

# Good News From Chardon

## Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

December 28, 2025

Issue 52

### Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Mark

Opening Hymn:

**33—My Faith Looks Up To Thee**

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

**92—You Never Mentioned Him To Me**

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Hebrews 11:1-6

Hymn:

**313—We Saw Thee Not**

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

**454—Grace Greater Than Our Sin**

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

**632—Time Enough Yet**

Closing Hymn:

**89—Will You Not Tell It Today?**

Closing Prayer: Dale

♪ "Almost persuaded" now to believe;  
"Almost persuaded" Christ to receive;  
Seems now some soul to say,  
"Go, Spirit, go Thy way;  
Some more convenient day  
On Thee I'll Call"  
"Almost persuaded", harvest is past!  
"Almost persuaded", doom comes at  
last! "Almost" cannot avail;  
"Almost" is but to fail;  
Sad, sad, that bitter wail  
"Almost but lost!" ♪

### CALENDAR

Dec 28--Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark

Dec 29-(b) Caleb

Dec 31-(b) Randy

Jan 2—(b) Carl

Jan 4—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom

### One Faith: Part 2

Paul instructed the church at Ephesus that there is "one faith" (Ephesians 4:5). Jude wrote to Christians with the purpose of exhorting them: "ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). Humbly, sincerely, and lovingly, I plead with you: Why are there so many different faiths today? Let's consider some more research:

The Watchtower Society's (more commonly known as Jehovah's Witnesses) origin and beliefs can be traced back to its founder Charles Taze Russell, Russell's successor Joseph Franklin Rutherford, who also denounced many of Russell's teachings, and Nathan H. Knorr, under whose leadership the New World Translation was published.\*\*\* The New World Translation is a copy of the Bible text with various words and phrases changed, added, or taken away in order that it might better fit their foundational teachings. The Watchtower, a frequent publication of the Society, is also used as an authoritative source of their faith.

The Church of God, the United Pentecostal Church, the Assemblies of God, Neo-Pentecostalism and other groups can be grouped together "under the heading of 'Holiness Churches.'" While their faiths do not agree on every point, they have similarities, including their beliefs in Holy Spirit baptism, the performing of miracles today, and the ability to speak in tongues, which are misapplications of the Biblical text.

Did you know that the Masonic Lodge, or Freemasonry, is another denominational, unbiblical faith? Interestingly, their own writings contradict themselves concerning their status as a religion. "'Though religious in character, Masonry is not a religion, not a substitute for one.'" (Freemasonry, A Way Of Life, Grand Lodge of Indiana). "'Every Masonic Lodge is a temple of religion; and its teachings are instruction in religion.'" (Morals and Dogma, p. 213). "'Masonry propagates no creed except its own most simple and Sublime One; that universal religion, taught by Nature and by Reason. Its Lodges are neither Jewish, Moslem, nor Christian Temples...it extracts the good and not the evil, the truth and not the error, from all creeds.'" (Morals and Dogma, p. 718)."

In our three articles concerning there being a multiplicity of faiths in a world where the Bible says there is only one true faith (Ephesians 4:5), we have only touched the hem of the garment of researching various faiths. Not only is there much more research concerning those already mentioned, but there also remains much to be taught concerning the faiths of the Salvation Army, the Community Church movement, and numerous others. Humbly, sincerely, and lovingly, I plead with you: Why are there so many different faiths today?

\*\*\*Unless noted, extra-Biblical citations are from: <http://www.padfield.com/acrobat/taylor/denominations.pdf>.

Clifton Angel preaches for Church of Christ in Coldwater, MS

## 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  
**Betty's** niece **Kelly** as she gets treatment for a brain tumor

## WORD LIST

ABEL	APPEAR	BEFORE
BELIEVE	CAIN	COME
DEAD	ELDERS	ENOCH
EVIDENCE	FAITH	FOUND
FRAMED	GIFTS	GOD
GOOD	HOPED	MADE
OFFERED	PLEASE	REPORT
REWARDER	RIGHTEOUS	SACRIFICE
SEEK	SEEN	THINGS
WITNESS	WORD	WORLDS

T M Y W M S H T V D R S E H H  
 U X C D G G K N R E N L P T F  
 V N E N W O R D W O D U T I M  
 F A I G E M F A J E P A O A A  
 D H D D O V R Z R T P E N F D  
 T H O P E D I S S P W I R D E  
 S P X R E R K D E R A E E M C  
 G P L R I R E A E C V M A G I  
 I D B E G G R F N N A J S I F  
 D O O G A W H R F R C C D F I  
 W I T N E S S T F O C E L T R  
 H C O N E J E C E U T Z R S C  
 B E F O R E Y O X O G H O F A  
 E V E I L E B M L R U O W F S  
 O C S L E B A E K E E S B N E

## WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

My brethren, count it all joy  
 when ye fall into divers temptations;

Answer: James 1:3

**Hebrews 11:1-6** 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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