

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. At Chardon we read from the King James Version of the Bible.

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 20:7; **Giving** by members of the congregation; I Cor. 16:1-2; **Teaching** of God's Word; Acts 2:42.

Calendar

May 15 — Bible Study 10 am
May 15 — Worship 11 am & 6 pm
May 19 — b. Tammy
May 22 — b. Barb S.
May 22 — Bible Study 10 am
May 22 — Worship 11 am & 6 pm
May 25 — b. Rosemary
May 27 — a. Tim & Tammy
May 29 — Bible Study 10 am
May 29 — Worship 11 am & 6 pm
June 5 — Bible Study 10 am

Answer to the Puzzle:

The Lord is my strength and my shield

"Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life." (Henry Asquith)

Church of Christ

128 Maple Avenue
Chardon, Ohio 44024
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Chardonchurchofchrist.org

Schedule of Services:

Worship Services	Bible Study
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.	Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.	

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Church Bulletin

Sunday

May 15, 2016

Self-Reliance is Faithless

By Joe Chesser

No one would have mistaken the ancient Babylonian soldiers for gentle-men. They were ruthless. They were vicious. They were resilient. Have you ever seen a video where a crocodile attacks its prey? If so you get the picture of how the Babylonian army was. There was no Geneva Convention. There were no humane rules of engagement. There was only a ravenous thirst for victory. God described them in Habakkuk 1 as "ruthless and impetuous," "feared and dreaded," and "a law to themselves and promote their own honor." The chapter ends by describing their pride in their own destructive power as men "whose own strength is their god."

I don't think God was complimenting the Babylonian army. Instead, we can learn from Habakkuk that all who are a god to themselves, all who rely on their own strength will eventually face the wrath and vengeance of God! Self-reliance is not something God appreciates or blesses. What God does appreciate and bless is when "the righteous will live by his faith" (Hab. 2.4).

Early in the history of the Israelite nation the Midianite army (another very powerful army) was threatening them. God chose Gideon to lead the battle against the Midianites, but didn't want self-reliance to infect Gideon's army (Judges 7.2). So, God instructed Gideon to tell everyone who was fearful of the looming battle to go home. 22,000 of the 32,000 headed home! After narrowing the remaining 10,000 down to a mere 300, Gideon's army was ready to confront their powerful enemy. 300 against an army described "as thick as locusts" (Judges 7.12). Why did God reduce Gideon's army from 32,000 to 300? The answer is to prevent Israel from boasting about how by their own strength they saved Israel (Judges 7.2).

It's pretty clear from these, and many other passages, that God is not looking for people filled with self-reliance. Instead, God is looking for people filled with faith and trust in Him and His power. God knows it's easy for us to put our confidence in ourselves and what we can do with our numbers, our money, our plans and our strengths. Though we are nothing like the Babylonians or the Midianites, we are still sometimes tempted to trust in the strength of our budgets, our experience, our talents, our knowledge, organizational skills, our goals, etc.

My point is not that we do nothing and let God do it all. No, but we need to put all of our trust and reliance in what God chooses to do through us. "The righteous will live by faith." Self-reliance is faithless! Read Psalm 28.7-9.

Joe Chesser preaches for the
Fruitland Church of Christ, Fruitland, MO.

Worship Services for May 15, 2016

Greeting Tom
 Song Leader Dale
 Hymn We're Marching To Zion—2
 Opening Prayer (Please Stand) Ray
 Hymn When the Saved Get to Heaven—176
 Scripture Reading (Psalm 28.1-9) Ryan
 Hymn When My Love to Christ Grows Weak —297
 Lord's Supper Mark & Ron
 Hymn Amazing Grace—257
 Sermon Tom
 Hymn (Please Stand) Just As I Am—605
 Hymn Our God, He Is Alive!—668
 Closing Prayer Myron

Prayer List

*Dale's cousin
 Reginald with
 back issues.
 *Juanita (by-
 pass surgery) is
 now back in

her home in Newbury, her son
 Ron and daughter Debbie.

*Dale, his cousin Cartrell, and for
 his mother and Aunt Mary.

*David, Doreen and their family.

*Nina's friend Audrey (cancer)
 and Tom's friend Janelle (lung
 transplant).

*Ruth (arthritis), and her brothers
 George and John.

*Ron & Pat, their great-grandson
 Bryan, and Ron's brother Gerald.

*Rebecca, her son Steven, and
 other members of her family.

*Our Congregation and Our Na-
 tion.

* Our Veterans and their Fami-
 lies.

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 Broad-
 casting 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

Answered Prayer

Scripture Reference: Psalm 28:1-9

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ENDEAVOURS	GREATLY	HEARTS	HELPED
INHERITANCE	INIQUITY	MISCHIEF	NEIGHBOURS
OPERATION	ORACLE	PEACE	PEOPLE
PRAISE	REGARD	REJOICETH	RENDER
SAVING	SILENT	STRENGTH	SUPPLICATIONS
THEREFORE	TOWARD	TRUSTED	WICKED
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Hidden Message: _____
