

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

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Issue 28

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Myron

Opening Hymn:

1A—How Great Thou Art

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

207—The Lily of the Valley

Scripture Reading: Tom

Ephesians 4:1-8

Hymn:

293—Night, With Ebon Pinion

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

282—Ring Out The Message

Sermon: Jerad

Invitation Hymn:

596—God Is Calling The Prodigal

Closing Hymn:

527—Let The Lower Lights Be Burning

Closing Prayer: Mark

♪ This is my Father's world, And
to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and 'rond me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the tho't of rocks and
trees, of skies and seas—
His hand the wonders wro't. ♪

CALENDAR

July 13-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker—Jerad

July 16-(a) Gary & Cindy

July 17-(b) Myron

July 20-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

July 27-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

July 30-Ladies Bible Study—Briar Hill

One Body

There is hardly a congregation of the Lord's church today—Large or Small—that is not feeling some type of pressure to change. Whether it comes from within or without, there is mounting pressure today to alter our teachings about the nature of the church, salvation and worship. This pressure can be either good or bad—positive or negative.

It can be positive if it causes us to examine closely what we believe and make sure that it is in accordance with the Word of God. If it helps us to be able to distinguish between the Truth of God's Word and the Traditions of Men—holding to the former while being willing to let go of the latter. It can be negative, if in an attempt to ease the pressure or simply to be more like those around us, we are willing to give up any of the essentials of our faith. That are dictated to us by the Word of God and thus not subject to change.

It does not matter if they are popular or not, there are certain limits beyond which we cannot go, if we are to remain pleasing to God—Gal.1:6-9. Regardless of what is often heard from the "change-agents" among us, we cannot alter, adapt or change in any way the foundational principles and practices of the Lord's church. And to do so would be of no benefit to ourselves or to those we would "supposedly" be reaching by doing so.

I believe that it was Barton Stone that long ago said: "In matters of faith, Unity, In matters of Opinion, Liberty and In all things, Love." While I wholeheartedly agree with the principles behind these sentiments, the practice of them, even in the Lord's church, has never come easily. What are matters of faith and opinion to one individual or group is often quite different than what is considered to be so by another group. And there has often been anything but love, expressed towards one another by those on opposing sides.

Is there any way that we can know what are and are not matters of faith upon which our unity is built and maintained? How Do We know the Biblical Limits of Faith and Practice Beyond which We May not Go? While I wish there was, within the Bible, a concise list of all the things that we must believe, practice and teach, the reality is that it is not quite that simple. If we were looking for one place in the NT that provides us with insight into the principles upon which the Unity of the Christian Faith is built, Eph.4 would be that passage.

The Basis of this Series—Eph.4:4-6. It is here that Paul provides 7 Foundational Pillars that serve as the foundation of the Christian Faith. Any one of which removed will cause the entire structure to crumble.

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PRAYER LIST

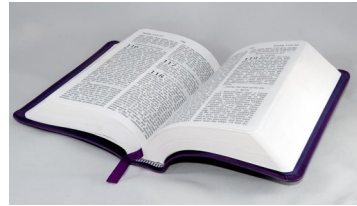
Mynda as she travels. Her **Aunt Donna** and family.
Tom & Nina health, Sister in law **Frances** health,
Daughter **Jenny** and family
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale**
Their daughter & husband's job
Bonnie's health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota, Dillon's**
health, Mick, Connor & 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** is home, **Steven,**
and Asher
Pat and her family
Robert & Sara, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's
father **Jeff's** shoulder surgery
Brenda's is home, son **Mark's** heart issues, sister- in-law
Linda, breast cancer, grandson **Jason** neck disc,
granddaughter **Amanda.** brother **Jim** Back surgery
Friend **Marge** with cancer.
Larry & family
Doug's mother, **Virginia,** broke her hip and had surgery

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There is ONLY ONE Body, Spirit, Hope of Your Calling, Lord, Faith, Baptism and God the Father of All. Thus, if an individual or groups teachings conflict with one of the 7 principles found in our passage, unity is destroyed.

If one teaches that one religious group is as good as another, they are violating the teaching that there is only 1 Body. And this teaching would destroy the unity for which Christ prayed and died, thus making our walk unworthy of our calling. So our goal beginning this week, is to more fully understand the 7 Ones and specifically to understand the One Body, of which Paul speaks in Eph.4:4.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Answer: Matthew 24:35

Ephesians 4:1-8 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

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