

## 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.

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 2:42; **Giving** by members of the congregation; I Cor. 16:1-2; **Teaching** of God's Word; Acts 2:42.

## Calendar

- April 2—Bible Study 10 am  
Tom Blackford  
April 2—Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Speaker: Mark  
April 2—Business Meeting  
April 2—b. Elizabeth  
April 5—Bible Study 7 pm  
Tom Blackford  
April 5—a. Richard & Rosemary  
April 9—Bible Study 10 am  
Tom Blackford  
April 9—Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Speaker: Mark  
April 9—Potluck Luncheon  
April 12—Bible Study 7 pm

### Answer to the Puzzle:

Hidden Phrase: The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men.

**Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.**

## Church of Christ

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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

April 2, 2017

## A Growing Seed

Sometimes all it takes is an encouraging word or comment. It does not take a grand show or a spectacle to inspire others. Planting a simple encouraging thought in someone's heart can impact his or her soul for years to come.

Seventeen years ago a young man delivered his first public devotional in front of 200-300 campers and staff. The previous year at camp, having witnessed another boy in his cabin do the same, caused this eleven-year-old to think, "If he can do that, I can too." He sheepishly spoke with his counselor and volunteered to lead the devotional in front of the entire camp. Later the camp director told him, "I'll have to tell your preacher to let you preach now." Taken back by the compliment, all the boy could focus on was the statement, "You preach now." Without realizing it, the camp director became this young man's first of many mentors who would guide him in being a minister of the Gospel.

"You then, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also," (2 Timothy 2:2).

Jesus described the word of God as a seed that is planted into the hearts of men (Luke 8:4-15). His lesson focuses mainly on the condition of men's hearts in receiving God's word (path, rocky, thorns, and good). We must also notice that someone is scattering and planting that seed. One of God's primary instruments for producing converted and convicted hearts is His faithful servants. As we read in the New Testament: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth," (1 Corinthians 3:6). Here Paul revealed that all Christians have a role in encouraging faith and growth in souls. In other words, God has called His children to mentor to the next generation of the faithful (Titus 2).

Mentoring can be a one-time occurrence or an on-going process. Either way, the Bible encourages Christians to harness every opportunity to inspire one another in service to the Lord (Hebrews 10:19-25). From a simple encouraging word to a Bible study, God can use each moment to grow His people both physically and spiritually.

The word of God is the ever-growing seed that waits to take root in our minds and hearts. It is also ready to be planted in the hearts of others. As Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, the laborers are few; therefore pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into his harvest," (Matthew 9:37-38).

Let us not only pray, but let our prayers have feet, hands, and mouths. Faith does not happen by accident. Faith grows and develops with a purpose. Someone is sent with a simple message, and that message grows in the heart and soul of the hearer (Romans 10:10-17). Let us now go and grow. "You preach now."

Robert Guinn preaches for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY

# Sunday Worship Services, Apr. 2, 2017

Greetings and Announcements.....	Mark
Song Leader.....	Mark
Hymn.....	Safely Through Another Week—21
Opening Prayer.....	(Please Stand)..... Tom
Hymn.....	Will You Not Tell It Today—89
Scripture Reading.....	(2 Timothy 2:1-7)..... Robert
Hymn.....	Gethsemane—310
Lord's Supper.....	Dale & David
Hymn.....	Ring Out the Message—282
Sermon.....	Mark
Invitational Hymn.....	(Please Stand)..... Time Enough Yet—632
Hymn.....	God Be With You—655
Closing Prayer.....	(Please Stand)..... Ray

## Prayer List

\*Pat is feeling some better but is still experiencing preathing problems.

- \*Rebecca is recovering from her fall.
- \*Pat and Ron's great grandson, Bryan, is having medical issues again.
- \*Juanita's son, Ron, and daughter, Debbie.
- \*Dale, his mother, his Aunt Mary and his cousins Reginald and Cartrell.
- \*David, Doreen and their family.
- \*Ruth (arthritis), and her brother George.
- \*Ron & Pat, and Ron's brother Gerald.
- \*Rebecca, her son Steven, and other members of her family.
- \*Beverly is having health issues.
- \*Our Congregation and Our Nation.
- \*Our Veterans and their families.

## Things to Remember Chardon Website:

[Chardonchurchofchrist.org](http://Chardonchurchofchrist.org)

**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.

The link to **Gospel Broadcasting Network** is [www.gbntv.org](http://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](mailto:Church_of_Christ@roadrunner.com)

## Be Strong in Grace Reference: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

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CHRIST	CONSIDER	CROWNED	ENDURE
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GIVE	GOOD	GRACE	HARDNESS
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LABOURETH	LAWFULLY	LIFE	LORD
MASTERIES	MUST	OTHERS	PARTAKER
PLEASE	SHALL	SOLDIER	STRIVE
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