

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024
August 3, 2025 Issue 31

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
2—We're Marching to Zion
Opening Prayer: Myron
Hymn:
222—Faith Of Our Fathers
Scripture Reading: Ryan
1 Corinthians 8:4-6
Hymn:
28—My Jesus, I Love Thee
Lord's Supper: Robert
Hymn:
459—The Gloryland Way
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
642—I Am Resolved
Closing Hymn:
84—Have Thine Own Way
Closing Prayer: Dale

♪ Sowing in the morning,
sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide
and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest,
and the time for reaping,
We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the sheaves ♪

CALENDAR

Aug. 3--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark Business Meeting
Aug. 6—Ladies Bible Study Briar Hill
Aug. 9—(a) Ray & Rebecca
Aug. 10-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Aug. 14-(a) Robert & Sara

There is One Lord

One of the most challenging and most offensive of Paul's 7 ones is that – there is one Lord. Why would I call it the most challenging and offensive of the "ones"? Because while everyone in Christianity might agree that there is one Lord, they often want the one Lord to be them, not someone else, and for many, certainly not Jesus. Jesus is the one Lord and that means He's in charge; He's the Master; He's the King.

The apostle Paul clarified this truth clearly when he wrote to the Corinthians about eating food sacrificed to idols, he wrote: 4 About eating food sacrificed to idols, then, we know that "an idol is nothing in the world," and that "there is no God but one." 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth—as there are many "gods" and many "lords"— 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father. All things are from him, and we exist for him. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ. All things are through him, and we exist through him" (1 Cor. 8:4-6).

I like the way that Paul contrasts the many "gods" and many "lords" (lower case) with the one "God" and one "Lord" (upper case). In truth, there are many lower case "gods" and "lords." These lower case "gods" and "lords" include everything from the government, to our bosses, our parents, our spouses, ourselves, and our addictions.

Bob Dylan was right when he famously sang "you're gonna have to serve somebody." The chorus of his song says: But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed, you're gonna have to serve somebody. Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord, But you're gonna have to serve somebody." If the only choice were between serving God and serving the devil, then most of us would quickly choose God.

But Satan, the great deceiver and the father of lies, has convinced many that we don't have to serve anyone, and that we can do as we please. But make no mistake about it, if we don't choose to serve God, then we are serving Satan. If we are self-serving, then we are ultimately Satan-serving. Here's the other thing that makes this truth so offensive to some.

Jesus is Lord whether I believe in Him or not, or whether I think He is the Lord or not. My lack of belief in Jesus or my failure to acknowledge His lordship has no impact on the fact that Jesus is Lord. Similarly, I might refuse to believe that Joe Biden exists as a human being or refuse to acknowledge that he
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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. Her Mom is in the rehab. 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, friends Channing, Jimmy & Howard, Kim,
Rex, Edard Family, Nick & Emily Family, Sandi &
John
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. **Steven and Asher.** **Rebecca**
is home. Sadly, the cancer has spread. Visitors and
phone calls welcome and appreciated.
Pat is in the hospital again, her family
Robert & Sara, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's
father **Jeff's** health, her mother **Connie's** health
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,** is home now in Indiana

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. 5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) 6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

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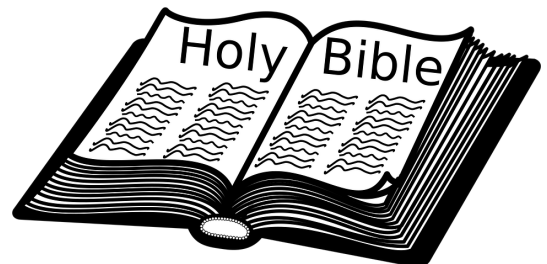
is the President of the United States. But my lack of faith and acknowledgement doesn't change the truth that he exists and that he is president—at least for another couple of months.

Similarly, I might refuse to believe that gravity exists or that it is in control of things on our planet. But my lack of faith in gravity doesn't change the truth that when I jump off the roof, gravity will bring me crashing to the ground. In addition to the fact that this truth is offensive to many, it is also challenging for all of us. What makes it so challenging is our struggle to allow someone else to be our Lord or boss. One of the most important issues that must be settled in every person's life is the question of "Who's the Boss?" And the truth is that God is "the boss" and the sooner we allow Him to be our boss the better off we will be.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,



Answer: Ephesians 4:5

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