

Good News From Chardon

Church of Christ

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Lone Wolf Christianity

Talk about an oxymoron. The epitome of isolation and loneliness connected with what should be the epitome of family, purpose, and belonging. You may disagree with my choice of titles, but chances are, you were taught to be a "lone wolf" just like me. From childhood most of us were taught that all we needed to succeed in life was hard work and determination. We were conditioned to believe that we don't need anything or anyone to attain our goals in life. We were raised to be lone wolves in life, in work, and perhaps most importantly, in our faith.

Don't get me wrong, I believe that our parents did the best they could with the information and training they had. How could they have known that they were creating a generation of people who would cast off all personal connections and go it alone? We live in a time when connections to friends and family are all but non-existent. A time when connections to faith and church have eroded to the point that the average person doesn't attend church services. I was shocked to learn that 75% of our entire population doesn't attend church services.

The problem with all this is that it is anti-Christian and destined to fail. Reality dictates that the lone wolf can survive along as everything goes his way (which is a rarity), but, as soon as winter comes, and life gets hard, he will starve to death. The pack survives and thrives while the lone wolf flounders in the anguish of starvation and loneliness.

I honestly believe this is Satan's plan to destroy us. You cannot destroy a people until you separate them from each other. The lone wolf cannot survive the hard times of life. Alone they become more susceptible to sin and distractions. With no God, no faith, no family, no friends, no accountability, or authority in life; we will fail. It is inevitable.

God never intended for us to be alone. He gave us a church and family to ensure we are never alone through the winter of life

God never intended for us to learn about faith and our gifts without the guidance of other men and women of God. Without the church, we never learn the fullness of faith and what it can be; so, we settle for whatever we have and wonder why we are unhappy.

God never intended for us to be the sole source of authority in our lives. We need the church; preachers, elders, and fellow church members to help keep us in line. He gave us a Bible and other men and women to help attain true faith and Christianity. Without the church, we settle for something that looks like the real thing but is a cheap imitation destined to fail.

Jeff Arnette preaches for the
Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC.

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Mark
Opening Hymn:
52—I Need Thee Every Hour
Opening Prayer: Dale
Hymn:
240—Tell It To Jesus
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Matthew 18:15-20
Hymn:
286—Olive's Brow
Lord's Supper: Robert
Hymn:
397—Precious Memories
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
592—O Happy Day
Closing Hymn:
43—More About Jesus
Closing Prayer: Ryan

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
May 21-25
Gospel Meeting
Chardon Church of Christ
Speaker: Mark Lance from Louisiana

CALENDAR

Feb. 19—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Feb. 21—(b) Jaden
Feb. 21—Lady's bible study at Bonnies
Feb. 22—(a) Ray & Barb
Feb. 26—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
Mar. 5—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom. Business meeting
Mar. 8—(b) Dale
Mar. 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
Mar. 15—(b) Jackson

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

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Gather Together

Matthew 18;15-20

WORD LIST

AGAINST	AGREE	ALONE
BETWEEN	BLIND	BROTHER
CHURCH	EARTH	ESTABLISH
FATHER	FAULT	GAINED
GATHER	HEARS	HEATHEN
HEAVEN	JESUS	LOOSE
MIDST	MOUTH	REFUSES
SINS	THREE	TOGETHER
TWO	WITNESSES	WORD

U C S A S F S P C A X U U N H
D N I L B L I E Q H L Z X E E
F F N P C P B N S P U O O V A
A T O G E T H E R S A R N A R
T R E H T O R B S P E G C E S
H T U O M M K E A N A N H H D
E S T A B L I S H I I E T D R
R I S T T E X D N T A S T I O
E I W Z S B H E S T A L V O W
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S L O E A N N W F A E E R H T
E S M S G B E T W E E N X V B
S D M U A Q G A O V B X K C R
V I C S I Q X Q L I S T T Z P

PRAYER LIST

- **Mynda's** sister-in-laws Father's health. Her friend **Kim's** health options
- **Debbie's** recovery is good; as her and **Mark** travel **Ackerman** family, **Debra's** health
- **Ruth** is home now & attending services
- **Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery
- **Bonnie's** daughters: **Renee's** hand surgery recovery & grandson **Devin** study
- **Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**
- **Mary** and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip recovery, **Kathy**, severe feet issues, medical procedure and pain, her sister and friends. She is home
- **Linda's** health and procedures. Her friend **Mark**.
- **Tilfany's** boyfriend **Dan's** health
- **Zarna** and her family
- **Juanita**, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
- **Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.
- **Dale's** health issues, headaches and his family. His **Mother's** medical treatments. His friend **Riley** (age 6) with cancer. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's** heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues
- **Ray** and his family. **Rebecca's** right knee injuries
- **Pat** and her family
- **Jessie**, Doug's friend, health

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' ¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

¹⁸ "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again^[d] I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

If you have to sneak to do it, lie to cover it up, or delete it to avoid it being seen, then you probably shouldn't be doing it.