

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024
June 29, 2025 Issue 26

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
77—Halleluja Praise Jehovah
Opening Prayer: Tom
Hymn:
17—Revive Us Again
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Matthew 24:32-39
Hymn:
649—I Gave My Life For Thee
Lord's Supper: Myron
Hymn:
403—No Tears In Heaven
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
613—Are You Washe In The Blood
Closing Hymn:
103—A Beautiful Life
Closing Prayer: Robert

♪ 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know,
"Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him;
How I've prov'd Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!
O, for grace to trust Him more. ♪

CALENDAR

June 29-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
July 3—(a) Ken & Myndi
July 7—(b) Rebecca
July 9—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
July 11-(b) Jennette
July 13-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
July 16-(a) Gary & Cindy

Were Christ and the Apostles Mistaken About His Return?

The Lord's second coming is one of the most often discussed subjects in the New Testament, teaching Christians to eagerly anticipate that return. In the very last section of scripture, the Lord says, "Surely I come quickly" (Revelation 22:20). Paul exhorted, "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand" (Romans 13:11-12). James adds, "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8). Hearing these words, no doubt many Christians of the first century probably expected the Lord to return immediately.

Balanced with these and similar passages, however, is the Lord's assertion that "of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:36-39). No one knows when He will return, and thus all should be prepared. Paul gave this warning: "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (1 Thessalonians 5:2-3). How could Paul and Christ so clearly state that no one will know the time of the second coming, if they thought it would be "soon"?

The scriptures thus present the second coming as always imminent [about to happen], but also distant. People have always had difficulty understanding this. Luke tells us that Jesus told a parable of a nobleman giving ten pounds to ten servants, even as he went into a far country "to receive a kingdom," because "he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear" (Luke 19:11-13). The Christian must always "watch and be sober" because the Lord may return any time (1 Thessalonians 5:6), but He may also delay His coming.

While "quickly," or "at hand" may imply something is to occur in a brief period of time, these terms do not always mean this. When Jesus said "Surely I come quickly" (Revelation 22:20), He was emphasizing that His coming would be sudden. In the same
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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. Her **Aunt Donna** and family.
Tom & Nina health, Sister in law **Frances** health,
Daughter **Jenny** and family
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale**
Their daughter & husband's job.
Bonnie's health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota, Dillon's**
health, Mick, Connor & Keegan. Daughters **Ronda** and
Renee.
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen.** Her sister **Joyce's** brother
in law health
Mary, Carl and family, Keatha—Mary's sister-in-law.
Mary's brother **David** with health issue,
Jim and Beverly G. health issues. Bev is in treatment
Wayne and Diane G. with health issues
Kathy's health, her foot and upcoming throat surgery
Linda's broken leg & health, **Tiffany & family.** **Christian**
seizures, Daughter in law, **Becky,** chemo treatment,
great Granddaughter **Dahlia** health
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's** surgery went well
she is in the hospital, **Steven, and Asher**
Pat and her family
Robert & Sara, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's
father **Jeff's** shoulder surgery
Brenda's is home from the hospital, son **Mark's** heart
issues, sister- in-law **Linda,** breast cancer, grand
son **Jason** neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda.**
brother **Jim** Back surgery Friend **Marge** with cancer.
Larry & family

Matthew 24:32-39 32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

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way, indications of something being "at hand" often meant that it was sure to happen, not necessarily immediately. Speaking for the Lord, Moses warned about the fate of Israel: "To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste" (Deuteronomy 32:35). This prophecy was not fulfilled for hundreds of years, because God's standards of time are not the same as man's. "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 3:8). Christ and the inspired writers were not mistaken. They were preparing the unprepared for His return. We also must be prepared.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Answer: John 14:3

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