

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 23—Bible Study 10 am
Mark
April 23—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
April 23-26—Alkire Rd. Gospel
Meeting 7 pm
April 23-26—Ohio Valley University
Lectureship
April 26—Bible Study 7 pm
Tom
April 26—b. Tyrone
April 27—a. Tim & Tammi
April 28—Gospel Sing in Windom
April 30—Bible Study 10 am

Answer to the Puzzle:

Hidden Phrase: God is able to make all grace abound toward you

“You cannot control the length of your life, but you can control its width and depth.” –D.S. Shuller

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 23, 2017

Two Essentials for Giving

When it came time for the Israelites to construct the tabernacle, God told Moses to tell the Israelites to make an offering to God (Exodus 25.2). Keep in mind that the Israelites had just been freed from slavery in Egypt and were in the wilderness on their way to the promised land. No one was working to earn money. No jobs. No farmers. No businesses. All they had was what they could carry out of Egypt when they hurriedly escaped in the middle of the night. Yet, when Moses issued the call for an offering, gifts and supplies poured in. Their actions teach us two essentials about the kind of giving God wants from us.

The first is a willing heart. Giving supplies for the construction of the tabernacle was not mandatory. As Moses was told by God, “You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give” (Ex. 25.2). And so “everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the Lord.” All “the men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord through Moses had commanded them to do” (Ex. 35.21, 29). Yes, giving was commanded by God, but the Bible states that the offerings were given by those who were willing, by those whose hearts moved them to give. That principle remains to this day. God wants our giving to be from a heart willingly moved to give, not one compelled to give. God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9.7). When our hearts are first given to the Lord our gifts will be freely given (2 Cor. 8.3-5). The first essential for giving is a willing heart.

The other essential for giving is the supply God makes available to us. The night the Israelites were freed, the Lord made the Egyptians favorably disposed to give them whatever they asked for ... articles of gold and silver, and clothing. The Israelites plundered Egypt by God's hand (Ex. 12.35-36). So, when it was time to build the tabernacle, the Israelites had the things needed: gold, silver, bronze, colored yarn, fine linen, ram skins, spices, precious stones, etc. (Ex. 25.3-7). Out of a willing heart they gave to God from what God had first given to them. That principle remains to this day. We are to give from the prosperity God gives us (1 Cor. 16.2). Just as God enabled Israel with the plunder from Egypt, God enables us with whatever we need to do his work (2 Cor. 9.8). “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion” (2 Cor. 9.11). The 2nd essential for giving is the supply from God.

God will always do His part, so the rest is up to our willingness to give.

Joe Chesser preaches for the Fruitland Church of Christ, Fruitland, MO

Sunday Worship Services, Apr. 23, 2017

Greetings and Announcements	Tom
Song Leader	Myron
Hymn	How Great Thou Art—1A
Opening Prayer (Please Stand)	Dale
Hymn	O to be Like Thee!—255
Scripture Reading (2 Cor. 9:6-12)	Mark
Hymn	Olive's Brow—286
Lord's Supper	Larry & David
Hymn	Take My Life, And let It Be—100
Sermon	Tom
Invitational Hymn (Please Stand)	Where He Leads Me —639
Hymn	Into Our Hands—90
Closing Prayer (Please Stand)	Ray

Prayer List

*Dale's, Aunt Mary, is at home recovering from her fall. His aunt, Molly, died last

- Sunday
- *Pat & Ron's great grandson, Brian, is having extensive dental work performed.
 - *Tom's cousin, Susanne, with the beginning of Alzheimer's.
 - *Juanita's son, Ron, and her daughter, Debbie.
 - *Dale, his mother, and his cousins Reginald and Cartrell.
 - *David, Doreen and their family.
 - *Ruth (arthritis), and her brother George.
 - *Ron & Pat's great grandson Bryan, and Ron's brother Gerald.
 - *Rebecca, Ray and their son Steven, and other members of the family.
 - *Beverly is having health issues.
 - *Our Congregation and Our Nation.
 - *Our Veterans and their families.

Things to Remember Chardon Website:

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.

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

The Cheerful Giver

Reference: 2 Cor. 9:6-12

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BOUNTIFULLY	CAUSETH	CHEERFUL
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INCREASE	LOVETH	MINISTER
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