

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

Dec. 18—Bible Study 10 am

Dec. 18—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Mark

Dec. 21—Bible Study 7 pm

Dec. 25—Bible Study 10 am

Dec. 25—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Mark am; Tom pm

Dec. 28—Bible Study canceled for the winter

Jan. 1—Bible Study 10 am

Jan. 1—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Mark

Jan. 2—b. Carl

Answer to the Puzzle:

Hidden Phrase: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God

Love forgives what courtesy and courage could have avoided.

Church of Christ

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Chardon, Ohio 44024
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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

December 18, 2016

The Reason For The Season?

It's December! For many, especially children, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." It is also the time of the year when we hear the slogan, "Jesus is the reason for the season." How do you feel about that slogan?

I take issue! Jesus is not "the reason for the season." For devoted Christians, Jesus is "the reason for all of life"—our lives! Read Colossians 3:1-4! Paul reminds us that Christ is "our life." We "died" and "were raised with Christ," an allusion to our repentance and baptism (2:11-12). We "seek those things which are above" and our minds are set "on things above." Our lives are "hidden with Christ in God." A "season" may be long enough for those of a secular mindset, for those who give a little thought to Jesus this time of the year. But to God's faithful a "lifetime" is not long enough to serve the Lord we love! He is not "the reason for our season"—He is "the reason for our surrender."

We rejoice every day that God sent His Son into the world to save us—the story of His birth being a part of that grander scheme. Many are enamored with the story of Jesus' birth because a babe in a manger makes no demand upon their lives. They can have God without obligation. They can talk about His birth, sing a carol or two and then walk away. The emphasis of the gospel, however, is on the Lordship of Christ, not the birth of Christ. In the first sermon to the Jews Peter declared that Jesus is "both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). In the first sermon to the Gentiles he declared that Jesus is "Lord of all" (Acts 10:36). His birth is only the beginning of the story! Surrendering to Him as Lord is the story! Wise men still seek Him! Wise men surrender to Him as Lord!

Dwight Fuqua, Sparta, TN
By Bulletin Digest | December 17, 2016

Sunday Worship Services, Dec. 18, 2016

Greetings and Announcements Mark
 Song Leader Ray
 Hymn Brighten the Corner Where You Are—82
 Opening Prayer (Please Stand) Larry
 Hymn Where Could I Go—437
 Scripture Reading (Colossians 2:11-15) Dale
 Hymn Break Thou The Bread of Life—51
 Lord's Supper. Tom & Ryan
 Hymn Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah—40
 Sermon (AM)..... Mark
 Invitational Hymn ... (Please Stand) ... Why Keep Jesus Waiting?—624
 Hymn Be With Me Lord—27
 Closing Prayer. (Please Stand) David

Prayer List

*Steven hurt his shoulder and was unable to be with us last week.

*Pat had not been feeling well.

*Mark in rehab and recovering from his knee injury.

*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.

*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.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Eric who put on his Lord in baptism last week. We are all very proud of Eric and happy that he made this important decision.

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

Not Legalism but Christ

Colossians 2:11-15

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QUICKENED	RAISED	SINS	SPOILED
TOGETHER	TOOK	TRESPASSES	TRIUMPHING
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