

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

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

Greeting: Tom
Song Leader: Myron
Opening Hymn:
256—God Is Love
Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:
450—Alone At Eve
Scripture Reading: Ryan
James 1:2-8
Hymn:
286—Olive's Brow
Lord's Supper: Dale
Hymn:
437—Where Could I Go?
Sermon: Tom
Invitation Hymn:
78—Hark, The Gentle Voice
Closing Hymn:
661—Take The Name Of Jesus With You
Closing Prayer: Robert

♪ If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one foot to go astray,
If I have walked in my own wilful way,
Dear Lord, forgive!
If I have uttered idle words or vain,
If I have turned aside from want or pain,
Lest I myself shall suffer thru the strain,
Dear Lord, forgive!
Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee;
Forgive the secret sins I do not see;
O guide me, love me, and my Keeper be,
In Jesus' name. ♪

CALENDAR

Aug. 10-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Aug. 14-(a) Robert & Sara
Aug. 17-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
Aug. 22-(b) Carole
Aug. 24-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

There is One Faith

The story is told about an atheist who was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy move, the Loch Ness monster tossed the atheist and his boat into the air. Then the beast opened its mouth and was ready to swallow the man right out of the air. As the atheist sailed in the air toward the mouth of the monster, he cried out, "Oh, God, please help me!"

At once the entire scene froze in place with the man hanging in midair above the open mouth of the Loch Ness monster. Then the booming voice of God came down from the clouds, saying to the atheist, "I thought you didn't believe in me." The atheist replied, "Come on, God, give me a break. Until a minute ago, I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!" Faith is a funny thing, isn't it?

As you know, we are in a sermon series about the 7 ones that equal unity. God wants His people to be unified and the 7 ones are the things that unite us. So far in our series we have discussed the one body, the one Spirit, the one hope, and the one Lord. While Ephesians 4:5 states very clearly that there is just one faith, we live in a world in which there appears to be many faiths.

A popular belief that many people hold says: "There are many ways to God and all religions are equally valid." There's also the false idea that all religions are basically the same. Certainly, there are some similarities to the ethics and ideas of the assorted religions. But there are huge fundamental differences about who God is, what God is like, what God is doing in time and history, in how God saves and what God requires from people.

God could have provided many paths to Himself if that's what God wanted, but that would certainly lead to a lot of confusion, and it would make the sacrifice of Jesus unnecessary. If people could be saved without the death of God's own Son, then why would God offer that as one of the many paths to God? Another absurd thing that people often say is: "It doesn't really matter what you believe as long as you believe in something."

Faith in faith is really nothing at all. Faith in general has no power at all. It's not faith that moves mountains, it's faith in a God who can move mountains that makes a difference. So, there's a big difference between faith in faith, and faith in God. The object of our faith is way more important than the strength of our faith in that object.

For example, if I believe that a certain chair will hold me when I sit on it, the primary issue is the construction and quality of the chair – which is the object of my faith, not the amount of faith I

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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
Betty's sister in law **Nancy**-stroke.

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might have in the chair. Even if I believe very strongly that the chair will support me, if the chair is a broken-down piece of junk, then it will break if I try to sit on it. My faith, even if it is ever so strong, will not make the chair good, if it is bad.

So, let me repeat, it is the quality of the object, not the quantity of my faith in the object, that is of primary importance. Do you have the one faith? Are you leaning wholly on Jesus? Sadly, far too many people claim to believe in Jesus, but you can't tell it by how they live. We must believe Jesus is the one Savior and Lord and put our faith into action as we obey His commands and walk in His steps. This is the one faith.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 31

After Church Service

Pot Luck Dinner

Munson Township Hall

More info to follow

WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Answer: James 1:22

James 1:2-8 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

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