

## 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

June 18—Bible Study 10 am Mark

June 18—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Tom

June 18—a. Danny & Susan

June 21—Bible Study 7 pm Tom

June 22—b. Brendan

June 23—Area Wide Sing in  
Chardon

June 25—Bible Study 10 am  
Mark

June 25—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Tom

June 28—Bible Study 7 pm  
Tom

June 28—a. Myron & Carole

### Answer to the Puzzle:

Hidden Phrase: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**“Adversity causes some men to break;  
others to break records.”**

**William A. Ward**

## Church of Christ

128 Maple Avenue  
Chardon, Ohio 44024  
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[Chardonchurchofchrist.org](http://Chardonchurchofchrist.org)

### 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

June 18, 2017

## Your Father Called

By Joe Slater

Years ago I saw a clever TV ad by a religious group: “Your Father called, and He wants you to come home.” God, our Heavenly Father, has, indeed, called us. He did this through the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14), not through human traditions. As the parable of the lost son teaches us, the Father wants His wayward children to come home (Luke 15).

Primarily, the lost son in Luke 15 stands for the child of God who has fallen away. There is a sense, however, in which all people are children of God, having been made in His image (Acts 17:28, 29). Either way, God desires that sinners come home. He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Why won't children come home? Sometimes it is because they don't like the rules of the house. “Nobody's going to tell me what to do!” Rebellion prompted the young son in Jesus' parable to leave the Father's house; and it kept him away until he came to his senses. Only when he was willing to submit to his father did he return home.

God our Father has some rules for His family, too. They are contained in the New Testament. Self-willed people leave when they don't like the rules. Tragically, they stay away until and unless they come to their senses and submit to the Father's authority.

Sometimes children won't come home because they don't appreciate the blessings of their father's house. The young son in the parable obviously thought he would be much happier on his own, doing as he pleased, spending his inheritance on whatever tickled his fancy. For a time, it appeared that he was right. Why would he come home when he was having so much fun?

Then the famine struck; finally, the boy realized how foolish he had been. He was impoverished while his father's servants enjoyed plenty. Now he understood how blessed he had been as a son in his father's house; he was willing to return, even to a lesser station.

Few people comprehend the blessedness of being a faithful child of God. The world pulls at us, tempting us with the deceitful pleasures of sin. We foolishly allow ourselves to believe we'll be better off doing the works of the flesh than bearing the fruit of the Spirit. Eventually, we discover that Satan makes big promises, but doesn't deliver. We find ourselves starving in the barren wasteland of sin. Why, oh why, did we ever leave the Father's house?

Are you away from God? Do you see the tragic mistake you made? Why not change your mind and change your ways? Your Father called, and He wants you to come home.

Joe Slater serves as minister of the Church of Christ in Justin, TX

## Sunday Worship Services, June 18, 2017

Greetings and Announcements. . . . . Tom  
 Song Leader. . . . . Myron  
 Hymn . . . . . Sweet Hour of Prayer—23  
 Opening Prayer . . . . . (Please Stand). . . . . Dale  
 Hymn . . . . . How Great Thou Art—1A  
 Scripture Reading . . . . . (Hebrews 13:7-6). . . . . Mark  
 Hymn . . . . . Olive's Brow—286  
 Lord's Supper. . . . . , , Ray & David  
 Hymn . . . . . O to be Like Thee—255  
 Sermon. . . . . Tom  
 Invitational Hymn . . . . . (Please Stand). . . . . Hark, the Gentle Voice—78  
 Hymn . . . . . Praise God—67  
 Closing Prayer. . . . . (Please Stand). . . . . Robert

### Prayer List

\*Mark and his family are in Virginia.

\*Ray M. experienced breathing problems last week. He talked to a doctor about another issue and

he that recommended Ray see a carpal tunnel specialist.

\*Madelyn injured her leg last Wednesday.

\*Ruth's nephew, George's son, passed away.

\*Beverly went to the emergency room with heart problems.

\*Pat has not been well.

\*It was good to have Cindy back with us last Sunday.

\*Juanita had a cold this past week.

\*Juanita's son, Ron, and her daughter, Debbie.

\*Dale, his mother, and his cousins Reginald and Cartrell.

\*David, Doreen and their family.

\*Ruth (arthritis), and her brother George.

\*Ron & Pat's great grandson Bryan, and Ron's brother Gerald.

\*Rebecca, Ray and their son Steven, and other members of the family.

\*Our Congregation and Our Nation.

\*Our Veterans and their families.

### Things to Remember

Chardon Website:

[Chardonchurchofchrist.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:Church_of_Christ@roadrunner.com)

## Religious Directions

Hebrews 13:7-16

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BLOOD	BODIES	BROUGHT	BURNED
CARRIED	CONDUCT	CONSIDERING	CONTINUALLY
DOCTRINES	ESTABLISHED	FAITH	FOLLOW
FORGET	GIVING	GRACE	HEART
OCCUPIED	OUTCOME	OUTSIDE	PEOPLE
PLEASED	PRAISE	PRIEST	PROFITED
REMEMBER	REPROACH	SACRIFICES	SANCTUARY
SERVE	SHARE	SPOKEN	STRANGE
SUFFERED	TABERNACLE	THANKS	THEREFORE
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