

Good News From Chardon

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Seeking God?

"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

No one finds God by accident. They seek in vain who would seek Him through the words of philosophers, cult leaders or even preachers that claim to speak for God apart from the word of God. Trusting the various shallow wells of human wisdom would leave us void of the fountain of life. Only God knows God's heart and His purpose and plan for man. The apostle Paul, in speaking of the "wisdom of men" in contrast to "the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 2), writes, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man that is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:11). In verse ten he made it plain that this knowledge is not apart from the revelation of truth through Christ's chosen apostles, such as himself: "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." While a limited comprehension of God is through His creation, as Paul asserted in Romans 1:19-20, yet a fuller and clearer revelation of God's truth was made in the giving of the Law of God in written form through Moses and the prophets, the completed body of knowledge awaited the coming of Christ. Hebrews 1:1-1-2a declared, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son...." Through Christ and His inspired apostles the gospel (good news) of Christ was to be proclaimed to "all the world" (Mark 16:15), resulting in the salvation of baptized believers (v. 16).

While the Lord's apostles are no longer with us, the Holy-Spirit-inspired-message of reconciliation with God through Christ is not lacking but is recorded for us in the writings of some of the apostles and men associated with them in that book we call "the Bible." The inspired writings of both the Old and New Testaments are frequently referred to simply as "the scriptures." To what better source could we possibly go in order to seek and find God? They alone lead us to Jesus Christ, who declared, "...No man knoweth the Son, but the Father: neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and He to whosoever the Son will reveal Him" (Matthew 11:27). One cannot bypass Christ and still find God. He plainly made this known when He said to the apostles, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). Christ and His message, as revealed through the apostles, are inseparable. By that message man's claim to truth must be tested. Even those who questioned the apostle Paul's preaching are declared to have been "noble" because "they searched the scriptures daily (to see) whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). True preachers of the word will not contradict Scripture, which was "given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Satan is a master of deception, and he uses those who speak "contrary to the doctrine" the apostles taught, and "by good words and fair speeches deceiveth the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:16-18). If you would seek God from the heart, we would urge you to read and heed your Bible, and let it lead you to God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Mark
Opening Hymn:
227—Stand Up For Jesus
Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:
352—I'll Be List'ning
Scripture Reading: Ryan
1 Corinthians 2:9-16
Hymn:
179—When I Survey The Cross
Lord's Supper: Mark
Hymn:
563—Send The Light
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
480—Have You Counted The Cost?
Closing Hymn:
406—Savior, Grant Me Rest And Peace
Closing Prayer: Ray

Mark your calendar!
September 17th
Gospel Meeting
Speaker: Mark Lance
from Louisiana

CALENDAR

July 16—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark, Business meeting
July 16—(a) Gary & Cindy
July 17—(b) Myron
July 23—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
July 25—Ladies' Bible Study
July 30—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Aug. 6—Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
Aug. 9—(a) Ray & Rebecca
Check bulletin board for events in the area & other news

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

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Deep Things of God

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

WORD LIST

COMPARE	DEEP	DESCERN
ENTERED	EXCEPT	FOOLISH
FREELY	GIVEN	HEARD
HEART	JUDGES	KNOWS
LORD	LOVE	MIND
NATURAL	PREPARED	RECEIVED
REVEAL	SEARCH	SEEN
SPEAK	SPIRIT	SPIRITUAL
TEACHES	THINGS	WISDOM
WORDS	WORLD	WRITTEN

P E X C E P T D D H E Y B P T
R R F D I X Q E E R C P R E H
E E E U N E E S R L A R G E T
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PRAYER LIST

Mynda's sisters-in-law Father's health. Jacob
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** heart and
back. Ron's son-in-law **Bob**
Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke
recovery
Bonnie's grandson **Devin** study, **Dakota**
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine &**
Joyce .
Mary and her family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's**
Pregnancy. Friend **Cindi** had good test news
Kathy, is in Holly Hill Rehab facility and has her
prosthesis, her sister and friends, send cards.
Linda's health, **Tiffany's** health & stress
Zarna and her family
Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, 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** breathing issue.. His friend
Riley (age 6) with cancer. Brother in Christ
Darrell's surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's**
heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues.
7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with leukemia.
Ray's new medication and his family.
Rebecca's right knee injuries & illness
Steven digestive tests & illness
Pat and her family
Rylan, 10 year old. Urgent brain surgery recovery

Memory verses from James chapter 1

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you
fall into various trials.

James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let
every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to
wrath.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not
hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.