



Good News From Chardon

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Issue 4

Planting Seeds

With the recent warmer weather comes thoughts of springtime. Springtime is planting time. We all are planting seeds of some sort. Some of us may be planting seeds in the minds of our children. Others may be planting seeds in the minds of Bible students. Whatever kind of seeds we plant; there are some general principles that apply. Let us make some observations about the planting the Word of God.

First, the seed must be the right seed. So much seed is sown today wrongly labeled as “God’s seed.” The true seed, however, is the Word of God. (Luke 8:11) We have all of God’s word we need. (2 Pet. 1:3) We are not to alter, change, or modify it. (Gal. 1:6-10; Rev. 22:18, 19) This seed is described as incorruptible. (1 Pet. 1:23) When God’s pure seed is sown on good ground, only good results will come. Is your heart ready for the pure seed of God’s word? Faith is produced by the word of God. (Rom. 10:17) Faith does not come from emotions or feelings, but in obedience and in compliance with the Word and the Will of God.

Second, seed must be planted in the right soil. If the soil is not right even the best seed won’t germinate correctly. Spiritually, we must have our hearts willing and ready to receive the Word. Those Peter preached to “gladly received the word.” (Acts 2:41) The word is to be implanted within us. (James. 1:21)

Third, the seed must be watered and nurtured. Sometimes seed is planted but nothing more happens. Paul explains how the process is to work. Paul planted seed. He stated, “I planted, Apollos watered, and God gave the increase.” (1 Cor. 3:6) Some people today might be seed planters. Others are good at watering, but let us always let God provide the increase. Paul writes to fathers to bring up children in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4 KJV) Throughout the coming years those seeds will need to be watered so that the plants will develop. Further nurturing will need to be done before harvest in the fall. In the Bible, the seed is the Word of God. (Luke 8:11)

The word of God must be planted in the heart and mind in order to save a person. Jesus told his apostles to “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not will be condemned.” (Mark 16:15, 16) The Bible tells us, “The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47 NKJV)

Bill Brandstatter preaches for the
Marion Church of Christ in Marion, IL.

Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Ray

Opening Hymn:

327—True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted

Opening Prayer:

Myron

Hymn:

355—Heaven Holds All To Me

Scripture Reading:

Larry

James 1:21-27

Hymn:

312—From the Garden to the Cross

Lord’s Supper:

Tom & Ron

Hymn:

392—An Empty Mansion

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

610—Shall I Crucify Him

Closing Hymn:

654--Abide With Me

Closing Prayer: Ryan

PRAYER LIST

*Pat is home from the hospital and feeling better.
 *Ron is still having problems with congestion.
 *Tom and Nina's sister-in-law, Martha, passed away.
 *Tom's cousin, Rob, is hospitalized with rapid on-set dementia.
 *Juanita and her family.
 *Dale's friend Zarna's father has health issues. Zarna is participating in a Bible Correspondence course. Pray that she is receptive to the gospel.
 *Larry and Ruth both fell last week.
 *Dale's friend Jimmy passed away. Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
 *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

CALENDAR

Jan. 27—Bible Study 10 am
 Tom
 Jan. 27—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
 Speaker: Mark
 Jan. 31—Logan
 Feb. 3—Bible Study 10 am
 Tom
 Feb. 3—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
 Speaker: Mark
 Feb. 3—Business Meeting
 Feb. 8—b. Mason
 Feb. 10—Bible Study 10 am
 Tom
 Feb. 10—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
 Speaker: Mark
 Feb. 10—Potluck
 Feb. 17—Bible Study 10 am
 Tom
 Feb. 17—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Doers of the Word James 1:21-27

AMONG	ANYONE	ASIDE	BEFORE
BLESSED	BRIDLE	CONTINUES	DECEIVES
FATHER	FILTHINESS	FORGETFUL	HEARER
HEART	HIMSELF	IMMEDIATELY	IMPLANTED
LIBERTY	LOOKS	MEEKNESS	MIRROR
NATURAL	OBSERVING	ONESELF	ORPHANS
OVERFLOW	PERFECT	RECEIVE	RELIGIOUS
SOULS	THEIR	THEREFORE	THINKS
TONGUE	TROUBLE	UNDEFILED	UNSPOTTED
USELESS	VISIT	WICKEDNESS	WIDOWS

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Hidden Message:

Answer to puzzle: be doers of the word,
 and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves

"If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up
 someplace else." – Yogi Berra

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening — Postponed until Spring
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