

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

April 13, 2025

Issue 15

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Myron

Opening Hymn:

256—God Is Love

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

**652—How Sweet, How Heavenly, Is
The Sight**

Scripture Reading: Dale

1 Peter 4:12-16

Hymn:

286—Olive's Brow

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

261—Love Lifted Me

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

28—My Jesus, I Love Thee

Closing Hymn:

14—Higher Ground

Closing Prayer: Dale

♪ There is a habitation,
Built by the living God,
For all, of ev'ry nation,
Who seek that grand abode.
Within its pearly portals,
Angelic armies sing,
With glorified immortals,
The praises of its King.

O Zion, Zion, I long thy gates to see: O
Zion, Zion, When shall I dwell in Thee?



CALENDAR

April 13--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

April 14--(b) Sara

April 14- (a) Brendan & Lisa Marie

April 16-(b) Eric

April 18-Gospel sing Ravenna

April 20-Bible Study 19 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Just a Christian

If we receive the Bible as the Word of God, then we should recognize its authority. Paul wrote unto the brethren in Thessalonica, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (1 Thess. 2:13).

We read in the New Testament in Acts 11:25-26, "Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." The disciples of Christ were called Christians because they were followers of Christ. Why shouldn't His disciples be "just Christians" today? Why should any Christian wear a denominational name to divide and set himself apart from other Christians?

So much of the religious world admires Martin Luther, but they fail to listen to what he taught on the subject. Martin Luther said, "What is Luther? After all, the teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone. St. Paul would not permit Christians to call themselves Pauline or Petrine, but Christian. How then should I -- poor, stinking sack of maggots that I am -- be entitled to have people call the children of Christ by my wretched name?" It is evident from this quote that Luther was against anyone calling himself a "Lutheran." I have no doubt but that John the Baptist would feel the same way had he lived to enter into the Lord's church or the kingdom of Christ.

When Paul reasoned with King Agrippa he said, "King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:27-28). Even King Agrippa realized that the disciples were called Christians. There is no way he could have said in the first century, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Lutheran!" If Martin Luther could understand the subject so clearly, why can't so many understand the subject today? Could it be because tradition has taken the place of the authority of the Word of God?

Peter also used the name "Christian" to refer to the disciples of Christ. We read, "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Peter 4:15-16). It is obvious that the name "Christian" glorifies the Savior.

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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Caleb's** back surgery recovery
Her **Aunt Donna** and family. The **Brown Family**
loss of grandfather and mother.

Tom & Nina health, **Nina** is at home and improving.
Daughter **Jenny** and family

Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale**
Their daughter & husband's job.

Tom's Bible Study with **Roberta, Channing, and Kris.**

Bonnie's is in Missouri, her health, grandsons **Devin,**
Dakota, Dillon, Mick, Connor & Keegan.
Daughters **Ronda** and **Renee.**

Wanda's migraines; son **Allen.** friend with brain bleed. Her
sister **Joyce's** brother in law health

Carole - friend's son **Brad** heart issues

Mary, Carl and family, Ryan's ankle, **Keatha**—Mary's
sister-in-law. Mary's brother **David** with health issue,

Jim and Beverly G. with health issues. Bev is waiting on
testing & treatment

Wayne and Diane G. with health issues

Kathy's health, her foot and upcoming tests

Linda's health, she moved to Alliance, **Tiffany & family.**
Christian seizures, Daughter in law, **Becky,** chemo
treatment

Zarna and her family

Juanita and her family.

Ray and **Barbara** and their family.

Dale's health issues, headaches, His family. His **Mothers**
upcoming knee replacement surgery. 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** is home and will
have further procedures, **Steven, and Asher**

Pat and her family

Robert & Sara, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie**

Brenda's health, son **Mark's** heart issues, sister-in-law
Linda, breast cancer, grandson **Jason** herniated
neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda.** brother **Jim**
broken back. Friend **Marge** with cancer.

Larry & family

Mike & Debra as they prepare to travel to Ohio

Betty's friend **Judy,** in rehab

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If that is the case, who does the name of
Luther or John the Baptist glorify?

God foretold prophetically that He would
give a new name to His children. "And the
Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all
kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a
new name, which the mouth of the LORD
shall name" (Isaiah 62:2). This prophecy was
fulfilled when "the disciples were called
Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

My friend, if you love God, love the Bible,
and love Christ, why not be just a Christian?

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he
that seeketh findeth; and to him that
knocketh it shall be opened.

Answer Luke 11:10

1 Peter 4:12-16 12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil-doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

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