

March 26, 2023

Making Decisions

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.

Making decisions is hard business, it seems to me. One reason why is because fear (Matt 25:25) gets in the way. Fear is one of the great enemies of mankind. It robs him of meditation by taking him through inescapable mental mazes. It takes from him precious energy which could be used for spiritual ends and diverts (Prov 3:5) it to purely carnal exercises. It demands his peace of mind and causes his hope to seem (Heb 6:19) far away. How can I decide, Lord, with all this junk in the way?

Every man must be concerned about crossing the line between ordinate self-esteem and (Prov 16:18) egotistic pride. The line is thin – almost imperceptible at times. To recognize it, one must know himself well (2 Cor 13:5) and be able to judge himself objectively. To do that calls for not only great wisdom (Jas 1:5), but great courage (2 Tim 1:7-8) as well.

Truth has only one real aim – application (Jno 8:32). It is not enough to appreciate and admire it. It really never reaches its intention until it is implemented.

~Dee Bowman, 2008

How Did I Spend My 75 Years?

Statisticians tell us that the average life span is now around 75 years. If you are under 30, then you think that is a long time. If you are around my age, you are beginning to realize that is not really very long at all.

A few years ago, someone went to the trouble to research what people do with their time. If we live to be 75, most of us will have spent:

3 years 24 hours a day, acquiring an education – grade school, high school, college.

7 years eating, 24 hours a day – some more some less, obviously.

14 years, day and night, working.

5 years riding in automobiles or airplanes.

5 years talking with each other – again some more and some less.

1 year sick or recovering from sickness.

24 years of our life sleeping!

3 years reading books, magazines and newspapers.

12 years amusing ourselves –

watching TV, going to the movies, fishing, etc.

That totals to 75 years. As I looked at these statistics I began thinking. Let us suppose that you spent every Sunday of your life, for 75 years - through infancy, childhood, adulthood, old age - worshipping during two church services each Lord's day. Now if you did, how much time would you have spent worshipping God? Figure it out – the answer is less than 11 months.

Let's double it because you have always attended two bible classes a week. If you never missed a bible class in all your life, that still just totals 11 months.

Think about that – 5 years in an automobile and just 22 months in church! Twelve years amusing ourselves in front of a tv, and just 22 months in church. And that is if you have always attended and never missed! That tells us a little bit about the brevity of time and our priorities in life.

~Melvin Newland, 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	

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Upcoming Area Meetings

Walnut Chapel
 March 19 – 24
 Jim Stuafter

Hazel Dell
 March 26 – 31
 Michael Hickox

Olney

Prayer List

Holly
 Cheryl
 Raymond
 Robert
 Doans' Grandson, Wilson
 Devin (Cancer)
 Jerry (Lung Cancer)
 Misty's Step-Dad, Ed (Cancer)
 Ken & Chris
 Randall (Cancer Treatment)
 Brad (Surgery Recovery)
 Nora & Her Family

Daily Bible Reading

Mar 26: Josh 22-24; Luke 3

Mar 27: Jud 1-3; Luke 4:1-30

Mar 28: Jud 4-6; Luke 4:31-44

Mar 29; Jud 7-8; Luke 5:1-16

Mar 30: Jud 9-10; Luke 5:17-39

Mar 31: Jud 11-12; Luke 6:1-26

Apr 1: Jud 13-15; Luke 6:27-49

Apr 2; Jud 16-18; Luke 7:1-30

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Bible Study: Douglas

Worship: Travis

Afternoon: Larry

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Douglas

Assignments

Sunday April 2, 2023

Reading: Darrell

Announcements: Steve

Table: John

Serve: Dave

Travis

Dan H

Roger

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Invitation: Larry

Prepare Communion

March-Sholders/April-Paula

Clean Building

March-Sholders/April-Cynde

Preaching April 2, 2023

AM – Jeff

PM –

Bible Study Teachers

Sunday – Dave Wednesday - Mike

Anniversaries

April 9 – David & Janice M

Birthdays

April 25 – Jessica H

29 – Emily A

29 – Jerry S