

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024
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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Doug

Opening Hymn:

219—Banner Of The Cross

Opening Prayer: Robert

Hymn:

338—I know Whom I Have Believed

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Romans 15:1-7

Hymn:

286—Olive's Brow

Lord's Supper: Myron

Hymn:

154—He Lives

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

633—Prepare To Meet Thy God

Closing Hymn:

50—He Leadeth Me

Closing Prayer: Larry

♪ Since the love of God has shed priceless blessings on my head, I have made it my own; I will hide it in my heart, that it never may depart, It shall rule there alone. The love of God within the heart, Will kindness and warmth impart, The soul will glow like Jesus in His tender mercy, If the heart is made His dwelling place; The love of God glows like a flame, Thru endless years it is the same, The love of God will never fail nor lose its glory Till we see Him face to face. ♪

CALENDAR

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

Sept 29—(a) Mark & Debbie

Oct 6—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Business Meeting

Oct 7—(b) Alayna

Oct 7—(b) Melissa

Oct 10—(a) Carl & Mary

Oct 11—(b) Celeste

Oct 12—(b) Steven

Why the Old Law

As a New Testament Christian, we may often wonder about the purpose for the old law, or the Old Testament in our studies today. Since we are bound by the requirements of the New Testament, the testament of Jesus Christ, why should we spend any time in study of the old law? Truth be told, there are many reasons for us to continue to acquaint ourselves with what is written in the Old Testament section of our Bibles. Below are just a few:

- The Old Testament tells us about the nature of God, which we do not find recorded for us in any other place.
- It shows us many things about man and his nature.
- It instructs us as to the origin, nature, and consequences of sin.
- It is rich in history that is not recorded for us in any other venue, and gives us great insight to the question, "Where did we come from?"
- It reveals the greatest religious teaching to be found anywhere outside of the New Testament.
- It instructs us in high moral and ethical standards, especially in the book of Proverbs.
- It is an aid to one in developing his spiritual and devotional life (1 Cor. 10:6-11; Romans 15:4).
- It is a great guide for dealing with the many issues of life and personal relationships.
- The Old Testament gives us the necessary background for understanding many concepts that are presented to us in the New Testament.

Most importantly, the Old Testament functions for us to identify sin. Paul testified that he "would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet'" (Romans 7:7b). In identifying sin, and man's inclination to sin and need for a Savior, the old law was our tutor to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:24). Therefore, the periodic study of concepts and principles within the Old Testament is beneficial to our understanding and knowledge of God. Let us continue to study both the new law and the old in order that we may draw ever closer to our Lord and Savior!

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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Caleb's** shoulder, her Family
Tom & Nina health issues, **Tom's** heart procedure recovery.
Nina's back pain Their son-in-law **Chris** lost his job
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. Mark's heart procedure recovery
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 health, friends **Fran** with cancer. Her neighbor's faith
Linda's health and back pain, **Tiffany & family. Christian** with epilepsy tests. **Karissa**
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 & diagnosis. 7 year old girl, **Lucie,** with Leukemia. Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **James** in serious truck accident, **Jalen's** mental health. Uncles **Earl** with cancer, **Jimmy** who fell, **Aunt Rose** health
Brother in Christ **Johnston** medical procedure
Ray's health and his family. **Rebecca's** illness and recovery. **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 recovery
Betty's friend **Judy** heart surgery recovery
Kenya Kimai Church and orphanage basic necessities.

The Church as Family

Many in religious circles in the United States share concern over the declining numbers in church attendance. For instance, in 2022 a combined study by General Social Survey and the Pew Research Center showed a nearly 30 percent decline in adults who claim to be Christian, while those who are religiously unaffiliated have seen an increase from 5 percent to 29 percent over a period of about three decades from the 1990's to 2022. There are certainly many reasons external to the church for this shift, but it must be acknowledged that there are internal explanations as well.

Recently, a two-part post regarding the shift in thinking among millennials and Gen Z Christians (i.e. those who have become adults since the GSS/PEW study) noted a desire among this group of adults to shift from going to church to instead being the church. In truth, there should be room for both. It should not be an either-or proposition but a yes-and. In other words, we should be the church and also have a desire to go to what many refer to as church or what we refer to as worship services or assembly. If we truly are the church, then we should desire to assemble with our brothers and sisters in Christ to glorify God. However, that should not be all that we have to give.

Instead, we should look to Acts 2 for some guidance on what the church should look like. It is more than just the assembly. It is a family that seeks to be around one another as often as we possibly can, glorifying God and uplifting one another in everything that we do.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men

Answer: Colossians 3:23

Romans 15:1-7 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. ³For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. ⁴For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. ⁵Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: ⁶That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

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