

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

February 8, 2026

Issue 6

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Myron

Opening Hymn:

59—Holy, Holy, Holy

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

338—I Know Whom I Have Believed

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Ephesians 4:25-32

Hymn:

289—The Breaking Of Bread

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

650—Salvation Has Been Brought Down

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

199—His Way With Thee

Closing Hymn:

27—Be With Me Lord

Closing Prayer: Dale

♪ Tho the way we journey may be
often drear,
We shall see the King some day;
On that blessed morning clouds will
disappear;
We shall see the King some day.
We shall see the King some day,
We shall shout and sing some day
Gathered 'round the throne,
when He shall call His own,
We shall see the King some day. ♪

CALENDAR

Feb 8—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom

Feb 8—(b) Mason

Feb 15—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark

Feb 17—(s) David & Dorene

Father, Forgive Me: Understanding Divine Mercy

Gratitude toward the Lord is deeply connected to recognizing His forgiveness and mercy. Many struggle to fully grasp the completeness of God's forgiveness, often feeling burdened by past mistakes even after seeking forgiveness. Sometimes, people swing between extremes—wanting to forgive everyone regardless of their repentance, or refusing to forgive those who have wronged them, believing they've missed their chance.

Jesus addresses these personal relationships in Mat. 18, teaching about the process of reconciliation: confronting faults, repentance, and forgiveness, with church discipline as a last resort. The disciples, curious about the frequency of forgiveness, ask, "How often do I forgive my brother?" Peter suggests seven times, thinking it generous since rabbis taught three strikes was the limit (Amos 1:3, Amos 1:6, Amos 1:9). Jesus, however, calls for much more—77 or even 490 times—emphasizing that forgiveness should be continual, not counted. He illustrates this with the parable of the Unmerciful Servant.

In Mat. 18:23-27, Jesus tells of a servant who owed an unfathomable debt—billions by today's standards. The king, moved by compassion, forgives the entire debt, showing mercy to a penitent servant. This represents God's willingness to forgive all our sins, debts we could never repay. God's grace, provided through Jesus, is greater than any sin, and He releases us from spiritual bondage when we sincerely seek forgiveness. However, penitence is necessary for this gift.

Luke 17:3-4 highlights that God's forgiveness requires repentance—"if" the brother repents, forgiveness follows. The parable continues in Mat. 18:28-35: the forgiven servant refuses to forgive a minor debt owed to him, showing harshness and hypocrisy. His lack of mercy leads to punishment, illustrating that God expects us to forgive others as we have been forgiven. If we are not merciful, God may revoke our forgiveness (John 8:24, Prov. 21:13, Mat. 6:12-15, James 2:13).

Forgiveness and repentance must come from the heart—insincere apologies or forgiveness are ineffective (Mat. 18:35, Mat. 5:7, Eph 4:32, Col. 3:13). God forgives us as we forgive others, and His gift can be revoked if we do not "walk in the light." Willingness to forgive is essential to maintaining God's forgiveness.

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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Kenny's** health, Her Mom is improving . Her **Aunt Donna** and family during a difficult time

Tom & Nina health, Sister in law **Frances** health, niece **Tanya's** transfer to Tenn. Daughter **Jenny** and family

Mark and Debbie as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale**

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, Nephew **Seth** & wife **Liz**

Jim and Beverly G. health issues. Jim is at VA hospital, Bev is in treatment

Wayne and Diane G. with health issues

Kathy's leg, foot, and 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

Belinda's 5 year old son, **Kwabena**, in Ghana with fever convulsions.

Zarna and her family

Juanita is improving. 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.

Ray's health and his family. He is at Chardon Health care room #203. **Steven and Asher**.

Pat is in rehab center for her stress fractures

Robert & Sara, Son **Michael**, Daughter **Maddie**, Sara's father **Jeff's** health, her mother **Connie's** health

Brenda heart issues and upcoming procedure, son **Mark's** heart issues, sister-in-law **Linda**, breast cancer, grandson **Jason** neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda**, brother **Jim** surgery recovery, Friend **Marge** cancer.

Larry as he travels

Betty's niece **Kelly** as she gets treatment for a brain tumor Sister **Debra** with flu and knee pain

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The parable of the Unmerciful Servant teaches that if we desire forgiveness, we must be willing to forgive others. God forgives the greater debt; we should forgive the lesser. If you're struggling with forgiveness or burdens after becoming a Christian, remember that prayer and support are always available. Just as Peter and others prayed for Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8), the church family can help by praying for us. The invitation to forgiveness is always open.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Ephesians 4:26

Ephesians 4:25-32 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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

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