

September 10, 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.

Don't Stay Away From Church

*Because you are poor. There is no admission charge.

*Because you are rich. Money is not everything.

*Because it rains. You go to work in the rain.

*Because it is cold. It is warm and friendly inside.

*Because it is hot. So are fishing and golf.

*Because no one invited you. People go to a lot of places uninvited, and even pay to get in.

*Because of hypocrites. We associate with them in the world every day.

*Because of company. Bring them along, they will admire you.

*Because you have little children. Jesus says, "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me." (Mat 19:4)

*Because your clothes are not nice enough. God looks on the heart.

*Because you do not like the preacher. He is human, as we all are.

*Because the church always wants money. That is not true here.

*Because you have plenty of time in the future. Are you sure?

"Oh come. Let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker."
(Psalm 95:6)

~Author Unknown

We Need More Than Better Moods

Although we'd often like to feel better emotionally, that is not the thing that we need most. What we need, much more than any "inspirational" uplift, is to make actual progress in the quality of our character. The spiritual life is not primarily about feeling better, it's about change for the better. It's about growth. It's about real, objective movement toward God. Regardless of the fluctuation of our feelings, being a Christian means growing "in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Reevaluation. The daily question we need to ask ourselves is not "How am I feeling?" but "Where am I in relation to God?" Paul wrote, "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith" (2 Cor 13:5). Answering that question honestly may not give us a cozy fireside feeling, but it will open the door to something we need more than better moods; genuine growth.

Repentance. Honest reevaluation of ourselves won't help us, of course,

unless we have the courage and the will to make the changes that our self-inventory has pointed out a need for. And when changes need to be made, we don't need a speaker or writer who'll make us feel wonderful, just as we are. We need a friend who'll provoke us to repent and move forward in our character.

Renewal of Commitment. The chances are good that many of us already know about areas in which we need to improve, based on past examination of ourselves and decisions to do better. Falling backwards is a habit that we all have. So the third thing we need, more than better moods, is to get a fresh grip on our commitments everyday. Significant spiritual progress comes from the frequent remembering – and remaking – of our promises to God.

So, do you feel better after reading this? Maybe you do, and maybe you don't. But today, you can decide to seek God faithfully whether your feelings are flowing in that direction or not.

~Gary Henry via Heaven Bound

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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Prayer List

Holly Gerber
Cheryl Smith (Surgery Recovery)
Robert Cantonwine
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Chris Fisher & Family
Nora & Her Family
Baby Dillon (Newborn Concerns)
Those Battling Cancer

Daily Bible Reading

Sep 10: Prov 8-9; 2Cor 3
Sep 11: Prov 10-12; 2Cor 4
Sep 12: Prov 13-15; 2Cor 5
Sep 13: Prov 16-18; 2Cor 6
Sep 14: Prov 19-21; 2Cor 7
Sep 15: Prov 22-24; 2Cor 8
Sep 16: Prov 25-26; 2Cor 9
Sep 17: Prov 27-29; 2Cor 10
Sep 18: Prov 30-31; 2Cor 11:1-15



Prayer Leaders

Sunday September 10, 2023

Bible Study: Steve

Worship: Darrell

Afternoon: Jim

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Douglas

Prepare Communion

Jeanette

Clean Building

Wrights

Preaching Sept 17, 2023

AM – Ethan

PM – Ethan

Assignments

Sunday September 17, 2023

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Jeff

Table: Mike

Serve: Jim

Mark

John

Roger

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Invitation: Jeff

Anniversaries

Birthdays

September:15 – Emory W