

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

August 4, 2024 Issue 31

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

59—Holy, Holy, Holy

Opening Prayer: Robert

Hymn:

668—Our God He Is Alive

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Romans 1:16-20

Hymn:

649—I Gave My Life For Thee

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

459—The Glory-land Way

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

98—I Surrender All

Closing Hymn:

84—Have Thine Own Way

Closing Prayer: Dale

♪ What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a
blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms; Leaning,
leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, Leaning, Leaning on the
everlasting arms. ♪

CALENDAR

Aug 4—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom Business meeting

Aug 9—(a) Ray & Rebecca

Aug 11—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

August 12-16 GOSPEL MEETING CHARDON

Aug 14—(a) Robert & Sara

Aug 18—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Aug 22—(b) Carole

Aug 25—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker

I Am Not Ashamed

In the introduction of Paul's letter to the Romans, he explained his love and care for the church in Rome. Paul desired to spend time with them, and he was "eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome" (1:15). Immediately following his heartfelt introduction, Paul provided what I consider to be the thesis of his letter. He said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith'" (1:15-16).

A study through Romans provides a clear answer as to why Paul began the body of his letter with a proclamation that he was not ashamed of the gospel. The gospel, as preached by Paul and the Apostles, was met with great opposition at times. Just in this letter, Paul dealt with things such as God's coming wrath on the unrighteous (chapters 1-2), the sinfulness of all people (chapter 3), righteousness through faith in Christ apart from the Law (chapters 3-7), salvation for all people regardless of race or ancestral heritage (chapters 9-11), submission to governing authorities (chapter 13), and a call to neither pass judgement on one another's choices nor cause a brother or sister to stumble (chapter 14).

Because of the difficult messages in each of the letter's sections, there could be plenty of reasons to be ashamed. Who wants to call someone out on their sin? Who wants to tell someone about God's coming wrath? Yet Paul made clear that he was not ashamed of the gospel. Why? Because he knew that the gospel of Jesus Christ provided the only path to salvation for the people he loved. Did that mean Paul had to have hard conversations? Of course, but he approached those difficult conversations with confidence in the truth, hope, and love of Christ's gospel.

Most of us would stand in agreement with Paul that we are unashamed of the gospel, but do our lives support that stance? As it was in Paul's day, our world meets the difficult message of the gospel with opposition. As a result, it is easier to turn a blind eye to the sins of those around me. It is easier to make myself believe that it is not my job to step in and have a difficult conversation with someone I care about. It is easier to tell myself that someone around me can hear the beautiful message of Christ's gospel from someone else. It is easier to live as though I am ashamed of the gospel. I challenge each of us, however, to stand firm and unashamed in the gospel, "for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes" (1:16). God loves you, and so do I.

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

PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Caleb's** shoulder treatment.
All her Family
Tom & Nina health issues & testing, Nina's back pain
Their son-in-law **Chris** lost his job
Nephew **Gary's** cancer is in remission hallelujah!
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel.
Tom's Bible Study with **Roberta, Channing,** and **Kris.**
Bonnie's health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota, Mick, Dillon,**
Connor & Keegan. Daughters **Ronda** and **Renee**
As she travels to Missouri
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen,** sisters **Lorraine & Joyce,**
niece Nikki in bad accident, niece **Lorrie** had a
heart attack
Mary, Carl and family down with illness. **Keatha,** Mary's
sister in law. Mary's brother **David** with health issues
Jim and Beverly G. with health issues
Wayne and Diane G. with health issues
Kathy's upcoming throat procedure, friends **Fran** with
cancer and **Murial's** travels. Her neighbor's faith
Linda's health and severe back pain, **Tiffany & family.**
Zarna and her family
Juanita, is at Briar Hill assisted living rm.100, and her family.
Ray and Barbara and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches, surgery recovery.
His family. His **Mothers** medical procedure &
sciatic pain. 7 year old girl, **Lucie,** with Leukemia.
Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **James**
in serious truck accident. Uncle Earl with cancer.
Friend Alberta sadly passed away.
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 brain cancer,
sister-in-law **Linda** with breast cancer, son **Mark**
surgery recovery, granddaughter **Amanda.**
Larry & family. As he travels
Mike & Debra as they lead Bryce back to Christ. As they
travel to Ohio and back to Florida. Their friend
Todd Brown surgery recovery for kidney cancer
Betty's friends; **Ann** with cancer,
Miyapur Church of Christ in Hyderabad, South India
Les Cayes Church of Christ in southeast Haiti

Everything Has Its Time

Ecclesiastes 3

1 To everything *there is* a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:
2 A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck *what is* planted;
3 A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
4 A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
5 A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;
6 A time to gain,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to throw away;
7 A time to tear,
And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;
8 A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.

WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

Answer: 1 Peter 3:15

Romans 1:16-20 ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek. ¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. ¹⁹ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. ²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

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