Good News From Chardon
Church of Christ
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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
17—Revive Us Again
Opening Prayer: Darryl
Hymn:
577—Heavenly Sunlight
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Matthew 5:14-19
Hymn:
28—My Jesus, I Love Thee
Lord's Supper: Robert
Hymn:
561—It Is Well With My Soul
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
644—Trust And Obey
Closing Hymn:
53—Purer In Heart, O God
Closing Prayer: Tom

♫ Each day I'll do a golden deed,
By helping those who are in need;
My life on earth is but a span,
And so I'll do the best I can.
Life's evening sun is sinking low,
A few more days and I must go
To meet the deeds that I have done,
Where there will be no setting sun.♫

Calendar

Oct 11-Bible Study 10:00 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
Oct 11--(b) Celeste
Oct 12--(b) Steven
Oct 13--(b) Connor
Oct 15--(b) Tom
Oct 17--(b) Renee

The Church is Not Swayed By Society

"You need to get with the times." Such words are often meant as a rebuke: you are old-fashioned, out of step, or unwilling to accept society's changing standards. That pressure does not stop at the church door. Culture regularly urges Christians to revise their beliefs, soften difficult teachings, and treat popular opinion as the final authority. Yet Scripture calls the church to a different path. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind." God's Word, not society, must shape the church.

The Bible repeatedly shows the danger of wanting to be like everyone else. In 1 Samuel 8, Israel demanded a king "like all the nations." Though warned that a king would take their sons, daughters, land, and wealth, they refused to listen. Their desire to imitate surrounding nations became a rejection of God's rule. During Samson's time, Israel had become so comfortable under Philistine domination that its people tried to restrain the man God raised up to begin their deliverance (Judges 13:5; 15:7–12). Later, idolatry brought devastating consequences because God's people adopted the practices of their neighbors.

Christians are likewise called to remain distinct. Second Corinthians 6 contrasts righteousness with lawlessness, light with darkness, and the temple of God with idols. Separation from worldly values does not mean withdrawing from people or behaving with hostility. It means refusing to let sin become normal simply because society approves it.

We cannot love the world's rebellious ways and love the Father at the same time (1 John 2:15). The church must do more than resist culture; it must influence culture for good. Jesus calls His disciples the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13–16). Salt changes what it touches, and light is visibly different from darkness. Our distinctiveness is not intended to draw attention to ourselves, but to lead others to glorify God.

That influence is expressed in everyday conduct. Paul urges believers to live quietly, mind their own affairs, work faithfully, and behave properly toward outsiders (1 Thessalonians 4:9–12). Our speech should be gracious and wise, and our lives should be honorable even among those who disagree with us (Colossians 4:5–6; 1 Peter 2:11–12).

Customs differ across places and generations, but culture never outranks Scripture. God calls His people out of the world so they can become a holy influence within it. The church is right not to be swayed by society. Instead, it must be shaped by Christ, governed by His Word, and faithful as salt and light. The question for each of us is simple: Are we being conformed to the world, or transformed into the likeness of Jesus?

— Dale J. Babinsky

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, Daughter **Jenny** and family

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'** brother-in-law health, her sisters surgery recovery

Mary, Carl and family, Nephew **Seth** & wife **Liz.**

Jim G. health issues.

Wayne and Diane G. with health issues

Linda's heart health and severe leg edema, Daughter **Tammy** with cancer treatment, **Tiffany's family**. **Christian** seizures & **Ethans** health**,** son **John** & wife **Becky's** health, 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 yr old girl, **Lucie,** with Leukemia Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **Jalen's** mental health. Cousins **Aleeka** & **Toni** healthy bodies & minds. Scott back injury **Darrel B** health and family

Ray health, his family. He is at Chardon Health Care room #203. **Steven, Asher, & Justin**

Robert & Sara, his knee surgery, sister **Terra's** health issue, Son **Michael**, Daughter **Maddie,** father **Jeff** & mother **Connie's** health, **Allie** multiple cancer, **Bill** heart

Brenda health & broken back, son Mark's heart issue 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

Betty's nephew **Johnny** surgery recovery

WORD LIST

BREAK	BUSHEL	CANDLE
CITY	CONFORM	EARTH
FATHER	FULFIL	GLORIFY
GOOD	GREAT	HEAVEN
HILL	HOUSE	KINGDOM
LEAST	LIGHT	MIND
PROPHETS	RENEW	SALT
SHINE	TEACH	UNDER
WISE	WORKS	WORLD

C N W D U G H Z M T C I T Y E
B Y O N G E N Z I E U K I D N
D O D L A L E E N A L F F U I
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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Answer: Matthew 6:33

Matthew 5:14-19 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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

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