

# Good News From Chardon

## Church of Christ

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### Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

**77—Hallelujah. Praise Jehovah!**

Opening Prayer: Larry

Hymn:

**274-A—Jesus Loves Me**

Scripture Reading: Jared

Matthew 13:10-17

Hymn:

**301—He Loved Me So**

Lord's Supper: Ray

Hymn:

**111—Yield Not To Temptation**

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

**644—Trust And Obey**

Closing Hymn:

**59—Holy, Holy, Holy**

Closing Prayer: Robert

## Sight or Vision?

There's a church in our area that puts some very thought provoking sayings on their outdoor sign. They're located on a busy corner where lots of people will notice what the sign says. One that I remember from years ago is:

"To some God gives sight; to others He gives vision."

Sometimes the words sight and vision can mean essentially the same thing. For example, an optometrist's office can be referred to as a vision clinic. But in the statement above I think you can see (pun intended) that the two words are to be understood in vastly different ways. To be able to see with your eyes is indeed a great blessing. But to have vision is extraordinary. To see the difference, let's look at a story from the Bible.

The story is found in 2 Kings 6. During the time of Elisha the king of Aram laid siege to the city of Dothan, hoping to capture Elisha. He sent a strong army with horses and chariots during the night and surrounded the city. When Elisha's servant got up the next morning, he saw (with his eyes) the vast army. Because all he saw was the army, he felt helpless, saying to Elisha, "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" But Elisha was not afraid. God had given him the ability to see beyond what his physical eyes could see. He told his servant, "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them" (2 Kings 6:16). And so he prayed that God would "open his eyes so he may see." God then gave the servant the vision to see more than he had previously seen. God gave him the vision to see the hills full of horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:17). As the army began to attack, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike these people with blindness," which God did (2 Kings 6:18). The king of Aram saw his vast

army and felt powerful. Elisha had the vision to see beyond physical eyesight. He had faith to see the power of God. Guess who won!

Faith is basically having the vision to see what cannot be seen, or as Hebrews 11:1 puts it: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Many have read the accounts of Jesus healing the blind, but haven't yet seen that Jesus' healing illustrated more than compassion for a handicapped man. Jesus also revealed His power to give vision to the spiritually blind. I can't help but laugh when I read about the spiritual blindness of those in John 9. Jesus had healed a man who had been blind from birth. In the story, only the blind man had the vision to see Jesus, and this even before he actually saw him (John 9:35-39). The religious leaders didn't see what he saw (9:28). The man's parents didn't (9:20-23). Even the disciples didn't (9:2). Isn't it ironic that only the blind man had the vision to see Jesus? (9:17, 38). Read the whole story. It's fascinating.

Pity the man who can see the sunrise, but can't see the Son who rose from the dead! Pity the man who can see the stars, but not the Creator of the universe! Pity the man who can see the plant that grows from a seed, but not the God who gives it life. God blesses us with sight. More than that, God also wants us to have vision. Check out Matthew 13:13-17.

- Joe Chesser preaches for the Fruitland Church of Christ, Fruitland, MO

# Seeing and Hearing

Matthew 13:16

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

abundance	blessed	closed
desired	Disciples	dull
eyes	fulfilled	given
heal	hearing	hearts
heaven	Isaiah	kingdom
more	mysteries	parables
people	perceive	prophecy
seeing	speak	taken
understand		

Hidden Message:

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## PRAYER LIST

- **Mynda's** doctor appointments and upcoming Surgery on 4-14-22
- **Pat. Ron's** funeral services were held last Monday
- **Allen**, Wanda's son
- **Mary** and her family. **Carl's** issues with his hip
- **Bear Nicholas**, Tom and Nina's 5-year-old great nephew, is now at St. Jude's.
- **Ken**, friend of Tom and Nina.
- **Kathy**, her sister and friends. Kathy's foot
- **Zarna's** family and the loss of her Grandmothers.
- **Larry and Ruth**.
- **Juanita's** sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
- **Ray and Barbara** and their family.
- **Dale** and his family. His friends **Dorthey** and **Riley** (age 5) who has cancer. His cousin Kenny's upcoming abdomen surgery.
- **Rebecca's** grandson, Asher's surgery
- **Roberts** parents, Mike and Debra are recovering well
- **Mark**, as he travels

## CALENDARJ

- Mar. 6—Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale. Business Meeting
- Mar. 8—(b) Dale
- Mar. 13—Worship 11 am Speaker: Mark; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale
- Mar. 15—(b) Jackson
- Mar. 17—(b) Christopher
- Mar. 17—(b) Dorene
- Mar. 20—Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale
- Mar. 21—(b) Jerad
- Mar. 21—(b) Mary
- Mar. 25—(b) Justin
- Mar. 27—Worship 11 am Speaker: Marj; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there.

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

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Answer to puzzle:  
 Blessed are your  
 eyes for they  
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