

January 8, 2023

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.

A 3-Way Inspection

Jeremy Bard, 2008

Most people are concerned as to how they look physically; we worry about how other people see us. Because of that we are always making changes, sometimes solely based on what someone else has said.

I wonder if we worry about how others view us spiritually as much as we do about our physical appearance. To help our thinking there are three questions that we need to ask ourselves.

What Do Others Think About Me?

We need to be thinking about how others see us SPIRITUALLY. We need to act in a way to be noticed, but not revered or hated. We need to be people of good reputation in the world (Prov 22:1).

What Do I Think About Myself?

Do we walk around with a high opinion of ourselves? Or are we constantly down about all that we are? Either of these can affect our work for God in a negative manner (Luke 18:7-14).

What Does God Think Of Me?

This is the one question that means the most. If this is the right answer, then the other two questions will fall into place. God makes His judgment based upon how we live our lives here on this earth. He looks at both our works as well as our words (Eccl 12:14; Matt 12:36-37).

I Don't Have Time For Church

We live in a fast-moving society. Everyone is in a hurry because most of us are behind in the things we are trying to squeeze into this life. Young people in high school compete in 3 or 4 different sports/activities. They still try to keep up on their academic studies. Mothers and fathers at home are run to death between work outside the home in order to provide the children with the things they didn't have when they were growing up and being sure the children get to all the places they are supposed to be. Little time is left for the family to be together in the home. And less time for all of them to go to a place of Bible study and worship of God.

This is the world that we have created and we expect God to understand and overlook our failure to give Him time. But, is God that understanding? Back in the times of the Old Testament God told the people "... I the Lord thy God am a jealous God"... (Exo 20:5). Because of this He said man should have no other gods before Him (Exo 20:3). In the New Testament Jesus told a man that to please God he should "...love the Lord thy God with all they Heart, and with all they soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt 22:37).

Jesus also said, "but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..." (Matt 6:33). Does this sound like a "understanding God" who will allow people to use up their life at other things and not have any time left for Him? I think not! God expects to be "No 1" in our lives!

But, someone says, "I don't think church has anything to do with God. I give God time but I just don't have time for church." They fail to recognize that "church" is where man and God meet. The "church" is a word that describes the relationship saved people have with the One who saved them. When people are saved, God adds them to His church (Acts 2:47). This church demonstrates the wisdom of God (Eph 3:10). A part of this relationship has to do with meeting with other folks to worship God (Heb 10:23-25) and encouraging each other.

Some Christians in the first century didn't have time for God and the church, They turned away from this and went back to the ways of the world. Paul mentions Demas (2 Tim 4:10) as being one who did this. The book of Hebrews deals in a general way with others who were doing the same thing and shows the displeasure of God. We need to shlow down and take time for God and His church. Recognize that we just live once in the world and we cannot do everything. Thus we have to use our time wisely (Eph 5:14-16). Are you a part of God's church? You should be. Are you taking time to show your appreciation for all He has done?

JF Dancer, Jr - 2008

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 Gerber
Cheryl Smith
Raymond Bryant
Robert Cantonwine
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Devin Deisher (Cancer)
Jerry Spencer (Lung Cancer)
Berlyn Yockey
Leah Clark
Misty's Step-Dad, Ed Chappell (Cancer)
Ken & Chris Fisher
Rowena Gerber (Knee Surgery)

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CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE

- Noah got drunk (Gen 9:20-27)
- Sarah was impatient (Gen 16)
- Abraham was old (Gen 17:1;24:1)
- Jacob was a cheater (Gen 25-27)
- David had an affair (2 Sam 11-12)
- Jonah ran away (Jonah 1:3)
- Peter had a temper (John 18:10)
- Paul persecuted believers (Acts 8:3&9:1-2)
- Martha was a worrier (Luke 10:40-41)
- Thomas doubted (John 20:24-26)

God had a purpose for each of these people and he does the same for you and me. (Copied)

Daily Bible Reading

Jan 8: Gen 20-22; Matt 6:19-34

Jan 9: Gen 23-24; Matt 7

Jan 10: Gen 25-26; Matt 8:1-17

Jan 11: Gen 27-28; Matt 8:18-34

Jan 12: Gen 29-30; Matt 9:1-17

Jan 13: Gen 31-32; Matt 9:18-38

Jan 14: Gen 33-35; Matt 10:1-20

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Bible Study: Steve

Worship: Darrell

Afternoon: Jim

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Douglas

Assignments

Sunday January 15, 2023

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Mike

Table: Jeff

Serve: Steve

Dan H

Travis

John

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Invitation: Dan D

Prepare Communion

Donna G

Clean Building

Donna G

Preaching Jan 8, 2023

AM – Michael

PM – Michael

Anniversaries

Birthdays

January 9 – Douglas

10 – Cynde

15 – Mike