

# Good News From Chardon

## Church of Christ

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### Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Ray

Opening Hymn:

**24—Tis The Blessed Hour of Prayer**

Opening Prayer: Robert

Hymn:

**227—Stand Up For Jesus**

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Ephesians 6: 10-19

Hymn:

**321—At The Cross**

Lord's Supper: Dale

Hymn:

**393—Mansion Over The Hilltop**

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

**623—Why Do You Wait?**

Closing Hymn:

**527 Let The Lower Lights Be Burning**

Closing Prayer: Jared

## Live Dangerously!

Did that grab your attention? The following quote is from an article I read by Sherman Cox:

“Dream dangerously. We currently live among a generation of people whose dreams are too realistic to do the world any good.”

This article challenged preachers to stand apart from the crowd by preaching what their hearers needed, not what they wanted to hear. Cox compared many of today's preachers to Esau, who sold his birthright for something that would only satisfy the moment – a bowl of soup! Preaching that makes you feel good at the moment requires no courage or risk. Anybody can help people be what they already are. It's a cautious way to live. Everybody loves to feel good, to feel that everything is OK, to think that they are at peace with God. But like the prophet Jeremiah wrote, many are crying “Peace, peace, when there is no peace” (Jeremiah 6:14). The Lord said that in the end they will “fall among the fallen” because they are no longer “ashamed of their loathsome conduct.” In fact, “they do not even know how to blush” (Jeremiah 6:15).

But preachers who dream about truly helping the lost to be transformed into the likeness of God are those who, like Jeremiah, are willing to dream and live dangerously. They have the courage to tell people what they need to hear, not what they want to hear. It is ironic that it is in living dangerously that true and eternal peace can be found.

However, living dangerously is not only for preachers. “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12). If you thought being a Christian was going to be easy, you were greatly mistaken. Satan hates those who have chosen to live for God, and he is committed to do everything within his power to make it difficult for you stay faithful to God. He schemes (Eph. 6:11); he prowls like a lion (1 Peter 5:8); he masquerades as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14); he want to make you as miserable as possible (Job 1-2). He will turn your friends and family against you. He will take your money and health. He will make it difficult for you at work or school or home. He will temp you with anything and everything he thinks might work. To stand up against him is a struggle (Eph. 6:12). It's a fight for life. It truly is a dangerous way to live.

Without God's help it would not only be dangerous, it would be impossible. Without the power of the blood of Jesus we could never be forgiven and separated from the kingdom of darkness (Col. 1:13-14). Without the battle equipment God gives we could never stand up against Satan (Eph. 6:10-17). Without the fruit of the Spirit we could never grow into the likeness of God (Gal. 5:22-25). Without the resurrection of Jesus we would be hopeless (1 Cor. 15:12-19). “But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:58). By living dangerously we are set apart from the world Satan controls; by living dangerously we gain the victory!

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

# Be Able To Withstand

Ephesians 6:11

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

against	blood	boldly
breastplate	darkness	faith
feet	flesh	gospel
Lord	might	mouth
peace	power	principalities
quench	rulers	shield
speak	spirit	stand
strong	truth	watchful
wicked	withstand	wrestle

Hidden Message:

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## PRAYER LIST

Mynda's doctor appointments and surgery recovery  
Pat and her family  
Allen, Wanda's son  
Wanda's sister Lorraine tests were good  
Mary and her family. Carl, hip surgery recovery  
Bear Nicholas, Tom and Nina's 5-year-old great nephew, is now at St. Jude's.  
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's health issues and his family. His friends Dorthey and Riley (age 5) who has cancer. His cousin Kenny's upcoming abdomen surgery.  
Ray, Rebecca and family  
Steven's toe healing  
Myron and Carole  
Our Congregation  
Prayers for Ukraine  
Our blessings, name them one by one.

## CALENDAR

May 1—Worship 11 am Speaker: Mark; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale. Business Meeting  
May 6—Friday night area sing Marlboro coC. Let Tom know if you want to go.  
May 8—Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom; Bible Study 6 pm on line with Dale.  
May 8—(b) Lisa Marie  
May 8—Mothers Day  
May 11—(b) Betty  
May 13—Friday night area sing Lake Milton  
May 14—(a) Albert & Margaret  
May 15—Worship 11 am Speaker: Mark; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale.

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## Upcoming Events and Announcements

May 20 –Friday night area sing Hanoverton

When you get tired,  
learn to rest, not quit

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

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armor of God  
Put on the whole  
Answer to puzzle: