

# Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

June 14, 2026

Issue 24

## Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

**2—We're Marching To Zion**

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

**578—This Is My Father's World**

Scripture Reading: Darryl

Luke 17:20-25

Hymn:

**257—Amazing Grace**

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

**577—Heavenly Sunlight**

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

**98—I Surrender All**

Closing Hymn:

**112—Angry Words**

Closing Prayer: Ryan

## How are the Church and the Kingdom Related?

The burning question in the hearts of the early Jews was the question of when the Messiah would establish His kingdom on earth and reign upon David's throne. Most misunderstood the issue, and even the disciples were caught up in misconceptions of the nature of the Lord's kingdom. Just before His ascension, they asked Jesus, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). They just did not understand the true nature or identity of the kingdom of God.

The word "kingdom," as used in the New Testament, means "royal power, kingship, the territory subject to a king, the reign of the Messiah," with primary reference to the rule, reign, and authority of God. New Testament writers used it in several senses. Paul spoke of the eternity of the kingdom: "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom" (2 Timothy 4:18). Jesus used kingdom in another sense when He told the Pharisees, "behold, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21), meaning that the kingdom, or rule of God was in their midst through His ministry as the Son of God. The primary use of the term "kingdom," however, is in reference to the church.

After Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus blessed Peter, saying, "upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 16:18-19). Jesus here used the phrases "my church" and "kingdom of heaven" interchangeably. Writing later, Paul rejoiced with the Colossian Christians that God "hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13). Just a few verses later he identified the kingdom as "the body, the church" (Colossians 1:18).

John the Baptizer, Jesus, and the apostles all preached that the kingdom was "at hand," or near. "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2). "Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17).

The New Testament church surely fulfills the Old Testament prophecies of the kingdom. Daniel declared that "in the

♪ He leadeth me!  
O blessed tho't!  
O words with heav'nly comfort  
fraught!  
What e'er I do, where e'er I be,  
Still 'tis Gods hand that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me,  
He leadeth me,  
By His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful follow'r I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me.♪

## CALENDAR

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

## 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** is at Maple View Country Villa under hospice, 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  
**Tim K.** upcoming heart procedure

days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed" (Daniel 2:44). The "kings" referred to the Roman Empire, the fourth kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar's dream image, the kings who controlled first century Judaea when the church was established. **(continued on back)**

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Jesus Himself predicted that the kingdom would be established within the lifetime of the apostles. "Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power" (Mark 9:1). The kingdom surely came with power on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

People become citizens of the kingdom of God, the church, by the new birth, being born of the water and the spirit. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

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### WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

*Answer: 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

**Luke 17:20-25** 20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. 22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. 23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. 24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. 25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

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