

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024
May 5, 2024 Issue 18

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
561—It Is Well With My Soul
Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:
190—Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
Scripture Reading: Ryan
1 Corinthians 15:39-44
Hymn:
649—I Gave My Life For Thee
Lord's Supper: Tom
Hymn:
261—Love Lifted Me
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
98—I Surrender All
Closing Hymn:
655—God Be With You
Closing Prayer: Ray

♪ Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Thru eternal ages let His praises ring, Glory in the highest I will shout and sing, Standing on the Promises of God. Standing, Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior, Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God. ♪

CALENDAR

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, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
May 14—(a) Albert & Margaret
May 19—Bible Study 10, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
May 19—(b) Tami
May 20—(b) Jacob
May 21—(b) Marc
May 22—(b) Barbara
May 23—(b) Cali
May 25—(b) Rosemary
May 26—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11

What Does the Bible Say About Cremation?

Cremation refers to disposing of the body of the deceased by burning to ashes. In ancient times, it involved either burning the whole body, or the burning of all but the bones, which were then buried. Cremation was practiced by the Greeks and Romans, but rarely by the Hebrews and early Christians. Achan was burned because of his sin (Joshua 7:25). The bodies of King Saul and his sons were burned, apparently to prevent the Philistines from molesting the bodies. Their bones were then buried (1 Samuel 31:11-13). The Jews buried or placed the body in a sepulcher, believing in the resurrection of the body. From a practical standpoint, fuel for cremation was scarce, while caves for burial were plentiful. The worst of indignities was for the body to be exposed and not receive proper burial.

Man was formed of the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7), and as soon as he dies, his body begins to return to dust. The Egyptians embalmed the body (the Hebrews did not) in attempts to prevent the natural decay. Modern embalming, caskets, vaults, etc. also slow this decay, but do not prevent it. Cremation hastens that return to the elements which happens naturally upon burial. The human body is described as the "temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:19), and must be treated with dignity in life and in death. Some feel that cremation is disrespectful, but it is not clear that cremation is any more disrespectful to the body than are embalming and burial. In either case, a memorial service may be held, and the remains may be interred respectfully. Cremation is frequently chosen today because of the lower expense, and the lack of burial places in some large urban areas.

Cremation raises questions relating to resurrection of the body. The "resurrection body" will be like our natural body in some ways, but in some ways different. "It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body" (1 Corinthians 15:42-44). Since the natural body is a corruptible body, it really makes no difference (so far as the incorruptible resurrection body is concerned), whether the body is buried, cremated, or eaten by a wild animal. God will certainly give His children the new resurrection bodies they need.

Cremation may be used to escape the reality of death, or may be more traumatic to the family. Viewing the body and the traditional funeral service are often helpful to the family as they deal with grief. What the family believes is best should be chosen, maintaining respect for the body.

Bob Prichard serves as an elder and evangelist for the Hillview Church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama,

PRAYER LIST

WORD 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

Miyapur Church of Christ in Hyderabad, South India

Les Cayes Church of Christ in southeast Haiti

BEASTS
CELESTIAL
DIFFERENT
FLESH
MEN
POWER
SOWN
TERRESTRIAL
RESURRECTION

BIRDS
CORRUPTION
DISHONOR
GLORY
MOON
RAISED
STARS
WEAKNESS

BODIES
DEAD
FISHES
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NATURAL
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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every
knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall
confess to God.

Answer: Romans 14:11

1 Corinthians 15:39-44

³⁹ All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fish-
es, and another of birds. ⁴⁰ There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celest-
tial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the
moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. ⁴² So also is the resur-
rection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: ⁴³ It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in
glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.
There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

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