## Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024 August 17, 2025 Issue 33

### Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark Song Leader: Doug Opening Hymn:

**120—The Solid Rock** Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

361—This World Is Not My Home

Scripture Reading: Ryan Ephesians 6:10-17

Hymn:

**303—My Savior's Love** Lord's Supper: Myron

Hymn:

473—Farther Along

Sermon: Mark Invitation Hymn: **616—Let Him In** Closing Hymn:

52—I Need Thee Every Hour

Closing Prayer: Tom

☐ Glory, hallelujah! Anchored in Jehovah, In His love abiding, And in Him confiding, Tho' all hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Tho' the tempest rages, On the Rock of Ages,

I shall not be moved; Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved,
I shall not be I shall not be moved;
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved.

#### **CALENDAR**

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

Aug 27-Ladies Bible Study Briar Hill

Aug. 31-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark

Aug. 31-POT LUCK DINNER

# **Standing Firm in Hard Times**

Psalm 52–59, with a focus on Psalm 57:4, highlights a time in David's life when he was surrounded by trouble. Sometimes we too face actual hardships, maybe at work, in the home, or even unexpected crises we never saw coming. David's prayerful words remind us that it's normal to feel frightened or stressed when circumstances seem overwhelming. But just like him, we can hold onto hope because God is bigger than whatever we face. Even in dangerous situations, David found the strength to praise God rather than dwell on his fear.

Ephesians 6:12 points us to the spiritual side of our battles. Many times, the problems in front of us go beyond the physical difficulties we see. We might be dealing with anxiety that keeps us awake at night or temptations that test our integrity. It's not that we ignore physical threats, but we recognize that our inner struggles can be just as significant. David wrestled with his enemies in a real way, but he also turned to God for the spiritual support he needed. This invites us to do the same. We can't handle life's battles alone; we rely on God's power and guidance.

Acts 16:23–25 shows an example from the New Testament where Paul and Silas praised God even in prison. Like David, their circumstances were bleak. They had every reason to feel hopeless, yet their response was to worship. Their story assures us that God's faithfulness isn't limited by location or difficulty. Whether we find ourselves stuck in a dead-end job, dealing with strained relationships, or facing health challenges, we still have the option to look up and trust in the One who never fails.

Taking these passages together, we learn that praise isn't just for the good times. It's a statement of faith that God is at work, even when our situation looks grim. In America today, stress can come from financial pressures, family conflict, or social tensions, and we often feel like we have too much on our plates. Yet, like David, we remember our experiences of God's deliverance in the past. His record of faithfulness remains solid. When we cling to that truth, fear no longer controls us, and our hearts can find peace. In every trial, we have the assurance that God is with us. By lifting our voices in praise, we practice a faith that stands firm and shines light in the darkest places.

Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC.

#### **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 knee replacement surgery on 8-22. 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 should be home from the hospital, 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.

#### **WORD LIST**

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### WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

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But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Answer: Komans 5:8

**Ephesians 6:10-17** 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

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