

Good News From Chardon

Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

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Issue 49

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

2—We're Marching To Zion

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

561—It Is Well With My Soul

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Matthew 6:19-24

Hymn:

28—My Jesus, I Love Thee

Lord's Supper: Myron

Hymn:

668—Our God, He Is Alive

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

644—Trust And Obey

Closing Hymn:

103—A Beautiful Life

Closing Prayer: Robert

♪ When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What he says, we will do,
Where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way To
be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. ♪

CALENDAR

Dec 7---Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

Dec 9—(b) Megan

Dec 14--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Dec 21--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

Where Your Treasure Is

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a challenge to the human heart. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19–20). These verses are not merely a warning against materialism—they are a call to consider the affections and desires of the heart.

Earthly Wealth Fades Away

Jesus begins with a contrast. Earthly treasures are vulnerable because moths can consume, rust will corrode, and thieves break in and steal. In a world where possessions can vanish overnight, the pursuit of security through material wealth is extremely hazardous. But the deeper issue is not the treasure itself—it's the heart's attachment to it. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). The location of our treasure reveals the focus of our hearts.

The Eye as the Lamp

Jesus then uses another metaphor to explain, saying, "The eye is the lamp of the body." A healthy eye—generous, clear in purpose—fills the whole body with light. But an unhealthy eye—stingy, clouded by greed—plunges the soul into darkness. This imagery suggests that our spiritual vision, our way of seeing material things, determines whether we walk in light or darkness. The Greek word for healthy here implies generosity, while the word for unhealthy implies selfishness.

We Must Choose

Jesus concludes with a stark reality: "No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). The word translated as mammon is money or wealth, a term that personifies wealth as a rival deity (the almighty dollar, if you will). Divided loyalty is impossible. Our heart/mind will inevitably choose one master over the other.

This passage invites us to examine not just our bank accounts, but also our desires, our focus, and our allegiance. What do we treasure? What fills our vision? Whom do we serve? In a culture that prizes accumulation and wealth as a sign of success, Jesus' words are countercultural. They call for us to invest in that which is eternal—acts of mercy, love, obedience, and faith. These are the treasures that neither moth nor rust can corrupt.

Dale J. Babinsky preaches for the
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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. Her Mom is improving. 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, Mick, Connor.** 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, Nephew
Jim and Beverly G. health issues. Jim is at VA hospital, 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 foot & health, **Tiffany** & family. **Christian** seizures, son **John** & wife **Becky's** health, great Grand daughter **Dahlia** health. **Ethan's** health
Zarna and her family
Juanita and her family. Nurse's aid Maddie's health
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches, His family. 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 **Johston** surgery recovery. Uncle **Jimmy** stroke.
Ray's health and his family. He is at Chardon Health care room #203. **Steven and Asher.**
Pat and her family
Robert & Sara, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddi e,** Sara's father **Jeff's** recovery, her mother **Connie's** health
Brenda heart issues, 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 as he heals from his accident and pacemaker
Doug's mother, **Virginia,** as she heals

WORD LIST

BODY	BREAK	CORRUPT
DARKNESS	DESPISE	EARTH
EVIL	EYE	FULL
GOD	GREAT	HATE
HEART	HEAVEN	HOLD
LIGHT	LOVE	MAMMON
MASTERS	MOTH	RUST
SERVE	SINGLE	STEAL
THIEVES	TREASURE	TWO
UPON	WHOLE	

S M J F E G O Q W E E V I L D
 G E E B R L H W T L H P L E A
 H X V E Y E G A T O K U S O R
 S O A E L J H N E H F P D K K
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 A E A R T H U D E V H R L O H
 M L O V E Y Y P P A U R I J G
 T P U R R O C J O S R O G T H
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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Answer: John 1:1

Matthew 6:19-24 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

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