

Good News From Chardon

Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

September 27, 2026

Issue 38

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Mark

Opening Hymn:

6-We Shall See The King Someday

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

348—Hilltops Of Glory

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Deuteronomy 11:16-19

Hymn:

295—In Remembrance

Lord's Supper: Dale

Hymn:

252--Redeemed

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

603—Jesus, I Come

Closing Hymn:

**406—Savior, Grant Me Rest And
Peace**

Closing Prayer: Darryl

♪ All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
I surrender all
I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all! ♪

Calendar

Sep 27-Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Mark

Sept 28—(b.) Rylan

Sept 29—(a.) Mark & Debbie

Oct 4—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Business Meeting

OUR ENEMY'S REAL STRENGTH: DECEIT

In May 1863, Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, with a worn-out band of less than 600 soldiers, managed to talk 1,466 Federal troops into surrendering to him. How? He created a convincing illusion.

Union Colonel Abel Streight's men were being doggedly pursued by Forrest's cavalry. The men became so tired they could not stay awake to fight or even eat. Forrest demanded that Streight surrender. Streight initially refused, unless it could be proved that he was outnumbered. At this point, two pieces of Confederate artillery came into sight. Unknown to Streight, these were the only two cannons Forrest had on hand. Forrest gave a knowing nod to one of his captains, who had the cannons removed from sight. As minutes ticked by, Streight watched with mounting agitation as the same two cannons were pushed into his view, only to be pulled back and then made to reappear at another place. Finally, Streight exclaimed, "How many guns have you got? There's fifteen I've counted already!" To that, Forrest nonchalantly replied, "I reckon that's all that has kept up."

To magnify the illusion, Forrest began giving orders to his captain which were to be relayed to phantom units that did not even exist. Taking their cue from this trickery, the few Confederate troops Forrest had began marching into and out of Streight's line of vision, giving him the appearance of greater numbers than actually existed. So, even though Streight's men outnumbered Forrest's by more than two to one, the Union troops surrendered, thanks to quick thinking and ingenious deceit on the Rebels' part (see Nathan Bedford Forrest, A Biography by Jack Hurst, pp. 123-124).

What's the point? The Devil is a master of illusion. Though he is pure evil, he can nevertheless give the appearance of being an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). He can make the righteous feel outnumbered, outgunned, and overpowered, when such is not the case at all. He can talk us into surrendering on his terms by getting us to overlook the vast spiritual resources God puts at our disposal.

Long ago, the prophet Elisha was surrounded by a Syrian army bent on his capture (2 Kings 6:8-17). Elisha was not bothered by this, but his servant was greatly distressed. Elisha told his servant, "Fear not; for they that are with us are more than
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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, Sister-in-law **Frances** health improved some, niece **Tanya** has moved to Tenn. Daughter **Jenny** and family, cousin **Peg** on Hospice
Mark & Debbie as they travel. 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 and severe leg edema, Daughter **Tammy** with cancer, **Tiffany's family.** **Christian** seizures & **Ethans** health, son **John** & wife **Becky,**s health, great Granddaughter **Dahlia** 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 pressure, 7 year old girl, **Lucie,** with Leukemia. Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **Jalen's** mental health. Cousins **Aleeka & Toni** healthy bodies & minds. **Scott** back injury
Ray health, his family. He is at Chardon Health Care room #203. **Steven, Asher, & Justin**
Robert & Sara, her upcoming procedure, his knee, sister **Terra's** health issue, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's father **Jeff** & mother **Connie's** health, Friends **Allie** with multiple cancer & **Bill** heart
Brenda health issues & legs, son **Mark's** heart issues, granddaughter **Amanda.** brother **Jim** heart & back surgery recovery,
Carole & Myron, his health and legs
Doug & Carol and her parents health
Dave & Dorene as they travel

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they that are with them." Elisha then prayed for God to open the eyes of his servant so he could see what Elisha already saw. God did so, and the servant was able to see "the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." God had the matter well in hand, and was more than able to conquer the Syrians, which he did. Elisha's servant gained a new perspective that he must have carried the rest of his life. He learned the enemy's strength was illusory, and that, if God is for you, there is more power at work than can be defeated. And there is more to a battle than meets the eye.

So the next time you feel surrounded and outnumbered, don't surrender. Dig in. After all, "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom. 8:31).

By Weylan Deaver

WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Answer: Romans 8:31

Deuteronomy 11:16-19 16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 And then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you. 18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

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