemy. What I’m saying is good military strategy depends on teamwork. We need at times to ask God to help us to be “big people” and return good for evil, so that what is weak may be healed rather than driven further to despair (Heb. 12:13). The time is too short, the price is too high. Please remember, spiritual enemies can only be derated by spiritual means. “Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm” (Eph. 6:13).

## **-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

## **Prayer List**

Holly  
Cheryl  
Raymond  
Robert  
Doans' Grandson, Wilson  
Devin (Cancer)  
Jerry (Lung Cancer)  
Berlyn  
Leah  
Misty's Step-Dad, Ed (Cancer)  
Ken & Chris  
Rowena, Knee Surgery

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### *What Money Can't Buy*

*Money can buy a house, but not a home  
Money can buy a bed, but not sleep  
Money can buy a clock, but not time  
Money can buy a position, but not respect  
Money can buy a book, but not knowledge  
Money can buy blood, but not life  
Money can buy companions, but not friends  
Money can buy medicine, but not health  
Money can buy insurance, but not safety*

*"Wherefore do ye.... labor for that which satisfies not?" Isa. 55:2*

## **Daily Bible Reading**

Dec 12: Hosea 9-11; Rev 3  
Dec 13: Hosea 12-14; Rev 4  
Dec 14: Joel; Rev 5  
Dec 15: Amos 1-3; Rev 6  
Dec 16: Amos 4-6; Rev 7  
Dec 17: Amos 7-9; Rev 8  
Dec 18: Obadiah; Rev 9

**Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Bible Study: Darrell

Worship: Jim

Afternoon: Douglas

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Steve

**Prepare Communion**

Paula

**Clean Building**

Paula

**Preaching Dec 11, 2022**

AM – Michael

PM – Michael

**Assignments**

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Reading: Travis

Announcements: Jeff

Table: Darrell

Serve: Douglas

Mark

Dan D

John

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Invitation: Travis

**Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

December 13 – Donna

21 – Linda

21 – Christie

22 – Jailyn

22 – Lauren