

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024
September 8, 2024 Issue 36

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575—Sunshine In My Soul
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Colossians 3:12-17
Hymn:
297—When My Love To Christ Grows Weak
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Hymn:
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Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
84—Have Thine Own Way, Lord
Closing Hymn:
56—Nearer My God To Thee
Closing Prayer: Larry

♪ Take my life and let it be Consecrated,
Lord to Thee; Take my hands and let them
move At the impulse of Thy love. Take my
feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for
Thee; Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my king. Take my silver
and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days, Let them
flow in ceaseless praise. Lord I give my
life to Thee, Thine forever more to be; ♪

CALENDAR

Sept 8—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom Business Meeting
Sept 13—(b) Cason
Sept 15--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker
Sept 16—(b) Wanda
Sept 16—(b) Susan
Sept 19—(b) Ray
Sept 22--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker

A Strong Faith

We read in Mark 9:14-32 about an incident in which the disciples were unable to cast out an evil or a "dumb and deaf spirit." A father had brought his son to be healed, but to no avail. When Jesus arrived at the scene the scribes were apparently questioning the disciples about their failure. Jesus stated, "... O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me" (Mark 9:19).

They brought the son unto Jesus, and when Jesus saw him, "... straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming" (Mark 9:20). The father pleaded for compassion from the Lord, and Jesus answered him. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:23-24). Here was a man who wanted to believe and to some extent did believe, but his faith was weak and needed to be strengthened.

Sometimes Christians are very much like this father. We believe in God. We believe in Christ and the Spirit of God. We believe that angels exist, and we believe in a heavenly world, but sometimes our faith seems to weaken. When this happens we need to do several things.

We need to read and to study the Bible more often. God's word will produce a strong faith if we will let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

We need to pray more frequently and more fervently. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). The child of God who prays often to the Father will have a much stronger faith than one who seldom bows the knee in prayer. "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalm 55:17). Every prayer should spring forth from a heart having faith in God and in His providence. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime" (Daniel 6:10). If we fail to pray, what does that say about our faith?

A strong faith is the result of a determined effort to please God. Truly, without faith we can not please our heavenly Father. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

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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. Mark's health
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. Keatha, Mary's sister-in-law.
Mary's brother **David** with health issue
Jim and Beverly G. with health issues
Wayne and Diane G. with health issues
Kathy's upcoming throat procedure, friends **Fran** with
cancer. 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, 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,
Joshua passed away, **Jalen's** mental health. 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 brain cancer,
sister-in-law **Linda** with breast cancer, son **Mark**
surgery recovery, granddaughter **Amanda.**
Larry & family.
Mike & Debra as they lead Bryce back to Christ. Their friend
Todd Brown surgery recovery for kidney cancer
Betty's friend **Judy** with heart issues and surgery
Miyapur Church of Christ in Hyderabad, South India
Les Cayes Church of Christ in southeast Haiti

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We need to purpose or determine in our hearts that we want to have a stronger faith in God. When our determinations is coupled with frequent and fervent prayer, along with diligent Bible study, the inevitable result will be a stronger faith.

But there is still another avenue for having a stronger faith in the Lord. We need to spend time with established faithful Christians who have endured the hardships of life. We can be strengthened in faith by their teaching and example. The success of others is an encouragement to our faith.

Brethren let us seriously strive to have a stronger faith. The Devil is powerful and deceitful. He is seeking to devour us at all times. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). A strong faith can be our shield in the battle against Satan. "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Ephesians 6:16). A strong faith puts us on the winning side. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11). If we have a strong faith we shall be victorious, but a weak faith is sure to fail.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Answer: Ephesians 6:11

Colossians 3:12-17 ¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. ¹⁴ And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

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