Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024 September 15, 2024 Issue 37

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
47—No, Not One
Opening Prayer: Myron

Hymn:

346—Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Scripture Reading: Ryan

John 15:1-9 Hymn:

257—Amazing Grace Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

274-A Jesus Loves Me

Sermon: Tom Invitation Hymn:

613—Are You Washed In The Blood

Closing Hymn: **90—Into Our Hands**Closing Prayer: Larry

 □ To Canaan's land I'm on my way, Where the soul (of man) never dies, My darkest night will turn to day, Where the soul (of man) never dies. No sad farewells, No tear dimmed eyes, Where all is love, And the soul never dies.

CALENDAR

Sept 15--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom

Sept 16—(b) Wanda

Sept 16—(b) Susan

Sept 19—(b) Ray

Sept 22--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker

Sept 25—Ladies Bible Study Briar Hill

Sept 26-Rob

Sept 28—Rylan

Sept 29--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker

Sept 29—(a) Mark & Debbie

Using Your Time for Jesus

Last week we considered, "Making Time for Jesus." In our modern hustle and bustle, it's easy to lose sight of what's important to us and our faith. Yet, the question remains, how do I use what little time I have for Jesus? While the answer can vary for us, depending on our time and talents, I believe the words of John 15:1-8 provide great insights into this question.

In this passage, Jesus declares, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful" (John 15:1-2, NIV). This pictures Jesus as the vine and faithful Christians as the branches. It underscores the importance of remaining connected to Christ. Just as a branch draws its life from the vine, so we draw our spiritual life from our relationship with Jesus.

This begins by being intentional in our daily walk with Jesus. He said, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me" (John 15:4, NIV). We are challenged to build a strengthening and growing relationship with Jesus, and this happens through prayer, reading the Bible, and worship. When we prioritize these disciplines, our connection to Him grows and we are empowered to bear fruit.

Another aspect of using our time for Jesus is serving others. Jesus said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5, NIV). We bear fruit through acts of love, kindness, and service to others. No matter how you use your unique talents for Jesus the most important part is using them.

As we make and use our time for Jesus, we are promised more fruit and a testimony to our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus promises, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples" (John 15:7-8, NIV).

Using our time for Jesus keeps us connected to Him, serving others, and bearing much fruit for the Father. In it we become His hands and feet here sharing his love and grace with the world. Let's commit to using our time for Jesus and bringing glory to the Father.

Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC.

PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Caleb's** shoulder treatment. All her Family

Tom & Nina health issues & procedures, 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 heart procedures

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. Allen's friend with brain bleed.

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. **Christian** with epilepsy.

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, 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 Their friends; Carl with cancer.

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

WORD LIST

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour

Answer: 1 Peter 5:8

John 15:1-9 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

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