

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 mu-

sic; 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; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; **Teaching** of God's Word; Acts 2:42.

Calendar

Oct. 9—Bible Study 10 am
Oct. 9—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Larry am; Ray pm
Oct. 9—Potluck
Oct. 9-12—Gospel Meeting,
Streetsboro
Oct. 9—7th Annual Midwest Lecture
ship, Dayton
Oct. 10—a. Carl & Mary
Oct. 12—Bible Study 7 pm
Oct. 12—b. Steven
Oct. 15—b. Tom
Oct. 16—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker Mark am; Ray pm
Oct. 16-19—Gospel Meeting Mentor

Answer to the Puzzle:

Wherefore be ye not unwise

Opportunity : A thing which keeps some people from succeeding because it's disguised as hard work

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

October 9, 2016

The Need for Personal Study

Why has attendance been greatly stressed among God's people in the past? We cannot ignore that the attendance changes between different Bible classes and worship services on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Are elders and spiritual leaders just being "nit-picky," or is there a deeper issue that concerns our fellow Christians when they see our lack of participation?

We have approximately 168 hours in a week. If we attend ALL of the regular congregational worship services and studies, we have made a four hour investment in our spiritual development. That is roughly 2.4% of our week's time that we dedicate to God. What about Christians that are a part of congregations that only meet once or twice a week? Then that percentage theoretically will go down. If we invest nothing else into our spiritual lives, these numbers look sad compared to the amount of time we spend on entertainment and other non-spiritual things.

It seems that, even though attendance has been the measure of faithfulness in the past, congregational worship and study should be viewed as the mountain top of what we are consistently investing in our personal spiritual development. We know that faith is built upon our access to, meditation on, and devotion toward God's word (Romans 10:17). The great salvation provided through Jesus Christ should provoke us to want an intimate relationship with the Creator, desiring to seek His ways over ours. As the Psalmist said: "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you," (Psalm 119:11, ESV).

Why is personal study so important? Faith is described in the New Testament as the starting point of spiritual development and growth (2 Peter 1:5-10). Faith is also the Christian shield that protects us against the flaming arrows of the enemy (Ephesians 6). What happens when that shield is splintered, shattered, and/or broken? It needs to be repaired. Like a plant needing maintenance and care, so our faith needs to be watered, tended, and matured. Consider these five reasons we need to develop and grow our personal study of God's word: Personal study enables us to have a better understanding of spiritual things (Psalm 119:99); Personal study is connected to our salvation, and the salvation of others who witness our faith (1 Timothy 4:11-16); Personal study can help us better protect our minds and hearts (Philippians 4:6-9); Personal study gives us experience to better handle God's word (2 Timothy 2:15); Personal study better prepares us for fighting off temptation (Matt. 4; Luke 4).

The bottom line, however, is that no one can do this for us. We are responsible for our own spiritual growth and development. Are you satisfied with your current spiritual investments? I know I am not always satisfied with mine. Let's take and make personal study personal!

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time...Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is," (Ephesians 5:15-17, ESV).

Robert Guinn preaches for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY

Sunday Worship Services, Oct. 9, 2016

Greetings and Announcements Larry
 Song Leader Mark
 Hymn Safely Through Another Week—21
 Opening Prayer (Please Stand) Ray
 Hymn He Keeps Me Singing—157
 Scripture Reading (Ephesians 5:15-21) Dale
 Hymn Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?—300
 Lord's Supper. Tom & Ron
 Hymn He's My King—173
 Sermon (AM)..... Larry
 Invitational Hymn (Please Stand) ... Will Jesus Find Us Watching?—637
 Hymn Count Your Blessings—68
 Closing Prayer. (Please Stand) Robert

Prayer List

*Rebecca is at home recovering from knee surgery.

*Ruth wrist is healing well.

*Pat's doctor is adjusting her medication following her nuclear stress test.

*Juanita's son Ron and daughter Debbie.

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

*David, Doreen and their family.

*Nina's friend Audrey (cancer) Tom's friend Janelle (lung transplant) is no longer on a respirator.

*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 Broadcasting 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

Walk in Wisdom Ephesians 5:15-21

ALWAYS	ANOTHER	BECAUSE	CHRIST
CIRCUMSPECTLY	DRUNK	EXCESS	FATHER
FILLED	FOOLS	GIVING	HEART
HYMNS	JESUS	MAKING	MELODY
PSALMS	REDEEMING	SINGING	SONGS
SPEAKING	SPIRITUAL	SUBMITTING	THANKS
THINGS	UNDERSTANDING	WHEREIN	YOURSELVES

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