

December 18, 2022

## Detached Members

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# Olney Church of Christ

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## Services

### Sunday

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| Bible Study  | 9:30 am  |
| A.M. Worship | 10:20 am |
| P.M. Worship | 2:00 pm  |

### Wednesday

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| 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.

Perhaps the most quickly recognized illustration of a member of our body being detached is the retina, that part of the eye that receives the image and sends it through the optic nerve. When it becomes detached, that eye is unable to see.

Paul declared that we are all children of God, Christians (1 Cor 12:18-20). And he further taught that all of the members must work for the well-being of the whole body (Eph 4:16).

But we cannot function if we become detached from the rest of the body. That part of the body that is cut off, or detached from the body, can be no benefit to the body. An arm severed from the body can do no work for the one who has lost that limb. But neither can the body continue to supply life to the part that is detached.

Even so members of Christ can neither serve him nor can he be a blessing to them, if they become detached from Him. A close association with the Lord in the body is necessary for the grace of God to save and bless us. Those members who have detached themselves from the church or have so lived as to have the fellowship with God's people broken will die as surely as a severed limb. Jesus said, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, ye abide in me" (John 15:4). We cannot miss meeting and working with other saints in the church and bear fruit for the Lord. We must stay attached to Him

# A Shining Light

Roger Shouse, 2007

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Mat 5:14-16).

Jesus wants us to shine our light for God. Jesus describes his disciples as “a city set upon a hill.” A city on a hill is noticed. What you do, as His disciple, gets noticed. Everything you do gets noticed by somebody. The words you speak are heard, Your attitude is seen in your every act. Where you go is noticed. It all has influence for good or bad.

## Who Notices You?

**1. People Who Know You Notice.** Nearly every day you see the same people at work, or at school. There is a circle of friends that you hang out with. They notice you. They see whether you pause to thank the Lord before you eat. They see how you drive your car. They see what you wear. They see what you are doing during services. They see how you handle difficult situations. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Don't forget your own family. They notice. More than anyone else, they know if your faith is real or not. They know if you are serious about the Lord or not. What do the people who know you see?

## 2. People Who Don't Know You Notice.

Nearly every day there are people we meet that we really don't know. Those that work at gas stations, post officers, UPS drivers, those in doctor's offices. They see how honest we are. Our attitude is seen in how we respond to various situations. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Christians are positively distinctive from the world (1Pet 3:15).

**3. God Notices.** God sees all. “They eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good” (Prov 15:3). God “looks upon the heart” (1 Sam 16:7). He cannot be mocked or fooled (Gal 6:7-9). Nobody can play games with God and win! A city set upon a hill cannot be hidden. You are noticed! The closer we get to Jesus, the light of the world, the brighter our light will shine! The Christian has the most important influence in the world, for he or she has the power of the gospel in their own life, which can change the lives of people around them lost in darkness.

## **-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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### ***CAUSE & EFFECT***

***"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."***

***Matthew 7:12***

When we live a morally pure life, we show a dark but watching world that God has determined the best way to live.

When we forgive instead of harboring offense, we illustrate grace.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

Dec 19: Jonah; Rev 10  
Dec 20: Micah 1-3; Rev 11  
Dec 21: Micah 4-5; Rev 12  
Dec 22: Micah 6-7; Rev 13  
Dec 23: Nahum; Rev 14  
Dec 24: Habakkuk; Rev 15  
Dec 25: Zephaniah; Rev 16

**Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Bible Study: Roger

Worship: Dan H

Afternoon: Jeff

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mark

**Prepare Communion**

Paula

**Clean Building**

Paula

**Preaching Dec 18, 2022**

AM – Mike Gerber

PM – Ray Warfel, Jr

**Assignments**

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Reading: Dan D

Announcements: Darrell

Table: Davel

Serve: Jeff

Jim

Dan D

Mark

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Invitation: Roger

**Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

December 21 – Linda

21 – Christie

22 – Jailyn

22 – Lauren