

Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow

I love the poetry and melody of the William Tappan hymn, "Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow." It is also rich with meaning, but because it was written 200 years ago, its wording may be difficult for younger worshippers to understand. Good worship requires not only proper actions, but mental engagement and a heart-connection with the lyrics.

The first verse begins, "Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow." Some may have no idea what that means. The song is about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was arrested and ultimately led to the cross. Tappan seems influenced by Luke's account. While scripture does not single out the hour of midnight, it does indicate Jesus was there at night (see Luke 22:56, 66; cf. John 18:3; Matthew 26:31, 34). Luke 22:39 indicates the garden's location as the Mount of Olives. "Brow" would be a poetic, late Middle English word for the top of a hill. The phrase, "The star is dimmed that lately shown" would simply reinforce the idea of darkness and the anxiety it would add to Jesus' suffering.

The second verse is self-explanatory, though it might help some to remember that the phrase, "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20) appears to be a humble term John uses to describe himself in his gospel. "Heeds not" simply means "does not hear"; he had fallen asleep with the rest of Jesus' inner circle of disciples (Mark 14:37).

The third verse is also straightforward, though we have another allusion to Luke's gospel, with "the Man of Sorrows weeps in blood." Luke 22:44 tells us that Jesus, "being in agony" was praying "more earnestly," and His sweat became like drops of blood." The second line of this verse speaks of Jesus' kneeling in anguish (Luke 22:44), saying Christ was "falling down to the ground."

The last verse might cause trouble. "Tis midnight, and from ether plains is borne the song that angels know," is, for many, incomprehensible. "Ether plains," is a poetic reference to "upper regions" or heaven. The song seems to allude to that part of the garden experience when "an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him" (Luke 22:43). While this verse seems to strain the meaning of Luke's words, it is a beautiful thought that angels or even the Father sang to comfort the suffering Son (cf. Hebrews 5:7).

We should take the time to understand the words of the songs we sing in worship. This keeps worship from being merely external, without heart (cf. Matthew 15:8). Perhaps, too, it serves as a notice that we should explain the meaning of older songs, especially those couched in language we do not use. It should also awaken the awareness that we need to incorporate songs in worship that are more contemporary in language and melody along with these beautiful, older songs. —Neal Pollard

PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER ONE

E V I L S A D B B L I N D E E D	ABIDE	DESIRE
E R O D E R N E E D G N I V A H	ABOUND	FAITH
D S N E E D U V E H I V E S D O	AFFAIRS	FATHER
I O L H A S O O N L A I R J E E	AGAIN	FLESH
B A T E Y E B R O I L L E A P S	ALWAYS	FRUITS
A A L A W G A P E E A S F O R T	APPROVE	GIVING
F E W E S O M P B M U C H A L E	ASHAMED	GOSPEL
B L A R E S B A E S U A C E B C	BECAUSE	GRACE
A S R I A F F A A D R A P E H E	BEHALF	HAVING
G R I S T A D D S T E S O R E F	BELIEVE	HOPE
L I F E R G E T H E O F I E R E	BOLD	INDEED
F I V D E A R I A G O S E U G H	BONDS	JESUS
B A V I C I L A M R T R I N S T	BOWELS	LIFE
O N I O N N P R E A D T R E C K	CHRIST	LIVE
I S N T E G G T D C S P L A T E	DEACONS	MUCH
O S A P H L I S T E R F D L O B	DEFENCE	STRAIT

😊 Special Days 😊

Happy Birthday, June!

Bobbie Girard	2	Alissa Martin	4
David Earwood	5	Melissa Maiwald	13
Emma Robinson	14	Pam Ambrose	19
Mike Robinson	25		

Happy Anniversary, June!

