

Good News From Chardon

November 1, 2020
Issue 44



128 Maple Ave. 440-286-5505

Don't Believe Everything!

By Lance Cordle

I recently received a letter in the mail that promised me a large sum of money. It was sent by air mail. It was written on official-looking stationery and bore an official-looking stamp. It bore the logo and name of an attorney. It said that I had been appointed trustee, executor and beneficiary of a woman's estate. It said that I could use the money for my personal needs as well as for my ministry. It also said that all I had to begin this process was to respond via email and give them my phone number.

Before going any farther, I have a question: Do you think I am going to respond to this letter? If you do, you must think I am very gullible. I will not respond because of the following.:

- Though I have not received a hard-copy letter quite like this, I have seen letters like it sent via email.
- It is from a foreign country, from some "law firm" about which I have no knowledge.
- It is about a person, with which I have had no relationship.
- The stamp is not an official, "raised-letter" stamp, but a copy, with very unofficial language on it.
- There is the very impersonal address: "Attention Beneficiary."
- It proposes an exorbitant amount of money (\$5,000,000) to me and my ministry.

As you might have guessed this is almost certainly an attempt to retrieve personal information from me in order to steal my identity. I think most people would agree with me and would not take the chance and respond.

However, some of the people who might not respond to such a "phishing" attempt, might follow a religious teacher who does some of the same types of things. That teacher may use the Bible to teach a false doctrine. That teacher may propose something as appealing as \$5,000,000—eternal life (or at least, great happiness in this life). That teacher may "package" his false message in persuasive words and a well-spoken presentation. That teacher may "prove" his points by emotional appeal and popular opinion. That teacher may give you permission to live or worship in a way you believe to be wrong. (Read Galatians 1:6-9.) That teacher may tell you that your previous teachers were old-fashioned and unenlightened.

The way to avoid such deception is to test the message and the sender. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they come from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1, ESV). There is an old saying: "If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is."

Lance Cordle preaches the
church of Christ in Calvert City, KY

Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

103—A Beautiful Life

Opening Prayer: Mark

Hymn:

59—Holy, Holy, Holy

Scripture Reading: Ray

Galatians 1:1-9

Hymn:

297—When My Love to Christ

Grows Weak

Lord's Supper: Larry

Hymn:

5—Worthy Art Thou

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

607—All Things Are Ready

Closing Hymn:

459—The Glory Land Way

Closing Prayer: Tom

PRAYER LIST

*Ron and Bonnie and their family. One of their extended family is being treated for cancer has COVID 19.

*Margaret and Albert.

*Wanda and her family.

*Kathy and her friends.

*Zarna Several members of her family in India have the virus.

*Larry and Ruth.

*Pat and Ron and their daughters.

*Juanita’s sister Betty.

*Mary and her family.

*Robert and Sara

*Juanita and her family

*Ray and Barbara

*Dale and his family.

*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

*Myron & Carole

CALENDAR

Nov. 1—Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov. 1—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom

Nov. 1—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale

Nov. 5—(a.) Ron & Pat

Nov. 8—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom

Nov. 8—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale

Nov. 8—(b.) Debbie

Nov. 10—(b.) Ben

Nov. 11—(b.) Danielle

Nov. 11—(b.) Pat

Nov. 15—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom

Only One Gospel

Scripture Reference: Galatians 1:1-9

ACCORDING	ACCURSED	AGAIN	ANOTHER
ANYONE	APOSTLE	BEFORE	BRETHREN
CALLED	CHRIST	CHURCHES	DELIVER
DIFFERENT	FATHER	FOREVER	GALATIA
GLORY	GOSPEL	GRACE	HIMSELF
JESUS	MARVEL	OTHER	PEACE
PERVERT	PREACHES	PRESENT	RAISED
RECEIVED	THERE	THROUGH	TROUBLE
TURNING	WHICH		

B L U T E P N P S V E N I F E W G J
 E E E O R A E E E N A N G R E L E L
 F R C P O M H A R R H E E A O S V E
 N P R A S C E A C H V H C R U H A N
 G N I D R O C C A E T E Y S Y O T D
 H E R U G G G D I F F E R E N T E O
 S P H A N O T H E R R E R T L V T T
 R C S E H C A E R P O E Y B I O S U
 H E T H A P O S T L E A V E N W I T
 G G V F L E S M I H H A C I T W R N
 E N U E L B U O R T H E A V L E H E
 P R I O R E A C H E R O F E B E C S
 E D T N R O A I T A L A G O O Y D E
 O U L E R H F A N Y O N E T T H I R
 N I A G A U T M B D E L L A C H E P
 F A T H E R T M A R V E L A C C E U
 D E S I A R A C C U R S E D R S E R
 W H I C H D E O O E A D T E P X E Z

Hidden Message: _____, _____,
 _____, _____,
 _____, _____,
 _____.

Answer to Puzzle: But even if we, or an angel from
 heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what
 we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

**Seeing a spider in my room isn't scary.
 It's scary when it disappears.**

**SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom);
 Website: Chardonchurchofchrist.org
 E-mail: church_of_Christ@roadrunner.com
 Pod Cast: Chardon.podbean.com
 Like us on FaceBook**