

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

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Focus Your Eyes

Three boys were playing on the beach. A man came along and said to them, "Would you like to have a race and the winner receive a prize?"

The boys agreed. The man told them that his race was to be different. "I will go a little farther down the beach," he said, "and when I give you the signal, you will start to run. The one whose footsteps form the straightest line in the sand will be the winner."

The race commenced.

The first boy kept looking at his feet to see if his steps were straight. The second lad kept looking at his companions to see what they were doing.

The third boy just ran on with his eyes steadfastly fixed on the man at the finish line.

Who won the race?

The boy who kept his eyes on the man and ran toward him made the straightest path in the sand. He was the winner.

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB).

The Christian life is likened to a race. The winner of the race receives eternal life in heaven. The Good News is that there isn't just a single winner. All of those who run the race faithfully to the end will receive the prize (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

The key to victory is to keep your eyes on Jesus. The verb means to look away from all other things and focus on One: Jesus.

Look to Jesus, for He is the One who made our salvation possible. He died on the cross for our sins so that we can be forgiven and receive the gift of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 2:24). He "endured the cross, despising the shame" so that we can have an eternal home in heaven.

Look to Jesus as the Supreme Example (1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6). Others may lead us astray, but Jesus won't. Seek to follow His steps, and He will lead you in the right direction.

Look to Jesus, for He is "the way, the truth, and the life" and no one goes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). This is how we enter the race. Then, we must finish the race faithfully. As we fix our eyes on Jesus and walk (or "run") in the light of His Word, His atoning blood continues to cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:7-9).

Fix your eyes on Jesus and follow Him through your trusting obedience. He will lead you to victory.

On your mark... Get set... Go!

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

90—Into Our Hands

Opening Prayer: Jordan

Hymn:

222—Faith Of Our Fathers

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Acts 2:32-39

Hymn:

322—The Old Rugged Cross

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

257—Amazing Grace

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

613—Are You Washed In The Blood

Closing Hymn:

111—Yield Not To Temptation

Closing Prayer: Jerad

**Mark your calendar!
September 17th
Gospel Meeting / Pot Luck
Speaker: Mark Lance
from Louisiana**

CALENDAR

July 30—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Aug. 6— Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

Aug. 9—(a) Ray & Rebecca

Aug. 13—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Aug. 14—(a) Robert & Sara

Aug. 20—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

Aug. 22—(b) Carole

Check bulletin board for events in the area & other news

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

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The Promise To You

Acts 1:32-39

WORD LIST

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| CRUCIFIED | DAVID | EXALTED |
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| HOUSE | ISRAEL | JESUS |
| LORD | MANY | PETER |
| PRICKED | PROMISE | RAISED |
| RECEIVED | REPENT | RIGHT |
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G H O S T F P R I C K E D I G

We are in the second chapter of the Book of James on Sunday morning bible study. Here is a verse for you to remember:

James 2:9

But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

PRAYER LIST

Mynda's sisters-in-law Father's health. Jacob **Mark** and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** heart and back. Ron's son-in-law **Bob** **Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery **Bonnie's** grandson **Devin** study, **Dakota** **Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**.
Mary and family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy. **Kathy**, is home and was able to join us Sunday. Welcome back Kathy, Her sister and friends.
Linda's health, **Tiffany's** health & stress
Zarna and her family
Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, 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** breathing issue.. His friend **Riley** (age 6) sadly passed away.. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's** heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues. 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with leukemia.
Ray's new medication and his family.
Rebecca's right knee injuries & illness
Steven digestive tests & illness
Pat and her family
Rylan, 10 year old. Urgent brain surgery recovery
Robert's friend with cancer

Acts 2:32-39

³² This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. ³³ Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. ³⁴ For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, ³⁵ Until I make thy foes thy footstool. ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.