# Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024 June 16, 2024 Issue 24

## Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark Song Leader: Mark Opening Hymn:

33—My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

359—0 Think Of The Home Over

There

Scripture Reading: Ryan Revelations 3:14-22

Hymn:

271—Wonderful Love Of Jesus

Lord's Supper: Dale

Hymn:

267—The Love Of God

Sermon: Mark Invitation Hymn:

622—Soul A Savior Thou Art Needing

Closing Hymn:

507—Sowing The Seeds Of The

Kingdom

Closing Prayer: Jerad

What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. O! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### **CALENDAR**

June 16—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark

June 19—(b) Asher

June 19—(a) Danny & Susan

June 22—(b) Bonnie

June 22—(b) Brendan

June 23—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark

June 26—(b) Bennett

June 26—Ladies Bible Study Briar Hill

June 28—(a) Myron & Carole

June 30—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom

# A Tale of Two Churches

To begin the book of Revelation, Jesus reveals to John in a vision the content of letters that he was to write and send to seven churches in Asia Minor. In the letters, Jesus gives a specific, pertinent message to each church. Jesus' purpose is to both fix any issues going on within the churches and encourage the Christian recipients with messages of hope to remain faithful to Christ amid difficult times.

In 2:8-11, Jesus writes to the small but strong church in Smyrna. To them he says, "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan" (2:9). While the Christians who made up this congregation felt the sting of persecution and poverty—and maybe were struggling to remain faithful because of their struggles—Jesus reminds them that they are rich. According to Jesus' message, their riches come not from monetary gain but from something much greater. In encouraging the Smyrnaeans to remain faithful as they experience persecution, he says to them, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (2:10). The Smyrnaeans' riches were a result of God's grace in salvation, and Jesus encouraged them to use that grace to stand firm.

Later, in 3:14-22, Jesus writes to a church that, from the outside looking in, seemed to have everything together. The reality, however, was much different. Jesus tells the Christians in Laodicea that he will spit them out of his mouth due to their lukewarm nature. They are neither hot (actively for Christ) nor cold (actively against Christ). Jesus goes on to explain the reason: "For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked" (3:17). The lukewarm nature of the Laodiceans came from their desire to rely on themselves rather than Christ.

When studying this tale of two cities, Jesus clearly gets to the heart of the matter. In Jesus' mind, the church who had nothing really had everything, while the church who had everything really had nothing. In a world full of trials, Jesus calls for churches to rely on him rather than themselves. In a world full of trials, Jesus calls each individual Christian to rely on him rather than himself or herself. As tempting as it is to feel as though we have 'made it' when we are rich by worldly standards, may we always be a people who seek to be rich in our Savior's eyes. God loves you, and so do I.

Jared Green preaches the Calvert City Church of Christ in Calvert City, KY

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Mynda as she travels. Caleb's shoulder treatment

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.

Nina's back, Nephew Gary with cancer Bonnie's health, grandsons Devin, Dakota & Dillon,

Daughters **Rhonda** and **Renee** 

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. Jim and Beverly G. with health issues

Wayne and Diane G. with health issues

Kathy's friends Fran with cancer and Murial's surgery Linda's health and severe back pain Tiffany & family

2 1/2 year old baby with terminal cancer.

David & Renee's home caught fire

Zarna and her family

Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, and 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

Uncle Earl with cancer

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

Pat recovering from a fall, and her family

Robert & Sara their Son Michael and Daughter Maddie

Friend Hailey serious health issues after birthing

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**. **Larry & family** 

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

### **WORD LIST**

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BLIND	CHASTEN	CHURCH
COLD	COME	COUNSEL
DOOR	DOOR	FAITHFUL
FATHER	FIRE	GOD
GOODS	GRANT	HEAR
HOT	KNOCK	LOVE
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#### WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath

Answer: Ephesians 4:26

Revelations 3:14-22 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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