

Good News From Chardon

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
 Song Leader: Ray
 Opening Hymn:
248—I Know That My Redeemer Lives
 Opening Prayer: Tom
 Hymn:
49—Kneel At The Cross
 Scripture Reading: Robert
 Philippians 2:1-8
 Hymn:
279—Tell Me The Old, Old Story
 Lord's Supper: Dale
 Hymn:
432—Where The Soul Never Dies
 Sermon: Mark
 Invitation Hymn:
614—Who At My Door Is Standing
 Closing Hymn:
62—Take My Hand, Precious Lord
 Closing Prayer: Ryan

An Introduction to Philippians

The city of Philippi had a long and interesting history. It was initially colonized by the people of Thasos around 360 BC. It was renamed “Philippi” by Philip of Macedon in 356 BC and was eventually abandoned in the 14th century after the Ottoman conquest.

By the time Paul enters the city, it was a Roman colony and enjoyed all the rights and privileges of life in Rome itself. It was situated on “The Via Egnatia” which was the main road that ran all the way from the East to Rome. According to most scholars, it had become an “Urban Political center” (Fee, Philippians, 26) and an important start for Paul’s work there.

In Acts 16, Paul along with Silas and Timothy established the church beginning with Lydia. This made the Philippian church different, primarily Gentile, and avid supporters of Paul. Everett Ferguson suggests that the city was different from most Greek cities and that is what allowed women like Lydia to own businesses (Ferguson, Early Christianity, 70-71).

The letter itself suggests that Paul wrote it from a Roman Prison (Phil. 1:12-13, 17) along with Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon. Apparently, the church is facing opposition

from Jews emphasizing works over faith (Phil. 3:2,18-19). Overall, it reflects a joyful and uplifting spirit that has endeared it to generations of Christians.

There are three keywords to watch out for as you read Philippians: joy, fellowship, and Jesus. Each reflects a strong message on each subject. Joy and suffering for your faith in Jesus weave their way through the entire letter. Paul even highlights his own joy as a prisoner for Jesus and how that has strengthened his work. Fellowship is joint participation as each of us strives to live our faith in a hostile world and emphasizes the need to work together and encourage each other. Exalting Jesus with your life and choices is a major lesson in Philippians (Phil. 1:27-30). Paul encourages us all to live worthy of Jesus and his sacrifice for our sins. Only then can we stand firm in the faith and be encouraged (Phil. 2:11) and rejoice in the Lord (Phil. 3:1; 4:4).

Unity Through Humility

Philippians 2:2

C S S E N I L W O L D B R H J
 O H P A S R E H T O R E E T E
 N L R I M G N I H T O N T A S
 S I H I R E Q U A L C K T E U
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ACCORD	AFFECTION	AMBITION
BETTER	CHRIST	COMFORT
CONCEIT	CONSIDER	CONSOLATION
CROSS	DEATH	EQUAL
ESTEEM	FELLOWSHIP	FORM
FOUND	FULFIL	HIMSELF
INTERESTS	JESUS	JOY
LOOK	LOVE	LOWLINESS
MERCY	NOTHING	OTHERS
SAME	SELFISH	SPIRIT

Hidden Message:

PRAYER LIST

- **Mynda** and all her family; as they travel, **parents** at the loss of their home, **father's** recovery from Injuries.
- **Mark & Debbie** as they travel,
- **Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, body healing and Bible study with **Kris**
- **Dakota** as he struggles
- **Wanda's** migraines; **Allen**, her son. Wanda's sister **Lorraine** heart
- **Mary** and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip surgery recovery, **Mary's** leg injury
- **Tom & Nina's** 5-year-old great nephew, **Bear Nicholas**, is now at home; **Nina's** hip pain.
- **Kathy**, her sister and friends. Kathy's foot healing, She is now home
- **Bonnie** as she travels
- **Zarna** and her family
- **Juanita's** sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
- **Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.
- **Dale's** health issues and his family. His friend **Riley** (age 6) who has cancer. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His Aunt Rosie's heart and Lungs. His cousin with heart issues
- **Ray** and his family
- **Pat** and her family

CALENDAR

- Sept 25—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark
- Sept 26—(b) Margaret
- Sept 26—(b) Rob S.
- Sept 28—(b) Rylan
- Sept 29—(a) Mark & Debbie
- Oct. 2—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom. Business meeting
- Oct. 7—(b) Alayna
- Oct. 7—(b) Melissa
- Oct. 9—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark
- Oct. 10—(a) Carl & Mary
- Oct. 11—(b) Celeste
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Count your blessings,
not another's

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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