

Good News From Chardon

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Look at the Stars

Joe Barnett recently wrote about a visit with a couple that he had known in the past:

Mark and Katy were living a happy life in our community and church when they were abruptly uprooted and transferred to a remote, thinly-populated outpost in Alberta, Canada.

I stopped by to spend a night with them when a trip took me that way. We talked and laughed late into the night. But out of the corner of my eye, I saw a tear trickle down Katy's cheek.

Before heading to bed, I stepped outside and was mesmerized by a breathtaking view of a pitch-black sky festooned with thousands of shimmering stars. Suddenly, I realized I wasn't alone – Katy was leaning against the porch railing, gazing at the same sky.

"Homesick?" I asked.

"Terribly!" she said. "I miss my friends and my church. This is so far from home I feel like I'm on a different planet."

"I come out here almost every night," Katy said. "I like it when the stars come out; they connect me with my friends back home because they are the same stars, we used to look at together. We have a pact that we will still look at these stars together – they there, me here – and think of each other."

Centuries ago, a prophet thought the stars provided good medicine for homesick hearts. He pointed exiled and dejected people to the stars: "Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls them each by name" (Isaiah 40:26). The stars that looked down on those homesick captives in Babylon were the very same stars they had looked up at as they strolled the streets of Jerusalem in their beloved homeland. *

As soon as you can, look at the stars. If you're homesick, think of your loved ones and how they are viewing the same stars. As you look at the stars, consider also the One who created them. He knows the name of every star – and He knows and cares about you.

The Psalmist David was thinking about a star-filled sky when he wrote: "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them?" – Psalm 8:3-4 NIV

The wonder of it all is that our Creator cares deeply for each of us. He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we can be saved from sin, receive the gift of eternal life, and look forward to spending an eternity with Him in heaven (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 6:23; John 14:1-6).

God will save from sin and give eternal life to those who will 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).

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens. The One who created the starry host cares about YOU and wants YOU to be a part of His forever family.

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

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

47—No Not One

Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:

501—Give Me The Bible

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Psalm 8:1-9

Hymn:

257—Amazing Grace

Lord's Supper: Tom

Hymn:

225—Soldiers Of Christ Arise

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

614—Who At My Door Is Standing

Closing Hymn:

111—Yield Not To Temptation

Closing Prayer: Ray

**Set your clocks back
one hour this Saturday
night, November 4th**

CALENDAR

Nov. 5—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark. Business meeting

Nov. 8—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

Nov. 8—(b) Linda

Nov. 8—(b) Debbie

Nov. 10—(b) Ben

Nov. 11—(b) Danielle

Nov. 11—(b) Pat

Nov. 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker

Nov. 14—(b) Allen

Nov. 15—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

Nov. 16—(b) Kathy

Nov. 18—(b) Chelsea

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

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Consider Thy Heavens

Psalm 8:1-9

WORD LIST

ABOVE	ANGELS	AVENGER
BABES	BEASTS	CONSIDER
CROWNED	EARTH	ENEMY
EXCELLENT	FEET	FIELD
FINGERS	FISH	FOWL
GLORY	HAND	HEAVEN
HONOR	LORD	LOWER
MADE	MINDFUL	MOON
MOUTH	NAME	OXEN
PATH	SHEEP	STARS
STRENGTH	VISIT	WORK

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

Mynda's sisters-in-law Father's declining health.
Her Injured Achilles tendon. As she travels.
Jordon's accident injuries
Nina & Tom health issues
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** back and
Heart procedure recovery
Tom's Bible Study with **Roberta, Channing,**
and **Kris.**
Bonnie grandsons **Devin & Dakota**
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen,** sisters **Lorraine &**
Joyce . Her niece **Nikki** in bad accident
Her niece **Lorrie** had a heart attack
Mary and family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy.
Kathy, is home Her sister and friends. She is healing
Linda's health, **Tiffany's** health & stress & family
2 1/2 year old baby with terminal cancer.
Zarna and her family
Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, her sister
Betty under hospice care at Briar Hill,
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 surgery recovery, **Steven** health
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 issues
The nations at war
Myron & Carol as they travel

Psalm 8:1-9

8 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou
mightest still the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon
and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that
thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory
and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under
his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all
the earth!