

June 4, 2023

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## 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.

The Lord said, "Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!" (Deut 5:29). He said this through Moses to the children of Israel. It was after they wandered in the wilderness for forty years and were about to enter the land of Canaan. The people had vacillated in their faithfulness to God. He wanted them to remain firm in their commitment to Him and provided every inducement to do so. However, as we now know, Israel always struggled to maintain faith in God.

Though Israel of the Old Testament is no more, there is an Israel that belongs to God – the Body of Christ. We are the true Jews today; circumcised not in the flesh, but in the heart (Rom 2:28-29). God still desires and commands our loyalty, even under the severest of trials (Rev 2:10). When we are faithful to God, it not only honors Him, but also benefits us and our children. If we compromise, our fellowship is broken and the succeeding generation is charmed. Therefore, if we love our families and want to get to heaven ourselves, we must fear God and always keep all His commandments.

**~Steven F. Denton, 2007**

# Dangers to the Local Church

We must realize that there are some things that must be handled in a very serious manner because of their potential danger. There are warning signs placed on explosives that indicate special notice is to be taken to ensure the safety of those who are nearby. There are some dangerous things that local churches need to be cautious of so that the church is not hindered from its work and so that souls are not lost. Let us consider a few:

**False Teaching:** When there are those who are not content to stick with the truth of God's work, there is danger. Those who teach take on a great responsibility and need to be very diligent to only present the truth. The hearer bears a responsibility as well to search the scriptures to find out whether the teaching is according to truth (Eph 5:11; 2 Tim 4:1-4).

**Following Preachers:** When there are those who follow the preacher instead of the Lord, there is danger. While there is a certain amount of respect that is due those who have given their lives to preaching the gospel, it is important that we do not worship men. We must

carefully evaluate every man's teaching to make sure it is true to the Bible (1 Cor 1:11-13).

**Selfishness:** When there are those that are set on having their own way in the church, there is danger. We must always remember the church is the Lord's. Our attitudes and opinions must be kept in check. We must learn to imitate the selfless attitude of Christ (Phill 2:3-4; Rom 12:3).

**Lack of Hospitality:** When Christians fail to individually extend hospitality to one another, there is danger. Great benefits come when individuals gather together and enjoy one another's company. Certainly the church is not a social club, but that is no excuse for us failing to use our individual homes for hospitality (Rom 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9).

**Tongues That Are Out of Control:** When there is gossip, slander, backbiting, lying, and malicious words, there is danger. Our words can cause great harm to others. We will be held accountable for the damage we do with our words. What a shame that these things would ever be present among God's people (Prov 6:16-19).

~Paul Adams. 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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*The peace of God,*  
which transcends  
all understanding,  
will guard your  
hearts and minds.

-Philippians 4:7



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## Prayer List

Holly  
Cheryl  
Raymond  
Robert  
Doans' Grandson, Wilson  
Devin (Cancer)  
Jerry (Lung Cancer)  
Misty's Step-Dad, Ed (Cancer)  
Ken & Chris  
Nora & Her Family  
Jerry (Heart Issues/Dialysis)  
Mike's Brother-in-Law, Danny  
Rob (Prostate Cancer)

## Daily Bible Reading

Jun 4: 2Chron 21-22; John 14

Jun 5: 2Chron 23-24; John 15

Jun 6: 2Chron 25-27; John 16

Jun 7: 2Chron 28-29; John 17

Jun 8: 2Chron 30-31; John 18:1-18

Jun 9: 2Chron 32-33; John 18:19-40

Jun 10: 2Chron 34-36; John 19:1-22

Jun 11: Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42

**Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Bible Study: Dan D

Worship: John

Afternoon: Dave

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Larry

**Prepare Communion**

Jeanette

**Clean Building**

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**Assignments**

Sunday June 11, 2023

Reading: Dan H

Announcements: Mike

Table: Mike

Serve: Darrell

John

Steve

Jeff

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Invitation: Jeff

**Anniversaries**

June 13 – Douglas & Madison

**Birthdays**

June 16 - Jenna

**Preaching June 11, 2023**

AM – Michael

PM – Michael

**Adult Bible Study Teachers**

Sunday – Dave      Wednesday - Mike