

# Good News From Chardon

## Church of Christ

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### Wrestling with Self Forgiveness

One of the problems with learning to forgive ourselves is that we often frame ourselves in terms of the sins that we have committed. There is no need for this. We need to understand that our sin does not define us; **Jesus defines us**. Sin seeks to replace Jesus as the standard for who we are as human beings. One may tell himself, "I am just my sin." "I'm a fornicator." "I'm a thief." "I'm an adulterer." "I'm a liar." "I'm a hypocrite." The list could go on. This kind of self-talk perpetuates needless feelings of guilt.

Satan wants to own our identity. He wants sin to define us because that is what defines Him. He wants us to identify with our sins so that He can control us in His orchestrated rebellion against God. Just because we commit a sin does not mean that our identity is that sin. We must put Christ in the place of those sins. He is the standard for who God made us to be ([Galatians 2:20](#)). He does not want us identifying with our sins. Instead, He wants us to be found in Him ([Philippians 3:9](#)).

Unfortunately, many in the world have adopted this approach claiming that their sin is just an alternative lifestyle. This notion of identifying with sin has its roots in the contemporary philosophy of existentialism which says that an individual can define his own purpose. This philosophy has no standard of right and wrong; it is just what an individual decides to be. For many, sin becomes their defining trait as it reigns over them. [Romans 6:12](#) says, "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts." You are not your sin. Do not let sin identify you. Forgiving self means understanding that one's identity is in Christ, not one's past sins.

God bless you,

Kevin Cauley, New Boston church of Christ

### Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark  
Song Leader: Dale  
Opening Hymn:  
**14—Higher Ground**  
Opening Prayer: Dale  
Hymn:  
**261—Love Lifted Me**  
Scripture Reading: Ryan  
Romans 6:3-12  
Hymn:  
**322—The Old Rugged Cross**  
Lord's Supper: Robert  
Hymn:  
**561—It Is Well With My Soul**  
Sermon: Mark  
Invitation Hymn:  
**607—All Things Are Ready**  
Closing Hymn:  
**55—Take Time To Be Holy**  
Closing Prayer: Ray

♪ Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. ♪

### CALENDAR

Dec. 31—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark  
Dec. 31—(b) Randy  
Jan. 2—(b) Carl  
Jan. 7—(b) Cindy  
Jan. 14—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker  
Jan. 15—(a) Tom & Nina  
Jan. 21—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker  
Jan. 21—(b) Madelyn  
Jan. 21—(b) Robert  
Jan. 26—(b) Amy

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

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## You are not your sin

### Romans 6:3-12

#### WORD LIST

ALIVE	BAPTIZED	BELIEVE
BODY	BURIED	CHRIST
CRUCIFIED	DEAD	DEATH
DOMINION	FATHER	FREED
GLORY	JESUS	KNOW
LIFE	LORD	MANY
NEWNESS	ONCE	PLANTED
RAISED	RECKON	SERVE

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

#### PRAYER LIST

**Mynda's** as she travels. Celeste's mother in law

**Amy's** heart, Friend **Tina's** knee & foot

**Nina** health issues

**Tom** surgery recovery

**Mark** and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark** has been very ill

**Tom's Bible Study** with **Roberta, Channing,**  
and **Kris.**

**Bonnie's** feet, grandsons **Devin & Dakota, Rhonda**

**Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen,** sisters **Lorraine &**

**Joyce** . Her niece **Nikki** in bad accident

Her niece **Lorrie** had a heart attack

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

**Kathy's** foot healing. Her sister Vicky passed away

**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, and the rest of  
her family.

**Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.

**Dale's** health issues, headaches and his family. His **Mothers**

heart and lungs. 7 year old girl, **Lucie,** with

Leukemia. His uncle **James** sadly has passed away.

Cousin **Kenny** hernia, Cousin **Joshua** heart Issues,

Cousin **Randal** physical & mental health

**Ray's** health and his family. **Rebecca's** knee & illness

**Steven** health

**Pat** and her family

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

**Sara's** father injuries from a fall

**Brenda's** health, her sister **Linda** with shingles and

sister-in-law **Linda** as they struggle with cancer.

Her son **Mark** surgery recovery,

granddaughter **Amanda**

**Lenise**—knee problems.

**The nations at war**

**Myron & Carole** as they travel. Carole's brother Oscar

is in the hospital

**Larry and Ruth, she** is in the hospital

**Mike & Debra** as they lead Bryce back to Christ

#### Romans 6:3-12

<sup>3</sup> Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: <sup>6</sup> Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. <sup>7</sup> For he that is dead is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: <sup>9</sup> Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. <sup>11</sup> Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.