Jesse and Beatrice Okiyi	7
Roy and Tenia Wimbush	7
Jason and Catina Cottoner	17
Jason and Megan Earwood	28
Mark and Barbara Frazier	29

Trust
in the Lord 
with all thine heart;
and *lean not*
unto thine own understanding.
in all thy ways
acknowledge Him,
and He shall *direct* thy paths.
Proverbs 3: 5-6

WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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June 2, 2019

Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Elders

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald
Michael Neal Tim Wertz

Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner
Keith George Dan Medina
Niles Wedge

Minister

Ernie Maiwald

Associate Minister

Keith George

*The Woodbridge elders recommend the following
Bible translations for our public worship and study:
New King James Version, King James Version and
American Standard Version, 1901*

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

Daily Bible Readings

	Morning	Evening
June 2	Exodus 7 – 9; Psalm 105	Ephesians 1
June 3	Exodus 10 – 12	Ephesians 2
June 4	Exodus 13 – 15; Psalm 114	Ephesians 3
June 5	Exodus 16 – 18	Ephesians 4
June 6	Exodus 19 – 21; Psalm 33	Ephesians 5
June 7	Exodus 22 – 24; Psalm 109	Ephesians 6
June 8	Exodus 25 – 27; Psalm 90	Philippians 1

Bible Class Schedule for the Week

Week of June 2		
Sunday	Lesson 237	Hebrews 11
Wednesday	Lesson 238	Hebrews 12 - 13
Week of June 9		
Sunday	Lesson 239	Matthew 5
Wednesday	Lesson 240	Review in Auditorium

Announcements

Congratulations: Ayana Williams- Will be graduating from Mount Vernon High School on June 7th. She will be attending Northern Virginia Community College.

Assignments			
	June 2	June 9	
Announcements	George	Maiwald	
Song	M. Maiwald	Beauvais	
Prayer	Earwood	M. Frazier	
Preside @ Table	Neal	Wedge	
Assisting	Chrishon Dollard	Lake	
Assisting	Johnson	Marbury	
Assisting	Kent	Medina	
Prayer	Merritt	Pender	
	June 2	June 9	
Evening Worship*	George	Maiwald	
Announcements	George	Maiwald	
Song Leader	M. Maiwald	Beauvais	
Prayer	Chrishon Dollard	Dukes	
Communion/Prayer	Neal	Wedge	
	June 5	June 12	
Wed. Evening Worship	George	Maiwald	
Announcements	George	Maiwald	
Song Leader	M. Maiwald	Beauvais	
Invitation	Wedge	Chris Dollard	
Prayer	Wertz	Capes	
	June	July	August
Prepare Communion	Frazier	TBD	TBD
Building Lockup	Neal	TBD	TBD

Notes:

1. Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.
2. Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.
3. Transportation. If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.

Calendar of Events:

Mens' Breakfast	6/8/19	8:00 am	OCB
EDP Meeting	6/8/19	9:30 am	Building

Helpful Contact Addresses:

Church building: www.woodbridgechurchofchrist.com
Minister: preacher@woodbridgechurchofchrist.com
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For Prayers

Update:

- **Ashlynn Wedge** dislocated her elbow last week and is waiting to see the doctor again for results.

Assisted Living

- **Gayle Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place – Manassas)
- **Bobbie Girard** (Harbor Chase – Woodbridge)

Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:

- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) pulmonary hypertension
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Katelyn Mead** (friend of the Wilsons) seizures
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer
- **LaVetta Sterrett** (Babara Frazier's aunt) abdomen bleed
- **David Jackson** (friend of the Marbury's) lung cancer
- **Gerrie Fleener** (Jody Medina's mom) knee replacement.
- **Margaret Jackson** (Niles Wedge's grandmother) Macular Degeneration
- **Lori Bennett** (friend of Logan Dollard) blindness
- **Sarah Schilling** (Tammy Elliott's sister) neurosurgeon for neck
- **Grace Addo** (friend of the Anthonys) Stage IV bone cancer
- **Juantia Johnson** (Bobby's mom) heart attack & blood clot
- **Michele Morris** (Denise Crayton's sister) Brain Aneurysm
- **Alvin Harris** (Pamela Ambrose's brother) Serious disease
- **Ethel Dollard** (Chris Dollard's aunt) Colon cancer

Continued prayers for our members

Donna Wirt	Alwilda Merritt	Colleen Wertz
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Sue Bilbrey
Sherry Wright	Dan Medina	

