

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024
December 29, 2024 Issue 52

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Doug

Opening Hymn:

63—What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Opening Prayer: Mark

Hymn:

227—Stand Up For Jesus

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Acts 17:30-34

Hymn:

313—We Saw Thee Not

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

345—When The Roll Is Called Up

Yonder

Sermon: Jerad

Invitation Hymn:

625—Why Not Now?

Closing Hymn:

192—Anywhere With Jesus

Closing Prayer: Dale

♪ It won't be very long till this short life shall end, It won't be very long till Jesus shall descend; And then the dead in Christ from beds of clay shall rise To meet the Lord and King up yonder in the skies. It won't be very long, It won't be very long Till Jesus shall appear, That day is drawing near; Will you be ready then To meet the ransomed throng? Get ready for that day, It won't be very long.♪

CALENDAR

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

Dec 29—(b) Caleb

Dec 31—(b) Randy

HAPPY 2025 NEW YEAR

Jan 2—(b) Carl

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

Jan 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker

Never Alone

Steve Higginbotham relates an experience that will likely be familiar to parents of small children:

I can remember a frequent routine that used to take place in our house when my youngest son was about six-years-old and my youngest daughter was about two-years-old. It would be evening, the family would be upstairs, and I might ask my youngest son to retrieve something from the first floor.

He would quickly say, "But Dad, no one's down there." To which I would say, "I know." Then he would reply, "But it's dark and the lights are out." I'd say, "Then turn on the lights and it won't be dark anymore." Then he'd say, "But I'm afraid." And I'd say, "There's nothing to be afraid of, now go on down there and get what I asked you to get." Finally, he would turn to his two-year-old sister and say, "Hey Anne Marie, do you want to go downstairs with me?"

Through the years, I've laughed about that. I mean, what's a two-year-old girl going to do to help you when you're scared?

Presence - She'll give you her presence. We value presence more than we may realize. Our fears aren't as great when we're with someone else. The darkness doesn't seem quite as dark. And our imaginations are kept in check by the presence of others.

For those who have or who are experiencing storms (physical or emotional)... For those who are grieving the loss of loved ones... For those who are battling chronic illness and pain... For those who are lonely... It's wonderful to know that IF we are children of God..... then we are NEVER ALONE!

There's only one thing that can separate us from God: our SIN! "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2).

But when we were separated from Him due to our sin, God came to us in the person of His Son, Jesus. "And the Word became FLESH and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Even while we were yet sinners, God first demonstrated His love by His PRESENCE. Then, He demonstrated His love completely when Jesus died on the cross for our sins – so that we would NEVER have to be separated from God anymore! "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Caleb's** back surgery recovery
Her **Aunt Donna** and family
Tom & Nina health issues, **Nina's** back pain,
Daughter **Jenny** and family
Mark and Debbie as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale**
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 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 recovery
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 is now
on Hospic, 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

Acts 17:30-34 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. 33 So Paul departed from among them. 34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

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We can be reconciled to God through Jesus when we: place our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed; born of the water and the Spirit) for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; John 3:3,5). Then, as His children, we continue to "stay connected" to Him as we continue to walk in the light of His Word while the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

Steve Higginbotham closed his article saying, "Thank God for two-year-old little girls who will go downstairs with their older brothers, and thank God for Jesus who promised to never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5)."

Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and life? You'll never be alone again.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN

And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Answer: Matthew 27:53

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