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Jesus Christ that Paul told Timothy to hold fast to (2 Timothy 1:13). It is the faith which Jude commanded Christians to earnestly contend for (Jude 3). It is the same seed of the kingdom that produced the church of Jesus Christ in the first century and will produce the same in the twenty-first century (Luke 8:11).

We must continually examine ourselves to make sure that we are following the Faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). To remain the true church of Christ, we must resist the cultural trends that are eroding the soil of truth, integrity, and morality.

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## 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.



Aug 13—Bible Study 10 am—Dale
Aug.13—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Mark
Aug. 13—Potluck
Aug. 14—a. Robert & Sara
Aug. 16—Bible Study 7 pm—Tom
Aug. 18—Area Sing—Streetsboro
Aug. 20—Bible Study 10 a.mDale
Aug. 20—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Mark
Aug. 22—b. Carole
Aug. 23—Bible Study 7 pm—Tom
Aug. 25—Area Sing—Hanoverton
Aug 27—Bible Study 10 am—Dale

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

Hidden Phrase: Ask for the old paths, where the good way is.

# When searching for faults and flaws the best place to start is with a mirror.

# **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

August 13, 2017

## Who Are We?

Sunday

### **By Kevin Rutherford**

Did you ever wake up one morning, look in the mirror, and then wonder who that is staring back at you? Time moves so quickly and changes us just as rapidly. We change physically, spiritually, and emotionally as the years go by. Did you ever go to church one Sunday morning, observe what was going on, and then wonder who we are? What is this church? What has the church become? Who are we?

National culture is like a swiftly flowing river. There are ever swirling and changing currents within the culture. Some of those currents become strong and dominant while others weaken and vanish. Our national culture has within it currents caused by the emptying of moral sewage into the flow. Some of those polluted currents have become dominant and are growing stronger. Unfortunately those immoral currents in culture often affect the church. This should not be the case. The church is to affect the culture (1 Peter 2:9-12). The culture is not to affect the church (1 John 2:15-17).

While it is true that we should be willing to fit in with our culture in hopes of saving those who are a part of that culture, we must never do so at the expense of truth (1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 11:1-16; Ephesians 5:11; Acts 5:29). If we compromise the truth for the sake of the latest trends, fads, and fashions, we will lose our influence and become good for nothing (Matthew 5:13).

So, who are we? When you look at some congregations of the Lord's church, you see that they have been greatly influenced by the religious and moral culture of our country. These congregations have begun justifying immorality in their doctrine, while turning to entertainment in their worship. Examining such congregations makes one realize that rapidly passing time and the ever swirling currents of culture have had disastrous effects upon the church. These currents of cultural change have eroded the integrity of the church much like a swollen river might erode the soil on the river bank. Those congregations have truly changed. In fact they have left behind the old paths and have compromised the word of God (Jeremiah 6:16). Perhaps God Himself no longer recognizes them (Revelation 2 & 3).

Who should we be? We must be the Lord's church. We can only be the true church of Christ if we follow the Law given to us by Christ (John 12:48). The form, stamp, or pattern which produces the church was preached in the first century (Romans 6:17). The same church was produced everywhere that same form was preached in the first century (1 Corinthians 4:17). That pattern is the Gospel of

## Sunday Worship Services, Aug. 13, 2017

Greetings and Announcements
Hymn
Lord's Supper Dale & Ryan Hymn
Sermon

\*Linda's son-in-Irayer Tim, law. passed away yesterday. \*Ray S's brother -in-law has brain cancer.

\*Ray M's hand surgery last week went well.

List

\*Susan's brother-in-law. Bobby, had pre-cancerous tumors removed from his colon.

\*Dale's mother and 2 cousins.

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

\*Ron, Pat, and their great grandson Bryan..

\*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

\*Ruth and her brother George.

\*Our Congregation

\*Our Nation & Our Veterans.

**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@roadrun ner. com

### The Old Paths

### Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 6:16-20

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