#### 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 reveled 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. 22—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Mark

Jan. 25—Bible Study canceled for the winter

Jan. 26—b. Amy

Jan. 29—Bible Study 10 am

Jan. 29—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Mark

Jan. 31—b. Logan

Feb. 1—Bible Study canceled for the winter

Feb. 5—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Mark

Feb. 8—Bible Study canceled for the winter

#### **Answer to the Puzzle:**

Hidden Phrase: Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

"The grand essentials in this life are something to do, something to love and something to hope for." (Addison)

#### **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

January 22, 2017

#### **Ambition and Walking Worthy**

When it comes to goals and setting goals, Christians should only be setting worthy goals. We are too important to God and too much has been paid for us to waste our time on trivial, worldly goals. I am reminded of what scripture says at this point. Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 1:10, and 1 Thessalonians 2:12 tells us to walk in a manner worthy of our Lord, of our calling, and of God.

As Christians we have a responsibility to walk worthy of the great cost paid for our salvation. If I am going to be successful in walking worthy of my Lord and live up to His expectations I must have a strong ambition.

What exactly is ambition? Ambition is, "A powerful personal drive towards achieving goals which are regarded as being of importance to the individual. Ambition is viewed negatively when these goals are selfish or evil, and positively when they are directed towards building up the church or furthering the kingdom of God" (Manser, Martin H. Dictionary of Bible Themes. London: 2009).

Now let's clarify here. Selfish ambition is clearly condemned in scripture (Philippians 2:3), but striving to live for Jesus and put the kingdom first is not. In fact, Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:31-33 that we must not get caught up in seeking selfish things, but He then tells us clearly to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness above all things.

My point is this: If we are going to be successful as Christians then we have to want it badly. We must strive, we must be ambitious, and we must put the kingdom ahead of all other things. Only then will we set goals that are worthy of being Christians. Carefully consider this last passage about the desire to win (ambition) as Christians.

1 Corinthians 9:24–27 - "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."

Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC

#### Sunday Worship Services, Jan. 22, 2017

Greetings and Announcements
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Hymn
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Lord's Supper
Hymn Give Me the Bible—501
Sermon (AM) Mark
Invitational Hymn Please Stand) Have Thine Own Way—84
Hymn
Closing Prayer (Please Stand)

# Trayer List

\*Pat will have surgery on Jan. 25th to remove a mole from her back.

- \*Nina will have outpatient surgery on the 27th to remove an IVC filter.
- \*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 greatgrandson 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 Broad-casting 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@roadrun ner. com

## Walk in Unity

#### **Scripture Reference: Ephesians 4:1-6**

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