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Chardon Church of Christ

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**Church of Christ**  
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## Schedule of Services:

**Greeting:** Tom

**Song Leader:** Mark

**Opening Hymn:**  
260—Love Devine

**Opening Prayer:**  
Mark

**Hymn:**  
45—More Love To  
Thee

**Scripture Reading:**  
Gary  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-19

**Hymn:**  
297—When My Love  
To Christ

**Lord's Supper:**  
Ray & Robert

**Hymn:**  
273—O How I Love  
Jesus

**Sermon:** Tom

**Invitation Hymn:**  
613—Are You Washed  
in the Blood?

**Closing Hymn:**  
274A—Jesus Loves  
Me

**Closing Prayer:**  
Dale



## What Do You Thank?

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (The Apostle Paul, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

“We ought to make an effort to act on our first thoughts, and let our unspoken gratitude find expression. Then there will be more sunshine in the world, and more power to work for what is good.” (Albert Schweitzer)

While our nation pauses this week to celebrate a day of thanksgiving, we realize there are many who would say they are thankful for a number of things, such as their homes, their jobs, their health, and especially their families, but they don't know who to thank. Thankfulness should be expressed by thanksgiving. Someone once observed, “Pity the poor atheist. He may feel thankful in his heart for his good fortunes, but he has no one to thank.” Sad to say, there are also many who would not consider themselves to be atheists, but would fail to recognize the real source of all blessings—God. They are much like the birds and squirrels who frequent our patio in search of seeds or crumbs which we have put at their disposal. They have come to expect to find something to fill their needs, but most likely have no understanding as to the source of such provisions.

When we lose sight of the One “from Whom all blessings flow,” we seek to live our lives independent of Him. When that happens, all spins out of control. It is as Paul expressed it in Romans 1:21: “Because, though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became vain in their thoughts and their foolish hearts were darkened.” In the verses that followed he described the darkness of idolatry and sexual debauchery. The heart that realizes no dependence upon God is a heart that will take His blessings for granted and express no thankfulness toward the Creator and Sustainer of life.

When we put God out of our lives as a nation, the observance of Thanksgiving Day becomes no more than Turkey Day, a day for indulging ourselves. God would have us to partake of His bountiful supply, and to truly celebrate Thanksgiving with true thanksgiving to God from our hearts. May we heed Paul's admonition: “In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Ronald Bartanen preaches for church of Christ, Arthur, IL

# PRAYER LIST

\*Juanita's daughter Debbie is experiencing heart problems. Her son Ron is also having health issues.  
 \*Ray is wearing a heart monitor for the next two weeks.  
 \*Myron and Carole are out of town.  
 \*Pat is still having health issues.  
 \*Dale's friend Zarna and her family especially her father who is ill.  
 \*Larry was suffering severe back pain last week.  
 \*Gary and Cindy's daughter, Lisa Marie, is doing very well.  
 \*Dale, his friend Jimmy, his mother and his cousin Jayna

# CALENDAR

Nov. 18—Bible Study 10 am  
 Mark  
 Nov. 18—Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
 Speaker: Tom  
 Nov. 19—b. Connor  
 Nov. 19—b. Dillon  
 Nov. 22—b. Ray S.  
 Nov. 25—Bible Study 10 am  
 Mark  
 Nov. 25—Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
 Speaker: Tom  
 Nov. 25—a. Larry & Ruth

Answer to Puzzle: in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

# Be United

Scripture Reference: Philippians 4:2-7

ABSTAIN	ADMONISH	ALWAYS	AMONG
ANYONE	BRETHREN	CEASING	COMFORT
DESPISE	ESTEEM	EVERY	EXHORT
FAINTHEARTED	HIGHLY	LABOR	PATIENT
PEACE	PROPHECIES	PURSUE	QUENCH
RECOGNIZE	REJOICE	RENDERS	SPIRIT
THEIR	THINGS	THOSE	UNRULY
UPHOLD	WITHOUT	YOURSELVES	

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

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# Get rich quick! Count your blessings.

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

**Wednesday Evening — 7:00 pm**

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