

Good News From Chardon

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Are We Scared...or Comforted?

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A 71-year-old resident of England named Edie Pope recently had enough with reckless driving in her rural neighborhood. She noted that there had been two recent accidents very near her property since a recent change in the speed limit, so she figured out a way to try to combat the issue herself.

By the road on the edge of her property, Edie placed a scarecrow, but it was not dressed in the way you might think. Instead, she outfitted the mannequin with a yellow outfit, very much like a traffic cop. She even placed a grey object in one of the "hands" that resembles a radar gun. So, as people come near her property, they are led to believe that an officer is checking speeds; all the while, it is just what she is jokingly referring to as a "scare-cop."

Have you ever been driving and passed what you thought was a police officer checking speeds? How did it make you feel? If we are honest, it probably depended upon how fast you were driving!

Is the same thing not true of how we react to the knowledge that God is watching over us at all times? For some, that knowledge is almost too frightening or unnerving to bear. They basically hate the idea that God is right there, seeing all that they do. So, they either tune that message out and just live however they wish, or they live nervously all the time, frightened by the prospect of making any misstep.

However, there is a better way to handle that knowledge, is there not? For those who are law-abiding citizens, the presence of a police officer is typically a reassuring thing. In an infinitely more important way, for those who are striving to live for the Lord, the knowledge that He is present and seeing what we do is a wonderful blessing that touches our soul with comfort.

Our reaction to the knowledge that God is near and watching us may say more about us than we care to admit. Does that knowledge often frighten and unnerve us, or does it regularly comfort and reassure us? For those who are faithful in their walk with the Lord, there should be far more peace with that knowledge than fear.

May we live our lives in such a way that the knowledge of His presence fills us far more often with comfort than dread and fear.

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? (Psalm 139:7)

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The leadership has decided to suspend assembly at the building due to the COVID-19 situation. We encourage everyone to stay home, read from the scriptures, meditate on the lessons and offer prayers for healing.

We are making plans at this time for alternative means of assembly such as phone conferencing, teleconferencing, etc. We will inform everyone when alternate plans have been set in place.

In the meantime you can find information on our Website: Chardonchurchofchrist.org and listen to sermons on Pod Cast: Chardon.podbean.com

PRAYER LIST

- *Larry and Ruth. Ruth fell recently and was unable to be with us last Sunday.
- *Pat and Ron and their daughter Bonnie
- *Richard and Rosemary.
- *Gary & Cindy and their family.
- *Juanita's sister Betty.
- *Mary and her family. Ryan was not feeling well last week.
- *Nina's brother, James. Radiation treatment was successful but a new tumor has appeared.
- *Robert and Sara
- *Juanita and her family.
- *Ray and Barbara
- *Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
- *Zarna and her family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Myron & Carole
- *Margaret and her family.
- *Mark and his family
- *Our congregation
- *Our Veterans
- *The World and our Nation

CALENDAR

- Mar. 25—b. Justin
- Apr. 5—a. Richard & Rosemary
- Apr. 14—b. Sara
- Apr. 14—a. Brandon & Lisa Marie
- Apr. 16—b. Eric
- Apr. 27—a. Tim & Tammy
- Apr. 30—b. Breana

Spirit

Scripture Reference: Psalms 139:7-12

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BEHOLD	DARKNESS	DWELL
EVEN	FALL	FLEE
HAND	HEAVEN	HIDE
HOLD	INDEED	LIGHT
MORNING	NIGHT	PARTS
PRESENCE	RIGHT	SHALL
SHINES	SURELY	THERE
UTTERMOST	WHERE	WINGS

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Hidden Message: _____
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Answer to Puzzle: Where can I
 go from Your Spirit?

**It is during our darkest moments that
 we must focus to see the light.**

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

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