#### 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

June 26—Bible Study 10 am II Cor. 13:1

June 26—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Larry

June 28—a. Myron & Carole

June 29—Bible Study 7 pm Mal. 2:10

July 3—Bible Study 10 am

July 3—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

July 3—Business Meeting

July 4—Cookout at Blackfords

July 4—b. Walter Socha

July 6—Bible Study 7 pm

July 7—b. Rebecca

#### **Answer to the Puzzle**:

when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus

# Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records.

# **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. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

# Chardon Church of Christ

Church Bulletin Sunday June 19, 2016

# **Stepping Away From the Crowd**

Most of us know pretty well the story of Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33). It was an incredible demonstration of faith. Can you imagine actually climbing out of the boat and walking toward Jesus? I mean, the odds were stacked heavily against him. The time was somewhere between 3 and 6 AM, the wind was howling and causing the waves to crash around the boat, they were exhausted from struggling all night to cross the lake, and the disciples were terrified at seeing what they thought was a "ghost" (remember it was just before dawn). Yet, at Jesus' invitation Peter had the courage and faith to do the irrational – he stepped out of the boat and walked on the water toward Him.

Usually when we think about this story we key in on two things: 1) if we keep our eyes on Jesus we can do amazing things, and 2) the minute we take our eyes off of Jesus we begin to sink. Great lessons, but there's something else in this story worth noticing – the other disciples were still in the boat.

I can't help but wonder what they were thinking when Peter started to climb out of the boat. Did they encourage him or try to stop him? Did they marvel at his faith or question his sanity? Perhaps they were stunned and speechless. Were they praising God or looking for a life jacket? Were they tempted to get out of the boat, too? There's a lot we don't know.

However, there are two things we do know. We know they didn't get out of the boat, and we know that Peter did. Only Peter had the courage and faith to step away from his peers (the crowd) and head toward Jesus simply because Jesus said, "Come." Of the group, only Peter walked on water.

I think that's also what Jesus is asking us to do: "Step away from the crowd, walk on water and come to me." He's asking us to step away from the crowded road and walk the narrow path to life (Matthew 7:13-14). He's asking us to turn away from the unthankful majority and give Him praise even if no one else does (Luke 17:11-19). He's asking us to leave what's comfortable and carry His cross (Luke 14:25-27). He's asking us to stop walking by sight and live by faith (2 Corinthians. 5:7). He's asking us to give up our trust in money and material things, and seek Him first (Matthew 6:24-33). He's asking us to quit making excuses and get out of the boat!! He's asking us to step away from the crowds like Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses and David did (Hebrews 11).

If you had been in the boat with Peter, what would you have done?

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

# Worship Services for June 26, 2016

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	Who At My Door Is Standing—614
	I'd Rather Have Jesus—1F

# Trayer List

\*Tom will have a CT scan on his thyroid next week. \*Juanita's son Ron and daughter

Debbie.

- \*Dale, his cousin Cartrell, and for his mother and Aunt Mary. His cousin Reginald with back issues. \*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 Nation.
- \* Our Veterans and their Families.

## 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@roadrunn er. com

## Jesus Walks on the Sea

Scripture Reference: Matthew 14:22-33

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