

Good News From Chardon

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Doug
Opening Hymn:
154—He Lives
Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:
282—Ring Out The Message
Scripture Reading: Ryan
1 John 4:12-19
Hymn:
179—When I Survey The Cross
Lord's Supper: Dale
Hymn:
345—When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
640—Softly And Tenderly
Closing Hymn:
527—Let The Lower Lights Be Burning
Closing Prayer: Dale

The Fear Of The Lord

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov. 1:7).

If memory serves me correctly, I learned in school that there are only two innate fears—fears with us from birth—and these are the fear of falling and the fear of loud, sudden noises. However, as we experience life, more fears accumulate. We find ourselves beset with fears relative to our health, our financial state, threats of terrorism, and even what are perceived to be unwise decisions by officials in government. It was not Solomon's intention to add yet another fear to the growing list when he wrote the words at the head of this article. Rather, it is to be viewed as a reverential fear, an acknowledgement of the majesty and power of our Creator, in whose presence we stand in awe. It is this “fear” that will drive away all other fears. It is related to the love of which John wrote—a love that “casteth out fear” (1 John 4:18). The “fear of the Lord” is a reverential trust that will drive other fears out of our lives.

The most fearful situation in life is to find ourselves going our own way, without God's fellowship. It may not be in the way of outright rebellion against all that is righteous, living a

life of wantonness and drunkenness. It may simply be to live life without acknowledgment of God. We may live our lives without ever getting cancer or heart problems and we may live our lives so that we are financially successful; but to live our lives with the seeming absence of God is more fearful than the worst of physical or material calamities.

And what is to be gained by an awesome respect for God, His word and His judgment? Much in every way! The fear of God enables us to face life and all its fears, and even death itself, with a confidence that is unshakeable. Hebrews 2:15 reminds us that while we were once in bondage to fear—in particular the fear of death—Christ came to deliver us. It is as someone once said: “There is much in the world to make us afraid. There is much more in our faith to make us unafraid.”

- Ronald Bartanen is a retired minister who for many years served the Lord's church in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee

He First Loved Us

1 John 4:18

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B E G O T T E N O E E E U P C
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BECAUSE	BEGOTTEN	BOLDNESS
CONFESSES	DAY	FATHER
FIRST	GIVEN	GOD
INVOLVES	JESUS	JUDGMENT
KNOW	LIVE	MADE
PERFECTED	SAVIOR	SEEN
SENT	SPIRIT	TESTIFY
TIME	TORMENT	WHOEVER
WORLD		

Hidden Message:

PRAYER LIST

Mynda and all her family, as she travels
Debbie's surgery recovery; as her and **Mark** travel
Sara's surgery recovery
Ruth is in rehab, **Larry's** car accident
Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, body healing and Bible study with **Kris**
Bonnie's grandson **Devin** as he reads and opens his heart to Christ
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**
Mary and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip surgery recovery, Mary's leg injury
Kathy, her sister and friends. Kathy's foot healing,
Linda's health and procedures
Zarna and her family
Juanita as she recovers and her 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. 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
 Oct. 30—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
 Speaker Tom.
 Nov. 6—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
 Speaker Mark. Business meeting
 Nov. 8—(b) Debbie
 Nov. 10—(b) Ben
 Nov. 11—(b) Danielle
 Nov. 11—(b) Pat
 Nov. 13—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Be the things you loved most
 about the people who are gone

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

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Love Casts Out Fear
 Answer to puzzle: