

# Good News From Chardon

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## Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

**17—Revive Us Again**

Opening Prayer: Mark

Hymn:

**90—Into Our Hands**

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Hebrews 11:32-40

Hymn:

**649—I Gave My Life For Thee**

Lord's Supper: Tom

Hymn:

**578—This Is My Fathers World**

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

**613—Are You Washed In The Blood**

Closing Hymn:

**55—Take Time To Be Holy**

Closing Prayer: Robert

## An Introduction to Hebrews

Most people have favorites when it comes to the Bible. For me personally, Hebrew's has always been near the top. Perhaps it is because the book helped me conceptualize the end of the old Covenant and the start of the New.

A key word or idea that stands out through the book is the word "better". The author is presenting the case that Christianity is better than Judaism. These believers are facing hardships some of which have to do with turning away from the faith of their families and community. As such they are outcasts, the outcasts who have turned to a new way of life. A part of me can totally relate to this and that is another reason the book resonates so deeply for me.

One thing to note is the book is anonymous meaning it does not tell us who wrote the letter. A lot of potential people are proposed but for me, personally, it feels and sounds very Pauline.

The early church was also convinced it was Paul. Several testimonies as early as 180 AD attribute it to Paul, with Luke writing it in Greek. While that is not absolute it does help us decide authorship. The most convincing for me is the argument's used in Hebrew's is typical of Paul. Take for example, Heb. 1:2 and compare that to Colossians 1:16. It is the same basic point. I could give you more but let me challenge you to read it and get a feel for the book yourself.

Hebrew's is also a riddle when it comes to deciding the form or genre of the letter. It ends (Heb. 13:22-25) like a letter, but it does not have the typical Introduction and greetings of a letter.

Another part of this riddle is that the letter feels like a sermon especially considering some of the quotes he uses. At Hebrew's 2:6 he even says, "it has been testified somewhere..." which sounds just like a preacher who cannot remember exactly where the quote came from. In fact, in Hebrew's 11:32 he uses two phrases that sound even more compelling, "what more can I say?" and "time would fail me."

In every page of the letter, Pauls' point is clearly, Jesus is better. He is our prophet, better than the angels, better than Moses, and his covenant is better. Do not give up your faith and do not let go of Jesus. He is always worth it!

- Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC.

# Receive The Promise

Hebrew 11:40

T R I A L S L S O M E N T E H	ALIENS	BARAK	BATTLE
P I N S T E H P O R P O K S G	CAVES	DAVID	DEAD
E B E T U T I T S E D E I C E	DESERT	DESTITUTE	EARTH
R T T M D A V I D S E D N A D	ESCAPED	FAITH	FIRE
F R A I V J X W U L U I G P R	GIDEON	JEPHTHAH	KINGDOMS
E S M L K U E Z Q A Z G D E O	LIFE	LIONS	MORE
C H T R A E X P F I R E O D W	OBTAIN	PERFECT	PROPHETS
T A S T R O N G H N I Y M E S	SAMSON	SAMUEL	SLAIN
S H V M A F V K U T Y U S A N	STONED	STRONG	SWORD
T N S E B A E R O M H E T D O	TEMPTED	TIME	TRIALS
O I A A S I S N E I L A C K I	WORLD	WORTHY	
N A M D E T P M E T N I H X L			
E T S E H H Y H T R O W F I J			
D B O R J X X A D L R O W E Q			
T O N C P F B T R E S E D A R			

Hidden Message:

## PRAYER LIST

- **Mynda** and all her family, as she travels. Jerad's surgery
- **Debbie's** surgery recovery; as her and **Mark** travel
- **Ackerman** family
- **Ruth** is home now
- **Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery and Bible study with **Kris**
- **Bonnie's** surgery and 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
- **Tom & Nina's** 5-year-old great nephew, **Bear Nicholas**, now at home; **Tom's** health **Nina's** health, pain.& procedures
- **Kathy**, severe feet issues, surgery recovery and pain, her sister and friends.
- **Linda's** health and procedures
- **Zarna** and her family
- **Juanita**, 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 stage 4 cancer. Brother I Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's** heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues
- **Ray** and his family. **Rebecca's** physical therapy
- **Pat** and her family
- **Robert's** job decision

## CALENDAR

- Dec. 11—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark
- Dec. 18—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom
- Dec. 25—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom
- Dec. 31—(b) Randy
- Jan. 1— Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark—Business meeting
- Jan. 2—Carl
- Jan. 8— Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom
- Jan. 13—(b) Cindy

O, what a tangled web we weave  
when first we practice to deceive!

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

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SOMETHING BETTER  
Answer to puzzle: