

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

October 20, 2024

Issue 42

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Doug

Opening Hymn:

72—The Lord My Shepherd Is

Opening Prayer: Myron

Hymn:

461—On Jordan's Stormy Bank's

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Ephesians 2:4-9

Hymn:

310—Gethsemane

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

432—Where The Soul Never Dies

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

634—Where Will You Spend Eternity?

Closing Hymn:

83—Somebody Did A Golden Deed

Closing Prayer: Larry

♪ Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels, in chorus,
Sang as they welcomed His Birth,
"Glory to God in the highest!
Peace and good tidings to earth" ♪

CALENDAR

Oct 20—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Oct 22—(b) Jordan

Oct 23—Ladies Bible Study Briar Hill

Oct 27—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Oct 27—(b) Gary

Oct 28—(b) Larry

Nov 3—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom, Business Meeting

The Hope Within You

"But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:14-15).

When those around Peter's audience could not understand why they would remain faithful to Jesus while being persecuted, Peter called them to be prepared to defend their hope. Why remain faithful to the Lord, even amid life's difficulties? That is a question we all must be ready to answer.

The Israelites' hope was found in God's faithfulness to them. Just before Joshua's death, he and the Israelites renewed their covenant with God. In Joshua 24:2-13, Joshua reminded the people of God's unwavering faithfulness. God led Abraham through all the land of Canaan and gave him Isaac (v. 3). God then gave Jacob and Esau to Isaac, and Jacob's family ended up in Egypt (v. 4). Years later, God sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh and plagued Egypt until the people were delivered (v. 5). When the Egyptians gave chase, God parted the Red Sea to provide Israel safe passage, while the Egyptians were swallowed up (vv. 6-7). God then brought Israel into the promised land, giving them their victory over all who would stand in their way, so that the people could live in a land perfectly laid out by God for his people (vv. 8-13).

After Joshua recounted God's faithful works, he called the people to put away their fathers' false gods and serve the Lord alone. No matter what others chose to do, however, Joshua said, "as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (v. 15). Having been reminded of God's faithfulness, the people could not agree more. They answered Joshua, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed" (vv. 16-17).

The Israelites' hope and motivation to obedience was rooted in what God had done for them. The same should be true of us. We have experienced an even greater deliverance! "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved" (Ephesians 2:4-5). What is the reason for our hope-filled obedience, even amid life's difficulties? That God, in his mercy, sent Jesus to save us from our sins and reconcile us to himself. May we all echo Joshua's great words: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

God loves you, and so do I.

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

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. **Debbie** shoulder surgery 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**
knee surgery, **niece Nikki** in bad accident, **niece**
Lorrie 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. **Ethan** upcoming surgery
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
Kenya Kimai Church and Orphanage basic necessities.

WORD LIST

AGES	BOAST	CHRIST
DEAD	FAITH	FLESH
GIFT	GOD	GOOD
GRACE	GREAT	HEART
HEAVEN	JESUS	KINDNESS
LEAN	LORD	LOVE
LUST	MERCY	MIND
NATURE	PLACES	QUICKEN
RAISED	RICHES	SAVED
SINS	TOGETHER	TRUST
WALK	WORKS	WRATH

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and
lean not unto thine own understanding.

Answer: Proverbs 3:5

Ephesians 2:4-9

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: ⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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