#### 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. 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

Feb. 8—b. Mason

Feb. 12—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Mark

Feb. 15—Bible Study canceled for the winter

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

Hidden Phrase: So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

It's easier to fool people than it is to convince them they have been fooled.

(Mark Twain)

### **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 29, 2017

#### **Christ and Costs**

#### By Ron Thomas

It is a tragic thing to see that people who want to be Christian refuse to see embrace what the Lord said with regard to costs. The Lord is not interested in one's money, or possessions; He is interested in the person. Has that individual, however, taken the same interest in the Lord? In Luke 14:25-27, the Lord is rather plain spoken about what is required of one who wants to enjoy the blessings of heaven. Each person must take up the cross of Jesus. This is NOT some vague notion of being a good person; no, it is hardly that.

Think about what it means to take up the cross of Jesus by thinking about what Jesus Himself did while He walked on this earth. Are you prepared to do that?

He was, first, committed to the Father's will (John 17:4). This is a comprehensive plan for one's life. That means that all other commitments are secondary and, in fact, there is no commitment like one's commitment to the Father's will. Second, this cost was an embracing of not only "what," but the "why." To become a Christian is to become a "what" (if you will); you have a new name. The "why" component gets to the depth of one's knowledge, love and trust. When Abraham was declared righteous by God (Genesis 15:6), it was not because of a mere surface belief. It was a commitment to Him who held Abraham's very breath in the palms of His hands. Abraham well understood what he was doing, where is was being led (or going), and why he went that way. This is why he is called the "father of the faithful." Third, it is not only a life-change for the one who has a clear understanding of the "why," it is also a perspective on what is important in life.

If one's desire and emotion is planted firmly in things of this world, then the Lord will not be the fruit produced in life. If one desires to plant two seeds in order to get the best of both worlds, then salvation is lost –and this applies especially to Christians!

Ron Thomas preacher for the Sunrush Church of Christ, Chillicothe, OH

## Sunday Worship Services, Jan. 22, 2017

Greetings and Announcer	ments	
Song Leader		Myron
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Hymn		Is It For Me, Dear Savior?—366
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Hymn		True Worship—9
Lord's Supper		Tom & Ron
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Sermon (AM)		Mark
Invitational Hymn	. Please Stand) .	I Am Thine, O Lord—4
Hymn		Praise God—67
Closing Prayer	(Please Stan	d)Robert

## Trayer List

\*Juanita's son Ron had surgery last week.

\*The LaConte's grandson, Mason,

is having medical issues.

- \*Pat's surgery on the 25th went well.
- \*Nina's outpatient surgery last Friday was successful.
- \*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

## **Leaving All to Follow Christ**

Scripture Reference: Luke 14:25-33

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