

# Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

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## OBEDY

My son is now six years old. Consider this excerpt from when he was two:

My 2-year-old son knows the word 'obey' and somewhat understands it. However, what motivates him to practice it can vary. For example, one of his favorite things right now is a large floor puzzle that's in the shape of a barn, and it has farm animals standing in front of the barn. He's really impressed us with his ability to put the majority of it together by himself. He takes it apart and puts it together over and over; however, he likes to place it right in the path where we walk through the house. So, one night recently, before bath time, I told him we needed to clean up the puzzle. He proceeded to put the puzzle together, despite my saying it again a little firmer. Shortly after, my wife chimed in and said, 'If you want dessert, you need to clean up your puzzle.' He immediately began putting the pieces in the box. Sometimes, punishment/discipline motivates him to obey. Sometimes, rewards motivate him to obey. And, it is my hope that one day he will obey because of his love for us as his parents.

What motivates us to obey God?

Some are motivated to obey God in view of punishment. It is reasonable, logical, and Scriptural to obey God for fear of punishment. For, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

Some are motivated to obey God in view of reward. It is reasonable, logical, and Scriptural to obey God for desire of reward. The same passage states, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

But, how many are motivated to obey God out of true love of Him? Jesus said to His apostles, "If you love me, ye will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). We often use this passage to note that showing our love to Christ requires keeping His commandments—and that is true. But, perhaps Jesus' statement was more about love than obedience. For, He knows obedience will be automatic, once we have grown to true love for Him. Yes, we have to continue to obey Him and build our relationship with Him in order to grow in our love for Him.

Many obey for fear of punishment, and that is okay. Many obey for hope of reward, and that is okay. How many obey because of love? When someone is speaking, we are much more attentive to the words being spoken, when we love and respect the one who is speaking. This certainly applies to our love for Christ.

"We love (him) because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

God loves you; do you love Him? Have you obeyed Him? Are you obeying Him?

Clifton Angel preaches for the Coldwater Church of Christ in Coldwater, MS

## Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Mark

Opening Hymn:

**2—We're Marching to Zion**

Opening Prayer: Robert

Hymn:

**231—Faith is the Victory**

Scripture Reading: Ray

Colossians 3:12-17

Hymn:

**155—Christ Arose**

Lord's Supper: Dale

Hymn:

**33—My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

**551—Do All In The Name of the Lord**

Closing Hymn:

**222—Faith of Our Fathers**

Closing Prayer: Ryan

Every strike brings me  
closer to the next  
home run.  
Babe Ruth

## CALENDAR

Feb. 5—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom. Business meeting

Feb. 8—(b) Mason

Feb. 11—(b) Melinda

Feb. 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark

Feb. 17—(a) David & Dorene

Feb. 19—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom

Feb. 21—(b) Jaden

Feb. 22—(a) Ray & Barb

Feb. 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark

Mar. 8—(b) Dale

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

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## Character of the New Man

Colossians 3:12-17

### WORD LIST

ABOVE	AGAINST	ANOTHER
ANYONE	BEARING	BELOVED
BOND	CHRIST	ELECT
EVEN	FORGAVE	HOLY
HUMILITY	KINDNESS	LONGSUFFERING
LOVE	MEEKNESS	MERCIES
MUST	TENDER	THEREFORE
THESE	WITH	

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

## PRAYER LIST

- **Betty & Randy** have COVID
- **Mynda** and all her family. Her sister-in-law's Father's health. Mynda was not feeling well last week.
- **Debbie's** recovery is good; as her and **Mark** travel **Ackerman** family, **Debra's** health
- **Ruth** is home & attending services
- **Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke Recovery.
- **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,
- **Kathy**, severe feet issues, medical procedure and pain, her sister and friends. She is at home.
- **Linda's** health and procedures. Her friend **Mark**.
- **Tilffany's** boyfriend **Dan** and his **mother's** health
- **Zarna** and her family
- **Juanita**, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
- **Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.
- **Dale's** health issues, headaches and his family. His **Mother's** medical treatments. His friend **Riley** (age 6) with cancer and up coming surgery.
- Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's** heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues
- **Ray** and his family. **Rebecca's** right knee injuries
- **Pat** and her family
- **Jessie**, Doug's friend, health
- **Linda's** son **John's** balance & blood pressure. He is in hospital/rehab
- **Roberts** sister **Tanya's** heart testing
- **Nina's** biopsy Feb. 1st and upcoming surgery

### Colossians 3:12-17

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The Bible teaches that Jesus is God (John 1:1, 14). I know there are people who deny Jesus is God, but there will always be some who deny Bible teaching. Jesus was called "God" by God in Hebrews 1:8. Jesus is omnipresent (Mt. 18:20) and He forgives sins (Mt.9:2-7).