

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024
February 15, 2026 Issue 7

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633—Why Do You Wait?
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507-Sowing The Seeds Of The Kingdom
Closing Prayer: Myron

♪ Oft we come together, ♪
Oft we sing and pray;
Here we bring our off'ring
On this holy day.
May we keep in mem'ry,
All that Thou hast said,

CALENDAR

Feb 15—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
Feb 17—(s) David & Dorene
Feb 21—(b) Jaden
Feb 22—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
Feb 22—(a) Ray & Barbara
Mar 1—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
Mar 8—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
Mar 8— Dale

The Wheat and the Tares

Have you ever planted a garden and struggled to tell the difference between young plants and weeds? Many gardeners, especially those starting from seed, find it difficult to distinguish between the two. This challenge is at the heart of the biblical Parable of the Tares, which follows the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13. Both parables use agricultural imagery to teach about the growth and spread of God's kingdom, but the Parable of the Tares introduces a new element: the presence of weeds among the wheat.

In Matthew 13:24-27, Jesus describes a man who sows good seed in his field. Unlike cheap seed mixed with weeds, this seed is pure. Jesus later explains that He Himself is the sower, spreading the good seed—the Word of God—throughout the world. Just as Jesus scattered the seed everywhere, believers are called to do the same, sharing the message in all places and circumstances (Matthew 24:14; 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; Colossians 1:5-6).

The field represents the world, and the good seed produces the "sons of the kingdom"—those who are obedient and fruitful (Matthew 12:46-50). However, alongside the wheat, tares (weeds) also grow. In the Mediterranean, a weed called darnel closely resembles wheat until it matures. Roman law even punished those who sowed darnel among wheat as an act of revenge, highlighting the real-life relevance of Jesus' parable. When harvest time comes, the wheat is gathered and preserved, while the tares are burned—a clear reference to Judgment Day (Matthew 13:40-43).

The parable continues in Matthew 13:27-28, where an enemy deliberately sows bad seed among the good. This isn't just a case of mixed seed; it's a second, malicious sowing. Jesus identifies the enemy as Satan, who sows chaos, lies, and confusion in the world (Matthew 13:38-39). While Jesus sows truth and righteousness, Satan's influence leads people astray, often in subtle ways that are not immediately obvious. The result is a world filled with individuals who do not follow God, each doing what seems right in their own eyes.

God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33), yet the world is full of religious confusion. There are thousands of denominational groups, all claiming to follow the same God but teaching different paths to salvation. This diversity of doctrine, often contradictory, is a result of Satan's deceptive work. Revelation 12:7-9, 15-17 describes Satan's ongoing war against God and believers, spreading false teachings and encouraging people to "just follow your heart" or choose whatever belief system suits them.

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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, her upcoming surgery in March, 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 and 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

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In this environment, it is crucial to be rooted in the good seed—the Gospel message sown by Jesus, which alone has the power to save (Galatians 1:6-9; James 1:21; Romans 1:16). A time of harvest is coming, when those who practice lawlessness will be separated from those who follow God's will (Matthew 13:40-42; 7:21; 15:13-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). The confusion sown by Satan makes the task of evangelism more challenging, as the world sees division and doubts the truth (John 17:20-21).

The world is full of tares—those who do not follow God. But why not uproot them now? The parable teaches that the field is the world and that both good and evil will coexist until the final harvest. While believers are called out of the world, they still live in it and can have a positive influence. Sometimes, what appears to be a tare today may become wheat tomorrow. Ultimately, the separation will come at harvest time, when the true nature of each will be revealed.

Satan has sown much confusion, but it is vital to ensure we are following the right seed—the truth of Jesus. By doing so, we can be confident of our place in the "barn" rather than the fire. As the parable concludes: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Answer: Galatians 5:25

James 1:21-27 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. 26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. 27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

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