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**A common hope.** We are all looking forward to meeting and being with Jesus. As we will see in this letter, this hope will enable us to have joy in the midst of trials. This hope makes us content in whatever circumstance we find ourselves. This hope is what helps us find joy even as we stand at the freshly dug grave of someone we love. How quick we are to forget this and lose our joy because we are frustrated by our own failures. We expect perfection and become discouraged when we don't reach it. While we all should be seeking to be perfect, it is certain that none of us is perfect. The day we became followers of Christ was the day He began His work in our hearts. You may have seen the bumper sticker "please be patient with me, God is not finished with me yet."

It is that way with our joy; we don't always have the ability to remain joyful in difficult situations. Be patient, God is not finished with us yet. If we allow his love to fill us, embrace us, and totally engulf us, it will also fill us with His joy.

—Rod Ellison

*Those who shrink from personal responsibility shrink in usefulness and reward as well.*

## Church of Christ

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[Chardonchurchofchrist.org](http://Chardonchurchofchrist.org)

### Schedule of Services:

Worship Services  
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.  
and 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

## Calendar

Oct. 8—Bible Study 10 am—Dale  
Oct. 8—Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Speaker: Tom  
Oct. 8—Potluck  
Oct. 9—Area Meeting Wadsworth  
Oct. 10—a. Carl & Mary  
Oct. 12—b. Steven  
Oct. 15—b. Tom  
Oct. 17—b. Renee  
Oct. 27—b. Gary  
Oct. 28—b. Larry  
Nov. 1—Bible Study 7 pm  
Nov. 5—Bible Study 10 am—Dale  
Nov. 5—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

## Potluck Luncheon

A potluck luncheon has been prepared and will be served following morning worship. Everyone is invited to stay and have lunch with us.

### Answer to the Puzzle:

**Hidden Phrase:** I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also..

# Chardon Church of Christ

Church Bulletin

Sunday

October 8, 2017

## Joy of Being a Christian

In the book of Philippians one of the themes Paul focuses on is the pursuit of joy. However, before we can pursue joy we must understand what this joy is.

What does a joyous person look like? How do you tell a joyous person from a person who is just happy about something? If you are a Giants fan you are happy your team won the super bowl! Today many people turn to substances to help them be happy.

However, joy is something that is unaffected by outward circumstances. It is a state of mind and an orientation of the heart. Joy is deep. It is a settled state of contentment, confidence and hope. Philippians helps us understand some of the characteristics of Christian joy.

Believers have a shared joy. In Paul's opening words: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.... It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus."* Philippians 1:3-5, 7-8

Paul tells the Philippians that he has been praying for them. But he doesn't just pray, he prays with joy. And his joy comes *"because of your partnership in the gospel"*. Paul's joy is a shared joy. This partnership is more than just spending time together — there is a unity, a joy, a purpose that is held in common.

Those things that bring us joy are things we share with others. We just returned from Disney World with our family. I am sure you will get tired of hearing about our trip, but it was a great experience and we want to share it with others. Christian joy is a deeper joy and one that you cannot help but share with others. As Christians we share:

**A common grace.** There are many things that divide us. We divide over politics, ethnic issues, gender differences, and personal tastes and interests. But when we come to Christ there is a bond with others that transcends differences. That bond is God's grace.

**A common burden.** Jesus has called us all to do the same thing: glorify Him in our living and testify of Him to our friends and neighbors. We may disagree on the issues of gun control, abortion, the death penalty, and many other issues, but we do agree that there is only one way for people to get to Heaven. We agree that there is only one hope for modern society, and that one way and one hope is Jesus. We are people working together to get the message out. We work together in this privileged and joyful task.

## Sunday Worship Services, Oct. 8, 2017

Greetings and Announcements. . . . . Mark  
 Song Leader. . . . . Myron  
 Hymn . . . . . Our God He Is Alive—668  
 Opening Prayer. . . . . (Please Stand). . . . . Dale  
 Hymn . . . . . Room In God's Kingdom—80  
 Scripture Reading . . . . . (Philippians 4:4-9). . . . . Ryan  
 Hymn. . . . . The Lord's Supper—288  
 Lord's Supper . . . . . Mark & Ron  
 Hymn . . . . . Sunshine in the Soul—575  
 Sermon. . . . . Tom  
 Invitational Hymn . . . . . (Please Stand) . . . . . Free Waters—593  
 Hymn . . . . . Take the Name of Jesus With you—661  
 Closing Prayer. . . . . (Please Stand) . . . . . Ray

### Prayer List

\*Ron had cataract surgery last week.

\*Larry D. funeral was yesterday.

\*The funeral for

Tom and Nina's nephew, Greg, was held Thursday.

\*Linda is now recovering from a broken leg at Blossom Hill.

\*Tom's cousin Paula is recovering at home, but will have to have another surgery soon.

\*Ray S's brother-in-law has brain cancer.

\*Dale's mother and 2 cousins.

\*Juanita, her sons, Dale and Ron and her daughter Debbie.

\*Ron, Pat, and their great grandson Bryan..

\*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

\*Ruth and her brother George.

\*Our Congregation

\*Our Nation & Our Veterans.

### Things to Remember Chardon Website:

[Chardonchurchofchrist.org](http://Chardonchurchofchrist.org)

**Business Meeting** is held the 1st Sunday of each month following morning worship.

**Potluck Luncheon** is held the 2nd Sunday of each month following morning worship.

The link to **Gospel Broadcasting Network** is [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org).

**Church of Christ Radio** can be listened to at 880 WRFD.

Information for the bulletin should be sent before Friday of each week. Call Mark or Nina or use e-mail address:

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## United, Joyful, and in Prayer

Philippians 4:4-9

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EVERYTHING	FINALLY	GENTLENESS	GOOD
GUARD	HAND	HEARD	HEARTS
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