# Good News From Chardon
## Church of Christ
**128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024**
**October 25, 2026 Issue 42**

## Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Mark
Opening Hymn:
**1-B—I'd Rather Have Jesus**
Opening Prayer: Dale
Hymn:
**495—We Have An Anchor**
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Ecclesiastes 12:8-14
Hymn:
**310--Gethsemane**
Lord's Supper: Darryl
Hymn:
**414—Shall We Gather At The River**
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
**596—God Is Calling The Prodigal**
Closing Hymn:
**352—I'll Be List'ning**
Closing Prayer: Robert

♫ Yield not to temptation,
For yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you
Some other to win;
Fight manfully onward,
Dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus,
He will carry you thru.
Ask the Savior to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you thru. ♫

## Calendar

Oct 25-Bible Study 10:00 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
Oct 27--(b) Gary
Nov 1-Bible Study 10:00 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker:
Nov 8-Bible Study 10:00 am, Worship 11 am
Nov 8--(b) Linda
Nov 8--(b) Debbie

## Vanity of Vanities

"'Vanity of vanities,' says the Preacher, 'Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.' What advantage does man have in all his work Which he does under the sun? A generation goes and a generation comes, But the earth remains forever" (Eccl. 1:2-4).

What is this life? That is the fundamental question asked in the Book of Ecclesiastes, which leads the reader through a series of inquiries dealing with the absolute emptiness of this existence. A season comes and a season goes. A man dies, a child is born. The rain falls down, flows to the sea, and once more returns to the clouds. What is the point behind all of it? Naturally, that question would mean nothing for an atheist that does not believe in God. "The mysteries of the world which meet man as a moral being remain, under this view of the world (atheism or pantheism), altogether without solution. For the moral order of the world presupposes an absolutely good being, from whom it has proceeded, and who sustains it" (Keil and Delitzsch. Commentary On The Old Testament. Vol. 6, 179)

The atheist is confronted with a problem that is not solvable: what is the point behind it all? If we are to believe that there is no God, no afterlife, and no spiritual existence, then we are all just animals on this insignificant planet flying through space.

The difference between believing in God and not is that when we have something meaningful to believe in, it gives us purpose. If God does not exist, then why be nice to anybody? Why not simply steal, obey our animal instincts, and do whatever we can to survive? Atheism makes all of our meaningful pursuits meaningless. Whether or not God exists, monuments are torn down, headstones crumble, and our names will disappear. If there is a God, then we have something more to look forward to than decaying in the ground.

"Vanity of vanities" is a phrase used to signify something with absolutely no point behind it: it serves no greater purpose. Vine describes it as "emptiness as to results," like the way a man works in Ecclesiastes. "What advantage does man have in all his work which he does under the sun?" (1:3). When we think about how much we have to work in this world, and how little we end up receiving from it, all we can say is "Vanity!"

Indeed, since the sin of Adam mankind has had to toil for his food (Gen. 3:17-19). For an entire season, a person may work in the field, and it may take months for a plant to mature and yield fruit. But all it takes is a few moments to eat that fruit and a pestilence or swarm of locusts can destroy a year's supply of food in a day. So much work for nothing!

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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, 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 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, Cousin's **twin babies**
**Ray** health, his family. He is at Chardon Health Care room #203. **Steven, Asher, & Justin**
**Robert & Sara**, his knee injury, sister **Terra's** health issue, Son **Michael**, Daughter **Maddie,** father **Jeff** & mother **Connie's** health, **Allie** multiple cancer, **Bill** heart
**Brenda** health & broken back up coming surgery, 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
**Bonnie** as her eye bone heals

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When confronted with such vanities, it is tempting to lose heart and consider ourselves hopeless. Yet we are given hope, even in the midst of such downright sadness. We need to realize the point being made by Solomon. He was a man with so much wealth and wisdom that he thought he could answer the age old question: how can I be fulfilled in this world? Only after so many years of exploration and experimentation did he finally realize that the only answer is that there is no fulfillment in this world. He could not be happy with wealth, knowledge, sex, alcohol, monuments, or power. We can only be happy seeking our true purpose.

"The conclusion, when all has been heard is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person" (Eccl. 12:13).

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**WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?**

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

*Answer: Colossians 3:17*

**Ecclesiastes 12:8-14** 8 Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity. 9 And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. 10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. 12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.