

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024
April 28, 2024 Issue 17

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Doug

Opening Hymn:

73—The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

653—Sing And Be Happy

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Galatians 5:16-25

Hymn:

303—My Savior's Love

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

499—He Is Able To Deliver Thee

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

594—Jesus Will Give You Rest

Closing Hymn:

551—Do All In The Name Of The Lord

Closing Prayer: Ray

♪ Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love;
Let heav'n and earth their praises bring,
God is Love; Let every soul from sin awake,
Each in his heart sweet music make,
And sing with us for Jesus' sake,
For God is love. ♪

CALENDAR

Apr. 28—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Apr 30—(b) Breana

May 5—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark, Business Meeting

May 8—(b) Lisa

May 11—(b) Betty

May 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

May 14—(a) Albert & Margaret

May 19—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

May 19—(b) Tami

May 20—(b) Jacob

Grow Up and Do Better

How sad it is for Christians to make foolish threats towards other Christians. How wrong it is for worldly minded Christians to bully the church into getting their way: "If I don't get my way, I'll never come back to this church!" How disheartening it is when Christians act like mere men instead of having the Spirit of Christ.

I suspect that being sad and disheartened, maybe even shocked, were some of the feelings the Apostle Paul must have felt when he heard about what was going on in the church at Corinth. In the church! Christians acting like the rest of the world! There was jealousy and quarreling. There were people arguing and dividing over who their favorite preacher was. He wanted to address them in a spiritual way, but it was all too obvious that they were incapable of comprehending what he would have said. Babies can't be fed solid food, and it was shocking that they were still acting like babies (1 Cor. 3:1-4).

Fast forward 2000 years, and churches are still troubled with Christians who are acting like worldly-minded babies. It would be shocking to us if it wasn't so common. If I were a betting man I'd wager a bunch of money that every one of you reading this article knows of a church that's troubled right now by quarreling, jealousy and/or division over preachers.

I'm sorry that the church in Corinth was having trouble. However, I am thankful that the Holy Spirit included their story in the Scriptures. It helps us realize that there will always be churches plagued with problems of spiritual immaturity. It gives us hope that churches in trouble can find solutions to their problems. But most importantly, the trouble in Corinth teaches us what the major solution is. Actually what is alarming is not that the church in Corinth had problems. What is most surprising is that the solution is so simple. You want to stop the fussing and fighting and division in the church? The way to do is to listen to the Spirit of God instead of the spirit of the world. Just look at the larger context of 1 Cor. 2 & 3.

Paul said, beginning in 2:6, that he was speaking a message of wisdom to the spiritually mature, a message God had in mind before time began, revealed by the Spirit. However, the "rulers of this age," or worldly-minded people, could not understand it. They didn't have the Spirit's help. In 2:12 Paul wrote, "We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us."

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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Caleb's** upcoming shoulder surgery
Tom & Nina health issues.

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 health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota & Dillon,**
Rhonda. As she travels and visits in Arkansas

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 , they are all doing better.

Keatha, Mary's sister in law.

Kathy's foot healing and upcoming eye surgery

Linda's health and severe back pain

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**
medical procedure and sciatic pain. 7 year old girl,

Lucie, with Leukemia. Cousin **Kenny** hernia, Cousin

Joshua heart Issues, Cousin **Randal** physical &

mental health Cousin **Roosevelt** with nerve pain

Cousin **James** in serious truck accident

Ray's health and his family. **Rebecca, Steven, and Asher**

Breathing issues

Pat and her family

Robert & Sara's friend **Freeman** with cancer,

Robert's mother **Debra's** blood pressure.

Brenda's health, and eye surgery recovery. 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.

Larry and Ruth, she is at Briar Hill rehab and has a large
bed sore

Mike & Debra as they lead Bryce back to Christ.

Betty's friends; **Ann** with cancer and **Ray** in rehab.

Miyapur Church of Christ in Hyderabad, South India

Les Cayes Church of Christ in southeast Haiti

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Living by the spirit of the world is different from living by the Spirit of God. When people, even Christians, listen to the spirit of the world instead of the Spirit of God there will be quarreling and jealousy and division (3:14). When Christians listen to the Spirit of God there will be peace, love, patience, gentleness, kindness, etc. (Gal. 5:22-23). Threats and bullying come from worldly-minded people. Dividing over preachers comes from worldly-minded people. As Paul said in 3:16-17, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys the temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple." Selfish, worldly-minded thinking will destroy God's sacred temple, the church, and dishonor God. No church anywhere in the world is immune to this. However, Spirit led thinking will bring peace and unity to the church, and glorify God.

The trouble in Corinth doesn't have to be our trouble. We can grow up and do better.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the
truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the

Answer: John 14:6

Galatians 5:16-25 ¹⁶This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. ¹⁸But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. ²⁴And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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

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