

# Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

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

Greeting: Mark  
Song Leader: Dale  
Opening Hymn:  
**90—Into Our Hands**  
Opening Prayer: Myron  
Hymn:  
**190—Leaning On The Everlasting Arms**  
Scripture Reading: Tom  
1 Peter 1:15-21  
Hymn:  
**257—Amazing Grace**  
Lord's Supper: Robert  
Hymn:  
**346—Hold To God's Unchanging Hand**  
Sermon: Mark  
Invitation Hymn:  
**605—Just As I Am**  
Closing Hymn:  
**100—Take My Life, And Let It Be**  
Closing Prayer: Larry

♪ Time is filled with swift transition,  
Naught of earth unmoved shall stand,  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand!  
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## CALENDAR

Jan 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark  
Jan 13—(b) Cindy  
Jan 15—(a) Tom & Nina  
Jan 19—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker  
Jan 21—(b) Madelyn  
Jan 21—(b) Robert

## A Thoughtful Gift

Brenna Martin graduated from high school in 2012. One of the things that she will remember most is the graduation gift that she received from her parents. She posted her thoughts about her gift not long after she received it. Here are her words:  
"I graduated High School this week. When my Dad said he had a present for me, I thought I was getting some cheesy graduation card. But what I received was something truly priceless.... Following the ceremony he handed me a bag with a copy of 'Oh, The Places You'll Go!' by Dr. Seuss inside. At first I just smiled and said that it meant a lot and that I loved that book. But then he told me, 'No, open it up.' On the first page I see a short paragraph written by none other than my kindergarten teacher. I started tearing up but I'm still confused. He tells me, 'Every year, for the past 13 years, since the day you started kindergarten, I've gotten every teacher, coach, and principal to write a little something about you in this book.' He managed to keep this book a secret for 13 years, and apparently everyone else in my life knew about it! Yes the intended effect occurred... I burst out into tears.

Sitting there reading through this book there are encouraging and sweet words from every teacher I love and remember through my years in this small town. My early teachers mention my 'pigtails and giggles,' while my high school teachers mention my 'wit and sharp thinking.' But they all mention my humor and love for life. It is astounding to receive something this moving, touching, nostalgic, and thoughtful. I can't express how much I love my Dad for this labor of love."

The book "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" has a cash value of less than \$20, but to Brenna, it is "truly priceless." She will cherish the comments from her teachers and coaches, but what makes the book so valuable to her is that her Dad worked on "this labor of love" for 13 years.

If the value of a gift can be determined by the time and thoughtfulness behind it, consider the worth of God's greatest Gift for you and me...

The Apostle Peter wrote to Christians regarding the price that was paid for their redemption: "18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake." — 1 Peter 1:18-19

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### PRAYER LIST

**Mynda** as she travels. **Caleb's** back surgery recovery  
Her **Aunt Donna** and family  
**Tom & Nina** health, **Nina** fell and broke her hip and had surgery on Monday. 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.** **Ryan** broke his ankles and waiting on surgery. **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.**  
**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 home now.  
**Dale's** health issues, headaches, His family. His **Mothers** medical procedure & diagnosis. 7 year old girl, **Lucie,** with Leukemia. Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **Jalen's** mental health. Uncle **Earl** with cancer, **Aunt Rose** health, Brother in Christ **Johnston** surgery recovery. Uncle **Jimmy** stroke.  
**Ray's health** and his family. **Rebecca, Steven, and Asher Pat** and her family  
**Robert & Sara,** Son **Michael** and Daughter **Maddie**  
**Brenda's** health, her sister **Linda** is now on Hospice, sister-in-law **Linda** with breast cancer, grandson **Jason** with herniated neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda.**  
**Larry & family**  
**Mike & Debra** Their friend **Carl** with cancer.  
**Doug's** father-in-law, **Mahlon,** broke his leg & at rehab  
**Family** ill with respiratory virus  
**Betty's** friend **Judy** with heart issues

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Our sins condemn us (Romans 3:23; 6:23), but God loves us so much that He provided a Gift – His Son Jesus – to pay the price for our redemption (Ephesians 1:7). That Gift, which provides salvation and eternal life to those who accept it, is precious – not only because it is the precious blood of the Son of God who died for us, but also because of how long ago God determined to provide the Gift. “He was chosen before the creation of the world.”

In order to accept God's offer of salvation and life through His Son, one must place his 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) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38), and follow Him faithfully (Revelation 2:10).

God planned to save us through the blood of Jesus His Son before He even created us! That Gift is “truly priceless.”

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” – 2 Corinthians 9:15

Won't YOU accept the GIFT on His terms?

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

### WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom

*Answer: Psalm 90:12*

**1 Peter 1:15-21** 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

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