

Welcome

The Chardon church of Christ welcomes you to every service and to a full investigation of what we teach, in the light of the Scriptures. At Chardon we read from the King James Version of the Bible.

The church of Christ occupies a unique place in the religious world. It is no part of Judaism, Catholicism, or Protestant Denominationalism. It is as distinct from these religions as they are from each other. Its plea for a return to the Bible has made it appealing to those who long for spirituality and simplicity of the church as revealed in the Bible.

We preach the same gospel and teach the same plan of salvation based upon the grace of God as taught by the apostles. Rom. 1:16.

This plan includes: **Faith** in Christ; Mk.16:16; **Repentance** of sins; Acts 2:38; **Confession** of faith in Christ; Matt. 10:32; **Baptism**; (This baptism is a burial in water of a penitent believer to wash away his sins.) Eph. 4:5.

Our worship is according to the New Testament pattern. Jn. 4:23-24. Services consist of : **Singing** without the use of

man-made instruments of music; Eph. 5:19; **Praying** to God; Acts 2:42. Observing the **Lord's Supper** each first day of the week; Acts 20:7; **Giving** by members of the congregation; I Cor. 16:1-2; **Teaching** of God's Word; Acts 2:42.

Calendar

Dec. 20—Bible Study 10 am I Cor. 10:7
Dec. 20—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Dec. 23—Bible Study 7 pm Matt. 9:12
Dec. 27—Bible Study 10 am
Dec. 27—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Dec. 30—Bible Study 7 pm
Jan. 2—b. Carl L.
Jan. 3—Bible Study 10 am
Jan. 3—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Jan. 6—Bible Study 7 pm
Jan. 10—Bible Study 10 am
Jan. 10—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Jan. 13—Bible Study 7 pm

Answer to Puzzle

Hidden Message: whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus

Blaming your faults on your nature does not change the nature of your faults!

Church of Christ

128 Maple Avenue
Chardon, Ohio 44024
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Schedule of Services:

Worship Services
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Chardon Church of Christ

Church Bulletin

Sunday

December 20, 2015

Christmas?

By Jack McNiel

Every year around Christmas time, the newspaper calls and asks if our congregation has scheduled any kind of special service or religious observance for Christmas. I always tell them "No. We have nothing planned." As Christians, we love to embrace the "Christmas spirit" but not as any kind of religious observance. The "Christian world" at large, though, embraces this holiday as the most sacred and holy day of the year. Yet, members of the church of Christ do not observe it as such.

Why is that? Because, as Christians, everything we do in the name of religion must be in accordance with the teachings and doctrines of Christ. Col. 3:17 "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." All religious practices, especially worship, must be according to truth. Jn.4:24 "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" Truth derives itself from the Word of God. Jn.17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Christ denounces any religious practice that does not originate with the Father as vain religion. Mat. 15:9 "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

If "Christmas" did not originate with God, then what is the origin of the religious observance of "Christmas"? We need to notice that there is no mention of observing the birthday of Jesus as a religious holiday in the New Testament. Neither is there a record of it being observed by the early church during the first three Christian centuries. It was not ordained by Christ, not taught as doctrine by His apostles and not observed by the early Christians. If authorization to observe the birthday of Jesus did not come from God, from Jesus, or from the teachings of the Holy Spirit, given by inspiration through the apostles, then it can only be of men. There is no other conclusion that can be drawn – the religious observance of "Christmas" must originate with men.

Even though "Christmas" as a religious holiday is vain religion, December 25th is great as a secular holiday. What could be wrong with giving gifts to and spending time with the people you love the most in the world? What could be wrong with spreading good cheer and hanging stockings? Putting up trees and decorating them? Eating turkey on a paid holiday? Getting your picture taken with Santa? Standing under the mistletoe with your wife or husband? These are all wonderful things that we can enjoy at "Christmas" time. As far as secular holidays go, to quote an old TV commercial, "It doesn't get any better than this!"

Happy Holidays Everyone! I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and blessed New Year. May God bless us all, everyone!

Sunday Worship Services, Dec. 20, 2015

Greeting	Larry
Song Leader	Dale
Hymn	We're Marching To Zion—2
Opening Prayer	(Please Stand)
Hymn	Ray
Hymn	Take Time To Be Holy—55
Scripture Reading (Col. 3:12-17)	Tom
Hymn	I Gave My Life For Thee—649
Lord's Supper	Mark & Ron
Hymn	Hold to God's Unchanging Hand—346
Sermon	Larry
Hymn	(Please Stand)
Hymn	Why Do You Wait?—623
Hymn	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah—77
Closing Prayer	Myron

Prayer List

*Dale's Aunt Mary's cancer has returned.

*Ron reports that Pat is feeling better this week.

*Dale who has some medical issues, and for his mother.

*Nina will have her final chemotherapy treatment this week.

* Jim Wright

*Juanita, her son Ron and her daughter Debbie.

*Ron, Pat, and their great grandson Bryan.

*Ruth's brothers George and John.

*Rebecca, her son Steven, and other members of her family.

*The Guerinots, especially Mike and Sophie who have health issues.

*Paula, Tom's cousin

*Beverly Norris & Walter Socha.

*Our Congregation and Our Nation.

* Our Veterans and their Families.

Things to Remember

Business Meeting is held the 1st Sunday of each month following morning worship.

Potluck Luncheon is held the 2nd Sunday of each month following morning worship.

Worship in Song is held the last Sunday evening of each month.

The link to **Gospel Broadcasting Network** is www.gbntv.org.

Church of Christ Radio can be listened to at 880 WRFD.

Information for the bulletin should be sent before Friday of each week. Call Mark or Nina or use e-mail address church_of_Christ@roadrunner.com

Give Thanks to God

Scripture Reference: Col. 3:12-17

ABOVE	ADMONISHING	AGAINST	ANOTHER
BELOVED	BOWELS	CALLED	CHARITY
CHRIST	DWELL	ELECT	FATHER
FORBEARING	FORGAVE	FORGIVING	GIVING
GRACE	HEARTS	HUMBLENESS	HYMNS
KINDNESS	LONGSUFFERING	MEEKNESS	MERCIES
PEACE	PERFECTNESS	PSALMS	QUARREL
RICHLY	SINGING	SONGS	SPIRITUAL
TEACHING	THANKS	THEREFORE	THESE
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