

# Good News From Chardon

## Church of Christ

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### A Reason to Celebrate

Brendan Harrison is a high school teacher and varsity boys' baseball coach in Saginaw, Michigan. "Coach Bubba" is what his baseball players call him.

In October 2022, Harrison was diagnosed with colon cancer. A doctor performed surgery to remove a cancerous mass. After recovering from surgery, he began receiving chemotherapy treatments.

On May 8, Harrison finally completed his 12th and final chemotherapy treatment. As he exited the health care facility, he was greeted by a large crowd of family, friends, students, and his baseball team. With tears of gratitude, Coach Harrison rang a bell signifying the completion of his treatments and embraced his family, friends and students that had come to celebrate with him.

What a wonderful reason to celebrate!

There is another celebration in which we will all want to share...

In Luke 15 in the Bible, Jesus, the Son of God, tells three parables. In each of them, something is lost and is found. When the lost object is found – a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son – there is great rejoicing, a celebration!

Here is Jesus' application of His three stories: "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10; see also v. 7, 22-24).

Because of our sins, we are lost (Romans 3:23; 6:23). But God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to "find" us and to save us (John 3:16). Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we can receive forgiveness and the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:7).

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 (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

And when one of us accepts God's offer on His terms, there is rejoicing in heaven (Luke 15:10) and on earth. In heaven, God and the angels rejoice. On earth, the family of God (the church, those who have also embraced the grace of God by trusting and obeying Jesus) rejoices because God has added another saved soul to their midst (Acts 2:41, 47).

Now that's a reason to celebrate!

If YOU will accept God's offer, heaven and earth are ready to celebrate with you!

David A. Sargent, minister for the  
Church of Christ at Creekwood in Mobile, Alabama

### Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

**90—Into Our Hands**

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

**14—Higher Ground**

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Romans 6:15-23

Hymn:

**301—He Loved Me So**

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

**346—Hold to God's Unchanging Hand**

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

**614—Who at My Door is Standing**

Closing Hymn:

**355—Heaven Holds All To Me**

Closing Prayer: Ray

## Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

### CALENDAR

Sept. 27—Bible Study 10 am; worship 11 am  
Speaker: Mark

Sept. 26—(b.) Margaret

Sept. 26—(b.) Rob S.

Sept. 27—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

Sept. 28—(b.) Rylan

Sept. 29—(a.) Mark & Debbie

Oct. 1—Bible Study 10 am; worship 11 am  
Speaker: Tom

Oct. 4—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

Oct. 7—(b.) Alayna

Oct. 7—(b.) Melissa

Oct. 10—(a.) Carl & Mary

Oct. 11—(b.) Celeste

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

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## From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God (Romans 6:15-23)

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

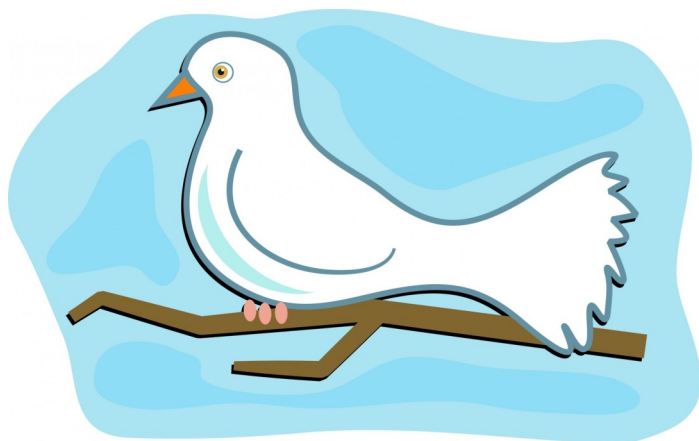
19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## PRAYER LIST

**Mynda's** sisters-in-law Father's health. As she travels and school starts up

**Nina** health issues

**Mark** and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** heart and back.

**Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery

**Bonnie** as she travels. grandsons **Devin & Dakota**

**Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**. Her niece **Nikki** in bad accident

**Mary** and family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy.

**Kathy**, is home. Her sister and friends.

**Linda's** health, **Tiffany's** health & stress & family

**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**. heart and lungs. 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with leukemia. His uncle **James**. Cousin **Kenny** hernia, Cousin **Joshua** heart Issues, Cousin **Randal** physical & mental health

**Ray's** and his family. **Rebecca's** knee & illness **Asher's** upcoming surgery

**Pat** and her family

**Robert's** friend **Freeman** with cancer

**Randy** health issues & tests

**Brenda's** voice, sister **Linda** and sister-in-law

**Linda** as they struggle with cancer. **Her** son

**Mark** heart, granddaughter **Amanda**

**Lenise**—knee problems

**Connie**, Sara's mom, heart and pneumonia

“What I’ve realized is that confidence is a daily journey. We always think that confidence is a destination we must get to, but it’s a choice we make. I don’t think it’s something we ever really get to and stay at. And I think once you know that, it takes the pressure off.”

Jonathan Van Ness