



**Nov. 4, 2018**

**Church of Christ**  
**128 Maple Ave.**  
**Chardon, OH 44024**  
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## **Schedule of Services:**

**Greeting:** Tom

**Song Leader:** Ray

**Opening Hymn:**

48—Hallelujah! What A Savior!

**Opening Prayer:**

Myron

**Hymn:**

461—On Jordan's Stormy Banks

**Scripture Reading:**

Robert

Philippians 4:10-19

**Hymn:**

300—Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

**Lord's Supper:**

Mark & Ron

**Hymn:**

255—O To Be Like Thee

**Sermon:** Tom

**Invitation Hymn:**

603—Jesus I Come

**Closing Hymn:**

116—Work for the Night is Coming

**Closing Prayer:**

Ryan



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## Being Thankful and Contented

With every day bringing what seems to be an endless parade of poor economic news, too many people are worried about the rainy day of tomorrow that they fail to see the sunshine of today. In spite of the negative outlook regarding the economy, there is still much for which we should be grateful and thankful as a nation and people that have been blessed abundantly by the Lord. As we are about to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, let us never lose sight of Who is the Source of all of our blessings.

The Apostle Paul certainly had his share of woes. All one needs to do to learn the truth of this is to read the 11th chapter of 2 Corinthians to find out how immensely Paul suffered. He had much in his life in which he could have complained. In spite of this, though, Paul was able to keep things in proper perspective and write the following while being bound in chains:

"I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:10-13)

Paul is grateful for their gift to him, but he wants the church to know that he has learned how to be content in every circumstance. He wants them to understand that his sufficiency is in the Lord and not in their ability to provide for him.

What a valuable lesson Paul was giving the church in Ephesus, and to us by extension today. Contentment is not controlled by outside events. Contentment does not come from having an abundance of material possessions. Contentment and inner peace, "the peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:6), comes from the knowledge that we have a loving, gracious and merciful Savior, and this knowledge will invigorate our entire being, leading us to have a positive attitude about life. As Paul tells his young protégé, Timothy, in 1 Timothy 6:6-11,

"If one is godly and content, there is great profit! We brought nothing into the world and we can't take anything out of it. If we have food and clothes, we will be satisfied with these things. But the people who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish desires that hurt them. These things drown men in ruin and destruction. Loving money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people want money so badly that they have wandered away from the faith. They have so painfully wounded themselves. But you, O man of God, run away from these things. Follow after faith, love, endurance, what is good, godly, and gentle."

May the Lord bless you and yours as you give Him thanks for all His blessings!

- David R. Ferguson preaches for the Lakeland Church of Christ in Mattoon, IL.

## PRAYER LIST

\*Pat was feeling better last week, but is still having health issues.  
 \*Dale's friend Zarna and her family especially her father who is ill.  
 \*Ray was in the ER last week and was diagnosed with cellulites.  
 \*Larry is still suffering back pain.  
 \*Cindy is feeling better and is able to be with us again.  
 \*Gary and Cindy's daughter, Lisa Marie, is doing very well.  
 \*Pat's second surgery went well.  
 \*Dale, his friend Jimmy, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.  
 \*Juanita, her sons, Dale and Ron and her daughter, Debbie.  
 \*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

## CALENDAR

Nov. 4—Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 Nov. 4—Bible Study 10 am Mark  
 Nov. 4—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Tom  
 Nov. 4—Business Meeting  
 Nov. 5—a. Ron & Pat  
 Nov. 8—b. Debbie  
 Nov. 10—b. Ben  
 Nov. 11—Bible Study 10 am Mark  
 Nov. 11—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Tom  
 Nov. 11—Potluck Luncheon

Answer to Puzzle: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

## Philippian Generosity

Scripture Reference: Philippians 4:10-19

ABASED	ABOUND	ACCEPTABLE	ACCORDING
ACCOUNT	BEGINNING	CHRIST	CHURCH
CONCERNING	CONTENT	DEPARTED	DISTRESS
EPAPHRODITUS	EVERYWHERE	FATHER	FLOURISHED
FOREVER	GREATLY	HUNGRY	INDEED
LEARNED	MACEDONIA	NECESSITIES	NEVERTHELESS
OPPORTUNITY	PHILIPPIANS	PLEASING	RECEIVED
REJOICED	SACRIFICE	STRENGTHENS	THESSALONICA
THROUGH	WHATEVER		

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Hidden Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Better soil your hands than your  
 character .**

**SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday Evening — 7:00 pm**

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