Good News From Chardon
Church of Christ
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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Mark
Opening Hymn:
3—Upon the First Day of the Week
Opening Prayer: Tom
Hymn:
501—Give Me the Bible
Scripture Reading: Ryan
2 Corinthians 6:3-10
Hymn:
299—Lead Me To Calvary
Lord's Supper: Dale
Hymn:
90—Into Our Hands
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
593—Free Waters
Closing Hymn:
559—'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Closing Prayer: Darryl

♫ Sowing in the morning,
sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide
and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest,
and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the sheaves; ♫

Calendar

Nov. 8—Bible Study 10 am; Worship 11 am;
Speaker Mark
Nov. 8—Linda
Nov. 8—(b.) Debbie
Nov. 11—(b.) Ben
Nov. 11—(b.) Danielle
Nov. 14—(b.) Allen
Nov. 15—Bible Study 10 am;Worship 11 am;
Nov. 18—(b.) Chelsea Allen
Nov. 19—(b.) Connor Hull
Nov. 19—(b.) Dillion Hull

The Church is Not Swayed By Society

By Dale J. Babinsky

"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?

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, son **Ben** health

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.**

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 aide **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, 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

Betty's nephew **Johnny** surgery recovery

WORD LIST

ASTRAY	BARE	BISHOP
BODY	CALLED	CHRIST
DEAD	EXAMPLE	FAULTS
FOLLOW	FOUND	GLORY
GOD	GUILE	HEALED
JOY	JUDGE	LIVE
MOUTH	PATIENTLY	RAISED
RETURNED	REVILED	SHEEP
SINS	SOULS	STEPS
STRIPES	SUFFER	TREE

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

WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind

Answer: Romans 12:2

2 Corinthians 6:3-10—3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: 4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, 5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; 6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, 7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; 9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; 10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

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

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