

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

August 30, 2026

Issue 34

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

47—No, Not One

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

261—Love Lifted Me

Scripture Reading: Ryan

2 Peter 3:8-12

Hymn:

**297—When My Love To Christ Grows
Weak**

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

274—A—Jesus Loves Me

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

607—All Things Are Ready

Closing Hymn:

14—I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord

Closing Prayer: Darryl

♪ Somebody did a golden deed,
Proving himself a friend in need;
Somebody sang a cheerful song,
Brightning the sky the whole day long,
Somebody filled the days with light,
Constantly chased away the night;
Somebody's work bore joy and peace,
Surely his life shall never cease,
Was that somebody you?
Was that somebody you? ♪

CALENDAR

Aug 30—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

Sept 1—(b) Juanita

Sept 2—(b) Nina

Sept 4—(b) Austin

Sept 5—(b) David

Sept 6—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

We'll do whatever you say

Jeremiah 42:5–6 (ESV)

It's easy to make a promise in the moment. Someone asks for our word, and we give it freely, without counting the cost. We tell a friend we'll be there. We tell our kids we'll change. We tell God, in a hard season, that if He'll just get us through this, we'll do whatever He says. The promise costs nothing to speak. It's the keeping that gets expensive.

Jerusalem has fallen when we meet the remnant in Jeremiah 42. The city is rubble, the king is gone, and the survivors left in the land are terrified of what Babylon might do next. A group led by Johanan comes to Jeremiah with one request: pray, then tell them what the Lord says. Should they stay in the land, or flee to Egypt?

Their promise, before they've heard the answer, is remarkably strong. They call on the Lord Himself to be a "true and faithful witness" against them if they fail to obey. "Whether it is good or bad, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God" (Jer. 42:5–6, ESV). Read that carefully. It's about as serious an oath as a person can make.

Ten days later, Jeremiah brings the word. Stay in the land. Don't go to Egypt. The same people who swore to obey whatever the Lord said turn on the prophet, accuse him of lying, and head for Egypt anyway. Their promise didn't survive contact with an answer they didn't want.

Words come too easily to us too. We make promises without much thought, and plenty of us have made commitments we never intended to keep. Little white lies feel harmless. Fine print hides in every offer. Prices climb while the product in the package shrinks, and we've even given that trick a name. A person's word doesn't carry the weight it used to.

We do the same thing with God that Judah's remnant did. We promise obedience in the crisis, at the hospital bed, in the middle of the night when we're scared enough to mean it. Then the answer comes, and it isn't the one we wanted, so we go do what we intended all along.

God does not operate that way. Every word He speaks, He keeps. He "is not slow to fulfill his promise... but is patient" (2 Pet. 3:9, ESV), even when we're the unfaithful ones. Christ's own faithfulness, all the way to the cross, makes room for people who've broken more promises to God than they can count.

That's exactly why our words still matter now. Jesus said, "Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'" (Matt. 5:37, ESV). Truthfulness isn't a small virtue for a Christian. It's a mark of belonging to Christ, and when we're careless with it, the world takes notice long before we do.

Most of us have told God we'd do whatever He said. The question this week isn't whether we've made that promise before. It's whether we mean it this time.

Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood Church of Christ

PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Kenny's** health, **Celeste** health issue, **Camden** family, **Aunt Donna** and family during a difficult time
Tom & Nina health, her surgery recovery, Sister in law **Frances** health, niece **Tanya's** transfer to Tenn. Daughter **Jenny** and family
Mark's health & recovery. Mark's brother **Dale** health
Bonnie's health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota, Dillon, Mick, Connor.** Daughters **Ronda** and **Renee.**
Wanda's migraines & health; son **Allen.** Her sister **Joyce's** brother in law health, her sisters surgery recovery
Mary, Carl and family, Nephew **Seth** & wife **Liz.**
Larry is home and doing well
Jim G. health issues.
Wayne and Diane G. with health issues
Linda's heart health, **Tiffany's family.** **Christian** seizures, son **John** & wife **Becky's** health, great Grand daughter **Dahlia** health. **Ethan's** health
Zarna and her family
Juanita health. She is on Hospice care. Her family. Nurse's aid **Maddie's** health
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches, His family. Brother **Chris** blood pressusre, 7 year old girl, **Lucie,** with Leukemia. Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **Jalen's** mental health. Cousins **Aleeka & Toni** healthy bodies & minds. **Mother's** grief comfort
Ray health, his family. He is at Chardon Health Care room #203. **Steven and Asher.**
Robert & Sara, his sister **Terra's** health issue, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's father **Jeff** & mother **Connie's** health, Friend **Allie** with multiple cancer
Brenda health issues & legs, son **Mark's** heart issues, granddaughter **Amanda.** brother **Jim** heart & back surgery recovery,
Carol & Myron, his health and legs
Tim K. upcoming heart procedure
Doug & Carol and her parents health

WORD LIST

AWAY	BELOVED	BURNED
COMING	COUNT	EARTH
ELEMENT	FIRE	GOD
HEAT	HEAVEN	HOLY
IGNORANT	LOOKING	LORD
MELT	NIGHT	NOISE
ONE	PASS	PERISH
PERSON	PROMISE	REPENT
SLACK	THIEF	WILLING
WORKS	YEARS	

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

He that hath the Son hath life; and
he that hath not the Son of God hath
not life.

Answer: 1 John 5:12

2 Peter 3:8-12 8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

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