

Welcome

The Chardon church of Christ welcomes you to every service and to a full investigation of what we teach, in the light of the Scriptures.

The church of Christ occupies a unique place in the religious world. It is no part of Judaism, Catholicism, or Protestant Denominationalism. It is as distinct from these religions as they are from each other. Its plea for a return to the Bible has made it appealing to those who long for spirituality and simplicity of the church as revealed in the Bible.

We preach the same gospel and teach the same plan of salvation based upon the grace of God as taught by the apostles. Rom. 1:16.

This plan includes: **Faith** in Christ; Mk.16:16; **Repentance** of sins; Acts 2:38; **Confession** of faith in Christ; Matt. 10:32; **Baptism**; (This baptism is a burial in water of a penitent believer to wash away his sins.) Eph. 4:5.

Our worship is according to the New Testament pattern. Jn. 4:23-24. Services consist of : **Singing** without

the use of man-made instruments of music; Eph. 5:19; **Praying** to God; Acts 2:42. Observing the **Lord's Supper** each first day of the week; Acts 2:42; **Giving** by members of the congregation; I Cor. 16:1-2; **Teaching** of God's Word; Acts 2:42.

Calendar

Dec. 24—Bible Study 10 am—Dale

Dec. 24—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Tom

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve

Dec. 25—Christmas Day

Dec. 27—Bible Study Canceled

Dec. 31—Bible Study 10 am—Dale

Dec. 31—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

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Dec. 31—New Year's Eve

Jan. 1—New Year's Day

Answer to the Puzzle:

Hidden Phrase: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another

*It's give and take in this world,
with more willing to take than
to give.*

Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services:

Worship Services

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

And 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Chardon Church of Christ

Church Bulletin

Sunday

December 24, 2017

Celebrating Christmas

I would like to ask you to do a very difficult thing. Instead of just going along with what everyone says today and without being swayed by hundreds of years of growing modern religious practice, let's just look at the Bible as if we were receiving its letters in the first and second century when they were written and then distributed. I would like to ask you a second difficult thing. Hear me out all the way to the end before shutting me down just because what I'm going to say is not the popular opinion.

Can I share with you a word that is conspicuously absent from the Bible? Christmas. It is not in our Bibles ever. Charlie Brown specials notwithstanding, the Bible never presents a single Christmas story, let alone the first Christmas story. I invite you to read the New Testament from cover to cover, upside down and backwards if necessary. Please provide me one shred of evidence that suggests God has ever asked us or wants us to establish a holiday (holy day) to celebrate the birthday of Jesus?

It seems to me, since the Scripture equips us for every good work (II Timothy 3:16-17), if God wanted us celebrating such a day He would have, at the very least, let us know which day to celebrate. But we can't find that day anywhere in Scripture. Celebrating Christmas as a secular celebration of family, love, etc. does not violate any Scriptural principle of which I'm aware. Just as we might celebrate national holidays of our independence or in memory of our Armed Forces, etc., I believe we can set aside a holiday for giving gifts and spending time with family.

I'll offer my plea one more final time. Instead of just going along with everyone today because it seems like such a pleasant thing, let's go back to the Bible and try not to be swayed by hundreds of years of religious practice to just read what those first century Christians would have read. If you can find authorization for the modern Christmas practice there, then by all means practice it. If not, let's just do what we find in the Bible.

Sunday Worship Services, Dec. 24, 2017

Greetings and Announcements. Tom
 Song Leader. Dale
 Hymn Leaning on the Everlasting Arms—190
 Opening Prayer (Please Stand). Mark
 Hymn Blessed Assurance—477
 Scripture Reading (II Timothy 3:16). Robert
 Hymn I Gave My Life for Thee—649
 Lord's Supper Myron & Ray
 Hymn I Surrender All—98
 Sermon. Tom
 Invitational Hymn (Please Stand) I Am Resolved—642
 Hymn God Be With You—655
 Closing Prayer. (Please Stand) Larry

Prayer List

*Ryan was released from the hospital Friday.
 *Ruth has not been feeling well.
 *Rebecca visited her parents and they seem to be doing well.
 *Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
 *It's nice to have Myron and Carole back with us.
 *Tom & Nina's son-in-law, Chris, is looking for work.
 *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

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.

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:

Church_of_Christ@roadrunner.com

Holding Fast

Scripture Reference: Hebrews 10:19-25

ANOTHER	APPROACHING	ASSURANCE	BLOOD
BODIES	BOLDNESS	BRETHREN	CONFESSION
CONSCIENCE	CONSECRATED	CONSIDER	ENTER
EXHORTING	FAITH	FAITHFUL	FLESH
HAVING	HEARTS	HOLIEST	HOUSE
JESUS	LIVING	ORDER	PRIEST
PROMISED	SPRINKLED	THEREFORE	THROUGH
WASHED	WATER	WAVERING	WHICH
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