

Good News From Chardon

Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Ray

Opening Hymn:

3—Upon The First Day Of The Week

Opening Prayer: Robert

Hymn:

185—Who Will Follow Jesus?

Scripture Reading: Larry

Luke 2:41-52

Hymn:

312—From The Garden To The Cross

Lord's Supper: Dale

Hymn:

282—Ring Out The Message

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

592—O Happy Day

Closing Hymn: Ray

208—I'll Be A Friend

Closing Prayer: Dale

Learning How to Learn From a 12-Year-Old

We all know how much we can learn from kids if we pay attention. Probably more than we will admit. One mom asked her 5-year-old son how his day was. He said it was awesome. She asked him what made it awesome. His reply, "Because I wanted it to be!" ... Another kid asked, "How are we supposed to meet new people if we can't talk to strangers?" ... A little girl was asked to complete the sentence, "If the shoe fits ..." Her response was, "... buy it in every color."

Not much is said in Scripture about what Jesus did and said as a child. But there is one story about him when he was 12 years old (Luke 2:41-52). We know the story pretty well. We know his parents took him to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. We know that when they headed home Jesus was not with them. We know it took 3 days for them to find him. But during those 3 days, Jesus spent time in the temple, "sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions" (Luke 2:46). Although I've read this story many times, this time it struck me how important learning was even to Jesus, even as a 12-year-old boy. There are at least 3 things we can learn from Jesus about how to learn.

First, Jesus was in the right place and with the right people for learning what he needed to know. Since his interest was in spiritual matters, what better place to be than in the house of God, the temple, sitting among the teachers of God's word? It's a principle we all understand: surround yourself with the people who can teach what you are seeking to know. So, if you are desiring to know more about God and His word, follow Jesus' example: surround yourself with the people of God who will teach you the word of God.

Second, being in the right place among the right people is a good place to start, but we are also told that Jesus was listening to the teachers. Not everyone who is in the right place even with great teachers does that. Yet, even as a 12-year-old boy, Jesus was learning by listening. We may think it strange that as a boy Jesus needed to learn about God and His word, but we are told at the end of this story that Jesus "increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). Jesus gives us the example that learning at any age involves listening. Don't be among the masses who are seeing but don't see, and who hearing but don't hear (Matthew 13:13). Pay attention when people speak about God!

Third, we learn from Jesus that learning involves asking questions. Can you imagine the scene where a 12-year-old boy was asking questions of the priests and teachers in the temple?! We are not told what kinds of questions Jesus asked, but we are told that all who heard him were amazed (Luke 2:47). The value of asking questions of your Bible teachers at home, in small groups or at church is immeasurable. In your classes, don't be shy. Learn from a 12-year-old boy to ask questions.

Some things we learn from kids are hilarious; but other things are truly life changing. Learn from Jesus to put yourself in the right place to listen and ask questions!

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

Listening and asking questions

Luke 2:52

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company	custom	favor
feast	God	heard
heart	increased	Jerusalem
Jesus	Joseph	journey
lingered	Listen	mother
returned	seeking	sought
stature	teachers	temple
twelve	wisdom	

Hidden Message:

PRAYER LIST

- **Mynda's** doctor appointments and upcoming surgery on 4-14-22. As her and **Jerad** travel
- **Pat** and her family
- **Allen**, Wanda's son
- **Wanda's** sister **Lorraine** as she goes through testing
- **Mary** and her family. **Carl's** hip surgery recovery
- **Bear Nicholas**, Tom and Nina's 5-year-old great nephew, is now at St. Jude's.
- **Tom and Nina** at the loss of their friend Ken.
- **Kathy**, her sister and friends. Kathy's foot
- **Zarna** and her family
- **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.
- **Ray, Rebecca's** and family
- **Myron** and **Carole**
- **Prayers for Ukraine**

CALENDAR

- Apr. 3—Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale. Business Meeting
- Apr. 5—(b) Ken
- Apr. 5—(a) Richard & Rosemary
- Apr. 10—Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale
- Apr. 14—(b) Sara
- Apr. 14—(a) Brendan & Lisa
- Apr. 16—(b) Eric
- Apr. 17—Worship 11 am Speaker: Mark; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale.

- **Upcoming Events: and announcements:**
- Streetsboro C of C Gospel Meeting 8-14-22

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory

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

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Answer to puzzle:
 Jesus increased in
 wisdom and stature,