# Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024 December 22, 2024 Issue 51

### **Schedule of Services**

Greeting: Mark Song Leader: Doug Opening Hymn:

545—0 Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

282—Ring Out The Message

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Romans 6:17-23

Hymn:

328—Beneath The Cross Of Jesus

Lord's Supper: Dale

Hymn:

559—Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Sermon: Jerad Invitation Hymn:

624—Why Keep Jesus Waiting?

Closing Hymn:

527—Let The Lower Lights Be

Burning

Closing Prayer: Robert

#### **CALENDAR**

Dec 22—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Jeradk, Business Meeting

Dec 29—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Jerad

Dec 29—(b) Caleb

Dec 31—(b) Randy

Jan 2—(b) Carl

Jan 5—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Jerad Business Meeting

### Twice Mine

Brett Petrillo recently shared this interesting story:

Tom had just finished making his own toy boat. He brought the boat to the edge of a river and started to let out the string tied to it. He was admiring how smoothly his boat cut through the water when a strong current took hold. Tom tried to pull his toy back to shore but the current was too strong and the string snapped. He sprinted along the bank to catch it, but soon his boat drifted out of sight. He desperately searched for the boat until darkness set in. Unsuccessful, he finally gave up the hunt.

Several days later Tom was walking home from school and passed by a toy store. A certain boat caught his eye. He pressed his face against the store window to get a better look and sure enough, it was his lost boat. He ran inside and told the manager, "Sir, that's my boat in your window. I made it myself." The manager replied, "Sorry, son, but someone else brought it in this morning. If you want it, you'll have to buy it."

Tom hurried home and counted all of his money; he had just enough. He rushed back to the store and purchased his beloved boat. As he walked home he held the toy tightly to his chest and said, "Now you're twice mine. First, I made you and now I bought you." (Good News Publishers, "The Boy Who Lost His Boat"). \*

God created mankind in His image (Genesis 1:26-27). Sadly, due to our wrong choices, each of us has drifted away from God, and we've been caught up in the sweeping currents of sin. In our sin, we've become the slave of sin and Satan (John 8:34), which will destroy us (Romans 6:23; 1 Peter 5:8).

But God loves us so much that even though He was the offended party, He paid the price for our redemption. The price paid for our redemption was the precious blood of His Son Jesus who died on the cross for our sins (1 Peter 1:18-19). Because of that "purchase," we can have forgiveness of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life because of our Maker and Savior.

We belong to God by right of CREATION. He made us, therefore we belong to Him. Even though we rejected His ownership in our choice to serve sin and Satan, we can "belong" to Him once again through the REDEMPTION that is found in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:7).

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#### **PRAYER LIST**

Mynda as she travels. Caleb's back surgery recovery Tom & Nina health issues, Nina's back pain,

Daughter Jenny and family

Mark and Debbie as they travel.

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 Friend, Liz with serious troubles

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. **Ray** fell on the ice and broke his femur leg bone. He is at a rehab center.

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 surgery for the 19th 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.

Doug's father-in-law, Mahlon, broke his leg & at rehab

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God will redeem those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Having been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, we should live out the rest of our lives seeking to bring glory to Him (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

When we accept God's offer of redemption, we become "TWICE HIS." He made us and He purchased our redemption. As His possession, we receive ALL of the spiritual blessings that are found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

Won't YOU accept His offer of redemption and eternal life by trusting and obeying Him today?

Won't YOU?

David A. Sargent, minister for the Church of Christ at Creekwood in Mobile, Alabama

## WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Answer: Psalm 27:14

Romans 6:17-23 <sup>17</sup> But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. <sup>18</sup> Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. <sup>20</sup> For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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