

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.

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 music; Eph. 5:19; **Praying** to God; Acts

2:42. Observing the **Lord's Supper** each first day of the week; Acts 2:42; **Giving** by members of the congregation; I Cor. 16:1-2; **Teaching** of God's Word; Acts 2:42.

Calendar

Jan. 1—Bible Study 10 am

Jan. 1—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom

Jan. 1—Business Meeting

Jan. 2—b. Carl

Jan. 4—Bible Study canceled for
the winter

Jan. 8—Bible Study 10 am

Jan. 8—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Mark

Jan. 8—Potluck

Jan. 11—Bible Study canceled for
the winter

Jan. 13—b. Cindy

Answer to the Puzzle:

Hidden Phrase: See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise

*A truly happy person is one who
can enjoy the scenery on a detour.*

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.

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Church Bulletin

Sunday

January 1, 2017

As The Year Ends

By Ronald Bartanen

As the year 2016 rapidly draws to a close, we should remind ourselves once again of this gift of God we call "time." How quickly the year has passed! Time has been described as "a section cut from the great circle of eternity," and "the uncertain boundaries of life on earth." Ben Franklin said, "Doest thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." Someone else once said, "I have no yesterdays. Time took them all away. Tomorrow may not be, but I have today." Time has great value. Although you may not be paid an hourly wage, you cannot limit the value of time.

If you would burn a \$100 bill, you would be destroying more than the paper and ink of which it consists. You would, in essence, be taking bread from your table, medicine from the sick, and books from the scholar. Likewise, the value of time is not in itself, but in what time offers us—the blessings, privileges, and opportunities of life.

Time is NOW. Not yesterday—all of the yesterdays have passed on, and its opportunities are no more. Tomorrow has not yet come—and it may never be. You are left with only today. This must have been in the apostle Paul's mind when he admonished, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16, NKJV). Time well-spent is time spent in the will of God.

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