

July 23, 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.

Who Shall I Send?

Good help, it is said, it hard to find. Though most want the pay and benefits good help deserves, few are willing to match it with their efforts.

Without surprise, the same is true in the kingdom of God. All Christians want to go to heaven, but few it seems are willing to do much while here in the Lord's vineyard.

What difficulty the Lord must often have trying to find someone to take His message of salvation into the homes of the lost, or to teach Bible classes, visit the sick, the widows, the shut-ins, the weak, or interested newcomers.

And how discouraging it must be to Him when those whom He has purchased with His own blood, whom He has redeemed to do good works, refuse to do what He desires (acts 20:28; Titus 2:14). Be certain, the Lord will accomplish His desires, but woe to those who think they have heaven in their pocket and do nothing or little in the vineyard.

I wonder if the question is often heard in heaven, "*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us*" (Isaiah 6:8)? Still I wonder more how often the reply is heard, "*Here am I! Send me*" (Isaiah 6:8). Let us not fool ourselves into thinking that heaven awaits sluggards. Only those who work in the vineyard will be rewarded (Matthew 25:14-30).

~Ken McDaniel, 1996

The Social Gospel

The social gospel is a philosophy in religion that the church should concern itself with worldly problems, rather than spiritual ones. It is more concerned about preserving the whooping crane and the alligator than about preaching Christ, the emancipator. It sends more time fighting pollution that may damage the body than with fighting spiritual plagues that surely damn the soul.

The social gospel is more interested in feeding the body than in nurturing the soul. Its goal is education, not salvation; recreation, not sanctification; fraternity, instead of eternity. It concerns itself with the “new morality” rather than self-control; ministering to the “inner city” rather than seeking the heavenly city; slum clearance rather than with spiritual perseverance.

The social gospel philosophy is more interested in helping men make a living than helping them make a life. It is more concerned with civil rights than with spiritual rights; civil laws rather than spiritual obedience; communism rather than faith repentance and baptism.

The social gospel is a lame duck spiritually, because it is without the power to fulfill the lasting needs of the human race. It preaches Christ as a great social reformer, rather than a spiritual savior. It limits His work to earthly benefits for mankind, and Paul said, *“If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable”* (1 Corinthians 15:9). Social gospelism can only leave man spiritually naked.

~James P. Needham, 1996

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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Meeting Topics

- 8/13—Class: The Great Commission
AM: Let's Go Fishing For Men
PM: Into All the World
- 8/14 – The Cost of Discipleship
- 8/15 – The Nature of Authority
- 8/16 – What God Has Joined
Together
- 8/17 – Just One Little Sin
- 8/18 – I Have Been Crucified
With Christ

Prayer List

Holly
Cheryl (Surgery Recovery)
Robert
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Ken & Chris
Nora & Her Family
Those Battling Cancer

Daily Bible Reading

- Jul 23: Ps 33-34; Acts 24
- Jul 24: Ps 35-36; Acts 25
- Jul 25: Ps 37-39; Acts 26
- Jul 26: Ps 40-42; Acts 27:1-26
- Jul 27: Ps 43-45; Acts 27:27-44
- Jul 28: Ps 46-48; Acts 28
- Jul 29: Ps 49-50; Rom 1
- Jul 30: Ps 51-53; Rom 2

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Bible Study: Douglas

Worship: Dan H

Afternoon: Larry

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Jeff

Prepare Communion

Jeanette

Clean Building

Cynde

Preaching July 30, 2023

AM – Travis

PM – Song Service

Upcoming Meeting

August 13 – 18

Keith Sharp, Speaker

Assignments

Sunday July 30, 2023

Reading: Jeff

Announcements: Dan D

Table: Steve

Serve: Mark

John

Dan H

Jim

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Invitation:

Anniversaries

August: 15 – Roger & Debbie

Birthdays

August: 4 – Steve

10 – Cheryl

11 – Jim

19 – Paula

24 – Debbie

25 – Olivia

31 – Stephanie