



Oct. 28, 2018

Church of Christ
128 Maple Ave.
Chardon, OH 44024
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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

17—Revive Us Again

Opening Prayer:

Ray

Hymn:

53—Purer in Heart

Scripture Reading:

Gary

Matthew 25: 31-46

Hymn:

297—When My Love

Grows Weak

Lord's Supper:

Myron & Ryan

Hymn:

47—No Not One

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

642—I Am Resolved

Closing Hymn:

655—God Be With

You

Closing Prayer:

Larry

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If It's Not Fed, It Won't Grow

By Lance Cordle

Consider the following hypothetical situations:

A man selects a site on his property for a garden. He does not till the soil. He just scatters the seed and walks away. No fertilizer is placed with the seed; no watering is done. The man, however, expects a large crop of vegetables. Question: Is he being realistic? Answer: No. Principle: If it's not fed (cultivated, nourished), it won't grow (flourish).

A young man hears about a party his friends are having. He accepts an invitation and shows up—only to find that it is a poker party. Since celebrities are playing poker and it is on so many TV channels, it must be a cool way to have fun and "make a quick buck," right? The young man, however, knows that it is gambling, and is well aware of the tragic consequences of gambling addiction. He walks away from the party, resolving not to gamble, even if it means his friends will be disappointed. He believes the risk of addiction is too great. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A man has been married for several years. He loves his wife and believes their marriage is good, but he is a little bored. At work, he spends a lot of time around a single young woman. She is attractive and personable. Most of their contact is work-related and, so far, he has kept it that way. He knows, however that she would "see him" outside of work, if he would but ask. After thinking it over, he resolves to work on his relationship with his wife, to be more attentive, and to liven up their marriage with better communication and more romance. He resists the urge to build a deeper relationship with the woman at work. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A young man and woman in their early twenties have dated for several months and are "serious" about each other. There is a real possibility that they will get married. They love each other and express it in verbal and non-verbal ways. However, they are Christians and have resolved to avoid fornication and save themselves sexually for marriage. Thus, they have set definite limits on their physical displays of affection. They could give into lust, like so many have chosen to do, but they don't. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A man is offended by a lifelong friend. He thinks about the situation, but decides to act in good faith and talk to his friend about the problem. The friend understands, and he too, wants to do what is right. Resentment, though contemplated, does not really even begin. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

Is there something you are feeding that shouldn't be fed?

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PRAYER LIST

*Pat had a sore throat last week and was unable to be with us.

*Dale's friend Zarna and her family especially her father who is ill.

*Ray was hospitalized last Sunday with heart issues. He is at home now.

*Cindy was having health issues last week and was unable to be with us.

*Larry is under a doctor's care for back pain

*Gary and Cindy's daughter, Lisa Marie, is doing very well.

*Pat's second surgery went well.

*Dale, his friend Jimmy, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.

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

CALENDAR

Oct. 28—Bible Study 10 am
Mark

Oct. 28—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom

Oct. 28—b. Larry

Oct. 31—Bible Study 7pm Rob

Nov. 4—Daylight Savings Time
Ends

Nov. 4—Bible Study 10 am
Mark

Nov. 4—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom

Nov. 5—a. Ron & Pat

Nov. 8—b. Debbie

Nov. 10—b. Ben

Nov. 11—Bible Study 10 am

Answer to Puzzle: And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

Judgment

Scripture Reference: Matthew 25: 31-46

ANGELS	ANOTHER	ASSUREDLY
BLESSED	BRETHREN	CLOTHED
DIVIDES	FOUNDATION	GATHERED
INASMUCH	INHERIT	KINGDOM
NATIONS	PREPARED	RIGHTEOUS
SAYING	SEPARATE	SHEPHERD
STRANGER	THIRSTY	VISITED

B A N D T H E D S E S P S K W
 I R L L G S E O A W U R L I A
 T S E P A R A T E N O E E N Y
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Hidden Message: _____

**“Truth is not determined by how many
 people believe it.”**

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening — 7:00 pm

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