

# Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

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## Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark  
Song Leader: Dale  
Opening Hymn:  
**55—Take Time To Be Holy**  
Opening Prayer: Robert  
Hymn:  
**501—Give Me The Bible**  
Scripture Reading: Ryan  
Luke 11:33-36  
Hymn:  
**477—Blessed Assurance**  
Lord's Supper: Myron  
Hymn:  
**577—Heavenly Sunlight**  
Sermon: Mark  
Invitation Hymn:  
**613—Are You Washed In The Blood**  
Closing Hymn:  
**14—Higher Ground**  
Closing Prayer: Larry

♪ There's a great day coming,  
a great day coming,  
There's a great day coming by and by,  
When the saints and the sinners  
shall be parted, right and left,  
Are you ready for that day to come?  
Are you ready, are you ready?  
Are you ready for the judgement day?  
Are you ready, are you ready  
For the judgement day? ♪

## CALENDAR

Dec 8—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom  
Dec 9—(b) Megan  
Dec 15—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker  
Dec 22—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Jerad  
Dec 29—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Jerad

## The Necessity of Relationships

Let me start by asking you a few questions. Where do you go when you have a problem? Whom do you turn to when you need help or advice on some important issue in your life? Are you more likely to turn to someone you know or to a complete stranger? How do you feel when a stranger comes to your door or calls you on the telephone and tries to talk with you about political issues, replacement windows or religion? How much attention do you pay to all the junk mail that is addressed "To the Current Occupant" that crowds your mailbox every day?

Now please don't misunderstand me, I'm not going to deny that God can sometimes use these techniques to touch people's lives with the truth. Regardless of the approach, there will always be stories to prove that these efforts have some success in leading people to the Lord. HOWEVER—I believe that people are becoming more and more immune to impersonal approaches to evangelism. The fact is that all of us experience discomfort when someone outside our circle of family and friends tries to influence us about personal and spiritually significant matters.

The real honest truth is that we are not all that comfortable having people we know confront us about such matters and so we definitely don't want strangers trying to do so. If we are going to listen to anyone though we all naturally gravitate toward people we already know and trust. Friends listen to friends. Friends confide in friends. Friends are influenced by friends. Therefore, if we're going to impact our world for Christ, then one of the most effective approaches will be through our building of strong relationships with those God places in our lives.

We are called upon to be the Salt and Light of the world. Thus far we have been primarily talking about our influence as related to being salt as we have discussed: Authenticity, Compassion and Sacrifice. Today we want to address the need for close proximity or contact with those whom we seek to influence. The most potent salt in the world has no impact when left in the shaker. The most powerful light will have no positive effect on the darkness if it isn't allowed to shine. The most authentic, compassionate and sacrificial Christians on the planet will not influence anyone until they have contact with them. Thus, in today's lesson we will explore the necessity of building of relationships with those we hope to reach.

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## PRAYER LIST

**Mynda** as she travels. **Caleb's** back surgery recovery  
**Tom & Nina** health issues, **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  
**Mark's** brother **Dale'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**  
**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, Friend  
**Amber** with the loss of her baby  
**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** eye surgery recovery, health and 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 & 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  
Uncle **Jimmy** stroke.  
**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 Sister **Tanya's** pain, 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 friend **Carl** with cancer.  
Betty's son **Randy's** health

### Luke 11:33-36

<sup>33</sup> No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. <sup>34</sup> The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup> Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. <sup>36</sup> If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

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And we don't have to look very far in our Bibles before we find examples of this approach to reaching people for the Lord. We can't be contagious Christians without getting close enough to other people for them to catch what we have got. Later on, we are going to talk about ways to effectively communicate the content of our faith, but it's important to realize that the ability to communicate doesn't do any good if we have no one to communicate with.

So be a friend to as many as possible. And what's truly exciting is that when we are a part of reaching out to unbelievers, we see our own faith deepening and our reliance on God growing, and the mission becomes more fulfilling! What are you doing with the relationships in your life?

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## WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

*Answer: John 6:35*

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