

Good News From Chardon

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
 Song Leader: Mark
 Opening Hymn:
256—God Is Love
 Opening Prayer: Dale
 Hymn:
192—Anywhere With Jesus
 Scripture Reading: Robert
 Psalm 27:7-14
 Hymn:
312—From The Garden To The Cross
 Lord's Supper: Ray
 Hymn:
584—In My Heart There Rings A Melody
 Sermon: Mark
 Invitation Hymn:
595—Blessed Are They That Do His Commandments
 Closing Hymn:
147—Jesus, Hold My Hand
 Closing Prayer: Ryan

How Strong Is Your Strength

Stephen was a great man of faith. Earlier the Lord had identified him as a man of conviction, reputation, wisdom, and the Holy Spirit. All these traits of character were going to be necessary for what he was about to face.

It is easy to speak favorably of one's commitment to the Lord when resistance is minimal, but when the heat in the kitchen rises (so to speak), the qualities of character are put to a test in a way that the temperature of the room is unable to accomplish. This was the experience of Stephen. He had been accused by the Jewish community of turning the world associated with the nation's Law of Moses and their peculiar customs, upside down (Acts 6:13-14). Stephen had to be a man steady on his feet to have any opportunity to speak clearly. Stressful situations can make the body and tongue quiver. The words of wisdom from Proverbs come to mind: If thou faint in the day of adversity, Thy strength is small (24:10, ASV).

As the so-called trial of Stephen got underway, Stephen recounts, briefly, Israel's history; this allowed for him to have an audience before he got to his main point. He gave attention to the call of Abraham, the family of Joseph in Egypt, the Law received by Moses, and how Moses wrote about a coming prophet unlike any prophet before or after him (7:37).

Stephen begins to zero in on his greater point, with a repetition of earlier prophetic tones, how the nation of Israel, as it currently was, was guilty of stubbornness, nationalism, and a refusal to consider the evidence God presented for His Son (7:51-53). This was more than those in the audience were willing to take. Stephen knew this would be their response, but he said what he did because it needed to be said on this day.

There are many who call themselves Christians who would not do what Stephen did. It's easy to read and understand what we need to, but is there a heart for enduring something similar?

- Ron Thomas preacher for the Sunrush Church of Christ, Chillicothe, OH.

He Shall Strengthen Your Heart

Psalm 27:14

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

AGAINST	ANGER	ASWER
BELIEVE	BREATHE	CRY
DELIVER	ENEMIES	FACE
FALSE	FATHER	FORSAKE
HEAR	HEART	HELP
HIDE	LAND	LEAD
LEAVE	LIVING	LOST
MERCY	MOTHER	PATH
RISEN	SEEK	SERVANT
SMOOTH	TEACH	VIOLENCE
VOICE	WILL	WITNESS

Hidden Message:

PRAYER LIST

- **Mynda** and all her family; as they travel, **parents** at the loss of their home, **father's** injury recovery.
- **Mark & Debbie** as they travel,
- **Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, body healing and Bible study with **Kris**
- **Dakota** as he struggles
- **Wanda's** migraines; **Allen**, her son. Wanda's sister **Lorraine** heart
- **Mary** and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip surgery recovery, Mary's leg injury
- **Tom & Nina's** 5-year-old great nephew, **Bear Nicholas**, now at home; **Nina's** hip pain.& procedures
- **Kathy**, her sister and friends. Kathy's foot healing, She is now home
- **Bonnie** as she travels
- **Linda's** health and procedures
- **Zarna** and her family
- **Juanita's** sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
- **Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.
- **Dale's** health issues and his family. His friend **Riley** (age 6) who has cancer. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His Aunt Rosie's heart and Lungs. His cousin with heart issues
- **Ray** and his family
- **Pat** and her family

CALENDAR

- Oct. 9—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark
- Oct. 10—(a) Carl & Mary
- Oct. 11—(b) Celeste
- Oct. 12—(b) Steve
- Oct. 13—(b) Connor
- Oct. 15—(b) Tom
- Oct. 16—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom. Business meeting
- Oct. 17—(b) Renee
- Oct. 23—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom.
- Oct. 25—Ladies Bible Study at Nina's ~ Pot Luck
- Oct. 27—(b) Gary
- Oct. 28—(b) Larry

A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go anywhere until you change it.

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

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WAIT ON THE LORD
 Answer to puzzle: