

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

June 7, 2025

Issue 23

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

17—Revive Us Again

Opening Prayer: Darryl

Hymn:

90—Into Our Hands

Scripture Reading: Ryan

John 15;9-15

Hymn:

297—When My Love To Christ Grows Weak

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

444—Sing To Me Of Heaven

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

613—Are You Washed In The Blood

Closing Hymn:

84—Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Closing Prayer: Dale

♪ Kneel at the cross,
Christ will meet you there,
He intercedes for you;
Lift up your voice,
Leave with Him your care
And begin life a new.
Kneel at the cross,
Give your idols up,
Look unto realms above;

CALENDAR

June 7—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker Tom, Business meeting

June 14—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker Tom

June 15-(b) Derek

June 15-(b) Audrey

June 19-(b) Asher

June 19-(a) Danny & Susan

June 21—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker Tom

Does the Bible Offer Hope for Depression?

Depression is perhaps the most common emotional problem that we face today. Experts suggest as many as one out of five Americans experience severe depression some time during their lives, and depression may be the most common health problem for women. Symptoms of depression include apathy, insomnia, difficulty in concentrating, and a general loss of interest in life. Severely depressed people may become suicidal, violent, or completely withdrawn. Depression has always been a problem for mankind. Bible characters such as King Saul, Elijah the prophet, Job, and others experienced depression.

Sources of depression may be physical, psychological, or spiritual. Fatigue, chemical imbalances, and other physical problems may cause depression. After his defeat of the prophets of Baal and Asherah on Mount Carmel, Elijah was physically exhausted. When Jezebel threatened his life, he fled into the wilderness and was ready to die. The angel of the Lord comforted him and strengthened him with food, telling him, "Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee" (1 Kings 19:7). He still felt overwhelmed and alone, however. He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away" (1 Kings 19:10). He repeated, "I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away" (1 Kings 19:14). The Lord encouraged him by letting him know that there were still seven thousand faithful, and by sending Elisha to help him.

Loss is a common psychological cause of depression. Job lost his possessions, his family, his health, and even his reputation. He cried, "the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came" (Job 3:25-26). Later he learned that God continued to control the universe, saying "I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee" (Job 42:2). Unfulfilled hopes and dreams, and feelings of worthlessness or helplessness brought on by stress also cause depression. These feelings often come because a person has lost the proper perspective. Disappointments may be opportunities in disguise, however. They may be times to rearrange priorities, making our life priorities more in line with God's will.

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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Kenny's** health, **Celeste** health issue, **Camden** family, **Aunt Donna** and family during a difficult time
Tom & Nina health, her surgery recovery, Sister in law **Frances** health, niece **Tanya's** transfer to Tenn. Daughter **Jenny** and family
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale** health
Bonnie's health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota, Dillon, Mick, Connor.** Daughters **Ronda** and **Renee.**
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen.** Her sister **Joyce's** brother in law health, her sisters surgery recovery
Mary, Carl and family, Nephew **Seth & wife Liz.** Sister in law **Keatha & her sister Kathy** both with cancer
Jim G. health issues. Sadly Bev has passed away
Wayne and Diane G. with health issues
Kathy's health and he, she is sick in the hospital, friends Channing, Jimmy & Howard, Kim, Rex, Edward Family, Nick & Emily Family, Sandi & John
Linda's health, **Tiffany** & family. **Christian** seizures, son **John & wife Becky's** health, great Grand daughter **Dahlia** health. **Ethan's** health
Belinda's 5 year old son, **Kwabena,** in Ghana with fever convulsions.
Zarna and her family
Juanita health. Her family. Nurse's aid Maddie's health
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches, His family & mother. 7 year old girl, **Lucie,** with Leukemia. Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **Jalen's** mental health. Cousins Aleeka & Toni healthy bodies & minds
Ray health, his family. He is at Chardon Health Care room #203. **Steven and Asher.**
Robert & Sara, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's father **Jeff's** health, her mother **Connie's** health Friend **Allie** with multiple cancer
Brenda heart issues & legs, son **Mark's** heart issues, sister-in-law **Linda,** breast cancer, grandson **Jason** neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda.** brother **Jim** surgery recovery, Friend **Marge** cancer. Great nephew's back injury
Larry is in Ohio now
Carol & Myron, his health and legs

John 15:9-15

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

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It is helpful to remember when overwhelmed by feelings of helplessness and worthlessness to remember that God is still in control. He demonstrated His love in the cross. "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Sin must have its spiritual consequences, which very often includes depression. Obedience to the Lord is the key. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (John 15:10). God does not intend for us to be depressed, and is eager to forgive and comfort. His love demonstrates this. A wise counselor points the depressed person to God.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Answer: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

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