

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

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Issue 2

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Mark
Opening Hymn:
256—God Is Love
Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:
571—Bringing In The Sheaves
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Galatians 3:22-29
Hymn:
313—We Saw Thee Not
Lord's Supper: Dale
Hymn:
198—There Is Power In The Blood
Sermon: Rob
Invitation Hymn:
593—Free Waters
Closing Hymn:
27—Be With Me Lord
Closing Prayer: Ray

♪ Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art. ♪

CALENDAR

Jan. 14—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Rob
Jan. 15—(a) Tom & Nina
Jan. 21—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Jan. 21—(b) Madelyn
Jan. 21—(b) Robert
Jan. 26—(b) Amy
Jan. 28—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Jan. 31—(b) Logan
Feb. 4—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark Business meeting
Feb. 8—(b) Mason

Paid in Full!

Years ago when the final payment was made on an installment loan, the bank would stamp in large letters on the original application "Paid in Full!" In this electronic age I don't know if financial institutions still do that, but even if we don't get a piece of paper with the "Paid in Full!" stamp on it, when a loan is finally paid off, it sure feels good. Making that final payment and having a debt "Paid in Full!" is just plain exciting.

Jesus told a story about a man who owed such a huge debt that he could never have paid it off (Matthew 18). I mean he owed a man millions of dollars, and that was in the 1st century! When the debt came due, all the man could do was fall on his knees and beg for mercy. Try that at your bank. It doesn't work. But that time the unheard of happened. The man felt sorry for the one who owed him so much and stamped the parchment (or whatever) "Paid in Full!" He cancelled the entire debt! The balance was now \$0.00. If that had been you, how grateful would you have felt?

And that's just about money. We owe a debt that we can never pay. Even if we have millions of dollars, billions of dollars, we could never pay the debt we owe. It simply is not within our power to pay off our debt because our debt is not about something as frivolous as money. Our debt involves sin, which by nature makes us objects of God's wrath (Ephesians 2:3). And yet, because of the love and mercy of God, our enormous debt can be stamped "Paid in Full!"

I said "can be" because not everyone's sin debt will be cancelled. The other day I heard someone say that, although everyone will die with their debt of sin entirely paid, how sad it is that most will die without having their personal debt cancelled by Jesus (Matthew 7:13-14). The cross has the potential power to cancel every sin committed by every person who has or will live on this earth. Unfortunately, only a relatively few will accept the offer of forgiveness and obey the gospel to access this grace. While the cross "Paid in Full!" the sins of everyone, only those "in Christ" (see Galatians 3:26-27) receive the actual cancellation of the debt of sin: "in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us ..." (Ephesians 1:7-8). I dare say that no one would refuse to have their mortgage paid off by doing something as equally simple as God offers us to have our sin debt "Paid in Full!" by obeying the gospel. It is shocking what we will do for a few dollars and won't do for forgiveness of sins!

But for those of us who choose to see the bigger picture, for those of us who do know that saving our souls by the blood of Jesus is the most important thing we can accomplish in this life, how very grateful we should be that Jesus was willing and able to cancel our debt and mark it "Paid in Full!" We cannot thank him enough. But we can keep him the focus of our present life and the hope of our future life. And we can do whatever we can to help as many other people come to know the awesome blessing of the cross.

Joe Chesser worked for years with the
Fruitland Church of Christ, Fruitland, MO

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. Their son-in-law
Chris lost his job
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel.
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.
Linda's health, **Tammy** with RSV
 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. She is ill.
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 His
 Cousin **Roosevelt** in hospital with nerve pain
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.
Myron & Carole as they travel.
Larry and Ruth, she is at Briar Hill
Mike & Debra as they lead Bryce back to Christ
Miyapur Church of Christ in Hyderabad, South India
Les Cayes Church of Christ in southeast Haiti
Randy ill with RSV

WORD LIST

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| ACCEPT | BAPTIZED | BELIEVE |
| BOND | BRING | CHILDREN |
| CHRIST | DEBT | FAITH |
| FEMALE | FREE | HEIRS |
| JESUS | JUSTIFIED | LOAN |
| LOVE | MALE | MASTER |
| MERCY | OFFER | POWER |
| PROMISE | REVEALED | SCHOOL |
| SCRIPTURE | SEED | SHUT |
| UNDER | | |

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Where is it written?

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Answer - Matthew 6:19-21

Galatians 3:22-29 ²² But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. ²³ But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. ²⁴ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. ²⁶ For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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