

January 15, 2023

Lord and Savior

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.

“Jesus is Lord and Savior.” Peter uses that phrase four times in 2 Peter (1:11, 2:20, 3:2, 3:18). In every case, “Lord” precedes “Savior”, not because it sounds better, but because, in order for Jesus to be Savior, he must first be Lord. In other words, we must obey Jesus as Lord in order to count him as our Savior.

Obedience is necessary for salvation. That is why Jesus himself says that His father’s “*commandment is eternal life*” (John 12:50). And that is why Hebrews 5:9 says that Jesus “*became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.*”

Little good it does to call Him Lord and not do the will of His heavenly Father which He taught (Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46). No way to heaven there. As much as it might make us squirm, the phrase is good and right and full of grace. Jesus is Lord and Savior – in that order.

Randal Matheny, 2008

Drawing Strength From The Courage Of Others

Bill Hall 2007

How thankful we should be for wonderful examples of courage that spur us on to greater strength in the Lord's service, Paul was just such an example: **“and many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear”** (Phil 1:14). These brethren, formerly timid and reticent, were drawing strength from the courage of Paul.

Other examples abound. Stephen's plea, **“Lord, lay not this sin to their charge”** (Acts 7:60), surely had for its source of strength the forgiving spirit of the Lord. The Thessalonian church found a source of strength in the example of the churches in Judea (2 Thess 1:1-4). The Philippian church, a model of courage and conviction, could no doubt trace much of its strength back to the example of patience and equanimity demonstrated by Paul and Silas while in their midst. The Hebrew Christians were admonished to **“remember them that had the rule over you, men that spake unto you the word of God; for considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith”** (Heb 13:7).

Christians of this generation are similarly drawing strength from the courage of others. Young people who refuse to miss services of the church to play on a ball team; young

women who refuse to be seen in public in scanty or immodest attire; business men who would lose their jobs rather than compromise their convictions; women who continue to adorn themselves in **“meek and quiet spirits”** whatever the sophisticated world thinks or says of them; sick people who bear afflictions with patience and faith; elderly people who continue to attend worship when they are hardly able to go anywhere else; dying people who demonstrate how Christians ought to die; all have a common spirit with the great characters of the Bible; they see their temptations, trials, afflictions and persecutions as a special opportunity to be like Christ, to demonstrate their fidelity to Him, and to provide a source of strength for those who might be weak and wavering around them. They seize the opportunity and stand, and all of us are stronger because of them. Of these courageous people this world truly is not worthy.

Are we, however, to be always on the receiving end of the strength of others? As we draw strength from the courage of others, we must in turn become sources of strength and courage ourselves. Others look to us. Each of us has a “charge to keep,” and “God to glorify,” and a “present age to serve.”

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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We're So Blessed

- If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.
- If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, even in the United States.
- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top eight percent of the world's wealthy.

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)
Randall Weck (Cancer Treatment)

Daily Bible Reading

Jan 15: Gen 36-38; Matt 10:21-42
Jan 16: Gen 39-40; Matt 11
Jan 17: Gen 41-42; Matt 12:1-23
Jan 18: Gen 43-45; Matt 12:24-50
Jan 19: Gen 46-48; Matt 13:1-30
Jan 20: Gen 49-50; Matt 13:31-58
Jan 21: Ex 1-3; Matt 14:1-21

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Bible Study: Mark

Worship: Roger

Afternoon: Mike

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Jeff

Prepare Communion

Donna G

Clean Building

Donna G

Preaching Jan 15, 2023

AM – Jeff

PM – Ray

Assignments

Sunday January 22, 2023

Reading: Darrell

Announcements: Dave

Table: Mark

Serve: Jeff

Jim

Douglas

Dan H

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Invitation: Jeff

Anniversaries

Birthdays

January 15 – Mike