

Good News From Chardon

Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
 Song Leader: Dale
 Opening Hymn:
668—Our God He Is Alive
 Opening Prayer: Robert
 Hymn:
261—Love Lifted Me
 Scripture Reading: Larry
 John 12:42-50
 Hymn:
297—When My Love To Christ Goes Weak
 Lord's Supper: Ray
 Hymns:
98—I Surrender All
 Sermon: Tom
 Invitation Hymn:
613—Are You Washed In The Blood?
 Closing Hymn:
53—Purer In Heart
 Closing Prayer: Jerad

Out Of The Darkness

Many people live in darkness. Lonely...isolated...afraid. Never sure whether it is safe, or if they can face the light. Some suffer from the devastating emotional effects of serious mental impairments. Sometimes children will ask, "What's wrong with me? Why do I act the way I do?" They are locked in a mind that even disturbs them.



A young man thanked me for diagnosing him with Asperger's Syndrome. Finally, his social and emotional difficulties made sense to his exceptionally bright, but troubled mind. Another young man came back years later just to say, "thank you for giving me my life back." His brain had been derailed by drugs and he lived in his own prison. He had been freed of his demon.

There is a greater darkness than that which is created by a disturbed mind. Sin darkens the soul and spirit and imprisons its victims in insidious and disastrous ways. Many people who live in their prisons have no concept of how

dark the darkness really is. They have forgotten the light. They have acclimated to the shadows. Some are afraid of the light...or, maybe they have come to love the darkness because it hides their evil hearts and deeds.

We don't have to stay in darkness. God takes us out of the "dominion of darkness" and transfers us into the kingdom of His beloved Son (Colossians 1:13). Peter, who struggled with his own fears and anger issues, said God "called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9). Jesus came to destroy the power of the darkness. He is the Light who dispels the darkness (John 12:46)

Those who come out of the darkness see things differently. They see others differently. They see sin differently. They see clearly the beauty of their world and the potential the Light reveals to them. In the Light they can truly love because they are loved. They can forgive because they have been forgiven. They can sing because they now see the glory of God. Jesus said it clearly, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12)

- Al Behel preaches for the Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Walk In The Light

John 12:46

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

among	believe	come
command	confess	cried
day	everlasting	Father
Him	Jesus	judge
last	life	light
loved	men	Pharisees
praise	receive	rejects
rulers	save	sent
spoken	synagogue	words
world		

Hidden Message:

PRAYER LIST

Mark & Debbie as they travel; their newborn granddaughter is home now.
Pat and her family
Allen, Wanda's son
Mary and her family. **Carl's** gout
Betty's friend **Becky** who has a broken ankle
Bonne's grandson **Dakota**
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.
 Dale's brother-in-law **Spike's** heart attach
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, job hunting and his family.
 His friends **Dorthey** and **Riley** (age 6) who has cancer.
Ray and family as they recover from illness and surgery
Myron and **Carole**
Prayers for Ukraine

CALENDAR

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
 June 5—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker: Mark
 June 5—Ryan
 June 6—Mark
 June 10—Friday night sing Kent

Upcoming Events and Announcements

July 15-20 Christian Leadership Camp Columbus
 Streetsboro C of C Gospel Meeting 8-14-22

You are a guest, leave this earth a little more beautiful, a little more loveable, a little more fragrant, for those unknown guests who will be following you.

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

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Answer to puzzle:
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 darkness