

Good News From Chardon



What's in a Name?

By Adam Faughn

A city in the Canadian province of Quebec is trying to change its name but is having trouble coming up with suitable replacements. The plan is to put forward a few choices (they prefer four) to the city for a vote, but they are struggling to come up with four choices that are popular enough to put before voters.

But, why would the city want to change its name in the first place? The city was named for a local industry that helped it stay strong economically, even if it was never a large city (in the 2011 Canadian census, the population was slightly over 7,000). They were proud of their industry, until recent years, as the material they mined has been linked to many physical problems, including cancer. So, for a few years, the city government has been trying to figure out a way to change the name. They settled on the voting plan, which was paused due to Covid-19, but now they are struggling to come up with a suitable list of replacement names to put before the town voters.

So, what is the name of this small city in Quebec that is trying to change its name? Asbestos.

It might be a good idea to change such a name because of the link between that substance and cancer (and other issues). It just seems like something that would be wise to do.

However, that city's decision is also another reminder of the power of names. When we name a child, we think about it seriously. Names are chosen based upon family history or a favorite person from the Bible or some other factor. When companies choose a name, they will spend hours (and often thousands of dollars) to think about just the right name for themselves, one that will be memorable and will reflect their brand. Recently, Seattle named its expansion NHL franchise, and were all sorts of buzz about it, as they tried to choose something that was "cool" and also fitting of the city/region and the sport. (They settled on the Seattle Kraken.)

Names mean things and are very important to us. They reflect something, and that is also true in religion. Recently, I was driving by a denominational church building, and on the marquee outside, they proudly proclaimed what type of church they are. No less than five descriptive words were given to try to distinguish themselves as a denomination. Several years ago, I remember driving through a rural part of Alabama on the way to a speaking engagement. As I drove, I passed a tiny church house. The name of that church (if I remember correctly) was the "Pentecostal House of Apostolic Holy Praise in Jesus," and that name was followed by some letters to distinguish it even further!

When people ask you about where you worship, how do you answer? Are you proud to simply say, "I'm a Christian?" Are you grateful that you can say, "I belong to Jesus?" Do you say, "I attend the Church of Christ," and do so with thanksgiving in your heart?

In the New Testament, there were not long, convoluted names for the church. "Churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16); "Church of the Firstborn" (Hebrews 12:23); "The Way" (Acts 9:2; cf. John 14:6); "The Church of God" (1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Timothy 3:5). These and a handful of other simple names show us what Jesus desires for His people to focus on in our name. The only distinguishing "addition" was their location (e.g., Corinth, Rome, Crete, Laodicea, etc.).

It is not some other person in Scripture like John or outside of Scripture like Luther. It is not some particular doctrine like baptism or church organization. It is not even how apostolic or holy or filled with praise we might be. And it is not some physical distinction, such as the majority race or ethnicity of the members.

We are Christians. And that is a name we never have to change, alter, add to, detract from, or be ashamed of. It really is enough to simply belong to Him and to enjoy the privilege of wearing His name.

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Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave.

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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Mark
Opening Hymn:
26—I Come To The Garden
Opening Prayer: Dale
Hymn:
208—I'll Be A Friend
Scripture Reading: Ray
Hebrews 12:18-24
Hymn:
289—The Breaking of Bread
Lord's Supper: Larry
Hymn:
575—Sunshine in my Soul
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
640—Softly and Tenderly
Closing Hymn:
332—To Christ Be True
Closing Prayer: Ryan

PRAYER LIST

- *Ron and Bonnie and their family. Ron is in the hospital with COVID
- *Margaret and Albert.
- *Wanda and her family. Her daughter-in-law's sister, Becky, has an abdominal tumor and also thyroid problems.
- *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 and the rest of her family.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Robert and Sara
- *Ray and Barbara The nephew passed away last week
- *Dale and his family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Myron & Carole and their family.
- *Mark and his family. Debbie fell last week but is doing ok now.
- *Our congregation
- *Our Veterans
- *Our nation and the world

CALENDAR

- Jan. 17—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
- Jan. 17—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale
- Jan. 21—(b.) Madelyn
- Jan. 21—(b.) Robert
- Jan. 24—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
- Jan. 24—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale
- Jan. 26—(b.) Amy
- Jan. 31—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
- Jan. 31—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale
- Jan. 31—(b.) Logan

The Glorious Company

Hebrews 12:18-24

AFRAID	ANGELS	ANYMORE	ARROW
BEAST	BEGGED	BETTER	BLACKNESS
BLOOD	BURNED	COMMANDED	COMPANY
COULD	COVENANT	DARKNESS	ENDURE
EXCEEDINGLY	HEARD	HEAVENLY	INNUMERABLE
JERUSALEM	JESUS	JUDGE	LIVING
MEDIATOR	MOSES	MOUNT	MOUNTAIN
PERFECT	SHOULD	SPEAKS	SPIRITS
SPRINKLING	STONED	TEMPEST	TERRIFYING
THINGS	TOUCHED	TREMBLING	TRUMPET

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Hidden Message: _____

**If you want your dreams to
 come true, don't oversleep.**

SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom);

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Answer to Puzzle: o the [j]general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven