

Good News From Chardon

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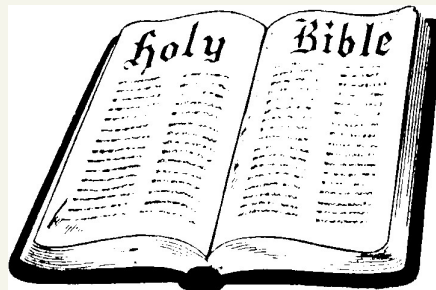
Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
 Song Leader: Ray
 Opening Hymn:
100—Take My Life, And Let It Be
 Opening Prayer: Larry
 Hymn:
444—Sing To Me Of Heaven
 Scripture Reading: Ryan
 2 Timothy 4: 1-8
 Hymn:
288—The Lord's Supper
 Lord's Supper: Dale
 Hymn:
68—Count Your Blessings
 Sermon: Tom
 Invitation Hymn:
601—Jesus is Calling, Calling, Calling
 Closing Hymn:
654—Abide With Me
 Closing Prayer: Robert

Gummi Bear Religion

Many today have the wrong impression about what to expect from worship. They want to be entertained by mechanical instrumental music, praise bands, choirs, solos, drama presentations, non-condemning sermons, etc. They are willing to accept something that is unauthorized in worship so that they may be amused. Paul called it "itching ear" religion (2 Tim. 4:3). I call it Gummi Bear religion.

You know what Gummi Bears are, don't you? They are a sweet candy treat that is quite cute and colorful. Kids seem to really love them. Personally, I never have been too crazy about them. Oh, I like the way they taste, but they seem to stick to my teeth a lot. My grandchildren would easily make a meal out of them if their parents would let them. But that would not be good for them, as there is practically no nutritional value in them.



Gummi Bear religion may be very pleasing to the eyes, ears, and other senses, but it is woefully lacking in spiritual nourishment. Just as a steady diet of Gummi Bears would cause one to become sick and malnourished, so will Gummi Bear religion cause one's soul to starve to death. The Corinthians had changed the Lord's Supper from a God-honoring event to a man-pleasing one. As a result, Paul told them that many in the congregation were spiritually weak, sick, and some even dead (1 Cor.11:30). And the Hebrew Christians, because of a lack of proper diet of God's word, were not properly developed in knowledge or skills (Heb.5:12-13).

Rather than picking and choosing the way we want to live and worship, we should strive for a well-balanced diet of using God's word to guide our lives in wisdom, work, and worship (Heb. 5:14). It is only then will we give glory to God and create an environment where our souls will grow, mature, and prosper (2 Pet. 3:18).

Gummi Bears may be yummy to eat from time to time, but our meals, physical or spiritual, should never be patterned after them.

Sound Doctrine

2 Timothy 4:2

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

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| appearing | before | Christ |
| convince | crown | dead |
| endure | exhort | fables |
| faith | fight | God |
| Jesus | judge | kingdom |
| living | longsuffering | Lord |
| loved | race | ready |
| rebuke | season | teachers |
| truth | watchful | |

Hidden Message:

PRAYER LIST

- **Mark & Debbie** as they travel; their newborn granddaughter is home now.
- **Pat** and her family
- **Betty's** friend, **Becky**, who has a broken ankle
- **Bonnie's** grandson **Dakota**
- **Allen**, Wanda's son
- **Mary** and her family. **Carl's** gout
- **Bear Nicholas**, Tom and Nina's 5-year-old great nephew, is now at home
- **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.
- **Spike's** brother-in-law **Dale's** heart attach
- **Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.
- **Dale's** health issues, job hunting, and his family. His friends **Dorthey** and **Riley** (age 5) who has cancer.
- **Ray** and family as they recover from illness and surgery.
- **Myron** and **Carole**
- **Prayers for Ukraine**

CALENDAR

- May 22—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom
- May 22—Jerad's Graduation. Congratulations
- May 22—(b) Barbara
- May 23—(b) Calli
- May 25—(b) Rosemary
- May 28—(b) Brenna
- May 29—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom
- May 31—Ladies Bible Study and dinner at Mynda's 5:30
- June 3—Friday night sing East Sparta
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- **Upcoming Events and Announcements**
- July 15-20 Christian Leadership Camp Columbus

You've got to go out on a limb some-times because that's where the fruit is

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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Answer to puzzle:
Preach the word