

# Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

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Issue 9

## Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

**5—Worthy Art Thou**

Opening Prayer: Robert

Hymn:

**225—Soldiers Of Christ, Arise**

Scripture Reading: Ryan

John 10:22-30

Hymn:

**322—The Old Rugged Cross**

Lord's Supper: Myron

Hymn:

**444—Sing To Me Of Heaven**

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

**644—Trust And Obey**

Closing Hymn:

**111—Yield Not To Temptation**

Closing Prayer: Robert

♪ Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of Life;  
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of Life.  
Words of Life and beauty,  
Teach me faith and duty;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of Life;

## CALENDAR

Mar 1—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Mark Business meeting

Mar 3—(a) Darryl & Kathy

Mar 5—(b) Bill

Mar 8—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Tom

Mar 8—(b) Dale

Mar 15—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Mark

## Why Do the Wicked Prosper

It's a question that has troubled people for generations: Why does it seem like those who do wrong often get away with it, while those who strive to do right face hardship? Whether it's seeing others break the rules on the road or watching the wealthy escape justice with the help of top lawyers, the apparent prosperity of the wicked can be confusing. This dilemma is not new, it was pondered by Asaph, a musician appointed by King David, as recorded in Psalm 73. Asaph's honest struggle with this question provides us with valuable insight. Asaph observed that the wicked seemed to live lives of luxury and ease, free from the troubles that plagued others. In Psalm 73:2-12, he admits his own envy and discouragement, feeling as though his commitment to God was pointless when the boastful thrived. The wicked appeared to avoid consequences, buying their way out of trouble and living in comfort. Their arrogance and pride were on full display, yet they continued to prosper. This led Asaph—and can lead us—to question whether devotion to God is in vain, especially when suffering seems to be the reward for righteousness.

It's easy to become discouraged when the world's values seem upside down. The temptation to envy those who disregard God's ways is real, especially when their lives look so appealing. Asaph's pain was not just intellectual; it was emotional, making him question the very purpose of his faith.

However, Asaph's perspective shifts when he considers the bigger picture—eternity (Psalm 73:17-20). He realizes that the prosperity of the wicked is fleeting. Their foundation is slippery, and their end is destruction. Wealth and abundance, while desirable, can become obstacles to following God if they become the ultimate goal. The laughter and comfort of the wicked will not last; judgment awaits.

In contrast, the destiny of the righteous is secure (Psalm 73:21-26). Asaph admits his own ignorance and grief, but he remembers that God is always with him, guiding and ultimately welcoming him into glory. The true value lies not in temporary success, but in eternal relationship with God. Jesus is described as our advocate, the ultimate "legal dream team" for eternity (1 John 2:1).

It's easy to be blinded by the world's definition of success and comfort. The apparent lack of justice can make us question our values and choices. But Psalm 73 reminds us that the story isn't over—the wicked will face judgment, and the righteous will be rewarded for their faithfulness. Sometimes, being caught when we do wrong is a blessing, steering us back to the right path. The real question is: How shall we live? What will we value? The invitation is clear, don't be on the outside looking in. Trust in God's testimony and remember that true prosperity is found not in what we gain in this world, but in what awaits us in eternity.

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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** covid recovery, 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** healing of from surgery 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** covid recovery. 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. Cousin **Aleeka**  
**Ray** covid recovery, his family. He is at Chardon Health Care room #203. **Steven and Asher.**  
**Pat** health and stress fractures recovery  
**Robert & Sara,** Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's father **Jeff's** health, her mother **Connie's** health  
**Brenda** heart issues surgery recovery, son **Mark's** heart issues, sister-in-law **Linda,** breast cancer, grand son **Jason** neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda.** brother **Jim** surgery recovery, Friend **Marge** cancer. Great nephew's back injury  
**Larry** as he travels  
**Betty's** niece **Kelly** as she gets treatment for a brain tumor

## WORD LIST

AVOID	BELIEVED	CHRIST
DOUBT	ETERNAL	FATHER
FEAST	FOLLOW	GREATER
HAND	HEAR	JESUS
JEWS	KNOW	LIFE
NAME	NEVER	PERISH
PLUCK	PORCH	PROSPER
RULES	SHEEP	TEMPLE
VOICE	WALKED	WEALTH
WINTER	WITNESS	WORKS
WRONG		

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

### WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour:  
therefore love is the fulfilling of the  
law.

*Answer: Romans 13:10*

**John 10:22-30** 22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. 23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. 24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.

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