

# Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024  
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## Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom  
Song Leader: Doug  
Opening Hymn:  
**260—Love Devine**  
Opening Prayer: Dale  
Hymn:  
**401—Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims**  
Scripture Reading: Myron  
Hebrews 1:1-4  
Hymn:  
**316—Nailed To The Cross**  
Lord's Supper: Robert  
Hymn:  
**393—Mansions Over The Hilltop**  
Sermon: Tom  
Invitation Hymn:  
**600—Jesus Is Calling**  
Closing Hymn:  
**656—Blest Be The Tie**  
Closing Prayer: Larry

♪ If for the prie we have striven, After our  
labors are o'er, Rest to our souls will be  
given, On the eternal shore. Home of the  
soul, beautiful home, there we shall rest,  
never to roam; Free from all care, happy  
and bright, Jesus is there, He is the light!  
Oft, in the storm lonely are we, sighing for  
home, longing for Thee, Beautiful home of  
the ransomed, beside the crystal sea. ♪

## CALENDAR

Feb 16—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom  
Feb 17—(a) David & Dorene  
Feb 21—(b) Jaden  
Feb 22—(a) Ray & Barbara  
Feb 23—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark  
Mar 2—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Business Meeting

## Who Determines Religious Authority

Our nation is suffocating under the death-grip of anarchy. Disrespect for authority is evidenced in everything from civil disobedience to parental permissiveness. We are following the worldview so prevalent during the turbulent biblical period of the Judges. Scripture describes those days as a time when “every man did what was right in his own eyes” (Judges 17:6). Even in the church there are many who discount the certainty of biblical revelation. But, if truth cannot be known, then Jesus was mistaken in asserting that it has the power to set us free from our sins (Jn. 8:32). However, the truth can be understood and is the basis of all religious authority (Eph. 3:4; 1 Cor. 1:10).

God, the Father, has given all authority to His Son, Jesus (Mt. 28:18). At Christ's transfiguration, we read of a voice speaking out of the cloud which enveloped the disciples, saying, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” (Mt. 17:5). Jesus has all authority to speak to men today concerning religious faith and practice (Heb. 1:1-2). We must pay heed to His words as those which will judge us on the last day (Jn. 12:48). God had promised centuries earlier to raise up a prophet like Moses from among their countrymen, saying, “I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. It shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him” (Dt. 18:18-19). This prophecy, quoted by Peter in Acts chapter three, is fulfilled in Christ.

Christ's authority resides in the New Testament. Knowing that He would soon leave His apostles by way of the cross, Jesus promised to send the Spirit of truth so that they could teach and preach the gospel without error (Jn. 14:26; 16:13). The apostles and prophets, who wrote the New Testament, did so as they were moved by the Holy Spirit to speak from God (2 Pet. 1:21). Like those early hearers in Thessalonica, we must accept the Word of Christ as God's message (1 Th. 2:13). The things written by inspiration are the Lord's commandments and provide all authority for religious faith and practice.

The councils, creeds, and dogmas of men provide no legitimate authority in religious matters. Nor is there any authority inherent in our own subjective preferences and opinions. The only authority in matters of religion is the Word of God. We must not shudder at the thought of submitting to His authority; but humbly submit, obeying from the heart His Word which alone has the power to save us from our sins and deliver us safely to the eternal paradise of God (Jas. 1:21; Rm. 6:17-18).

Glen Elliott preaches for the Greenbrier church of Christ in  
Greenbrier, AR.

## PRAYER LIST

**Mynda** as she travels. **Caleb's** back surgery recovery  
Her **Aunt Donna** and family. The **Brown Family**  
loss of grandfather and mother.

**Tom & Nina** health, **Nina** is at Blossom room 33 for rehab.  
Daughter **Jenny** and family

**Mark** and **Debbie** as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale**  
**Tom's Bible Study** with **Roberta, Channing,** and **Kris.**  
**Bonnie's** health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota, Mick, Dillon,**  
**Connor & Keegan.** Daughters **Ronda** and **Renee**  
Friend, **Liz** with serious troubles

**Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen,** sisters **Lorraine, Joyce**  
knee surgery, niece **Nikki** in bad accident, niece  
**Lorrie** heart attack. **Allen's friend** with brain bleed.

**Carole** - friend's son **Brad** heart issues

**Mary, Carl and family.** **Ryan** had ankle surgery and is  
home.. **Keatha,** Mary's sister-in-law.  
Mary's brother **David** with health issue,

**Jim and Beverly G.** with health issues

**Wayne and Diane G.** with health issues

**Kathy's** health, gout in her foot

**Linda's** health and back pain, **Tiffany & family. Christian**  
**Zarna** and her family

**Juanita** and her family.

**Ray and Barbara** and their family.

**Dale's** health issues, headaches, His family. His **Mothers**  
upcoming knee replacement surgery. 7 year old girl,  
**Lucie,** with Leukemia. Cousins, **Randal** physical &  
mental health, **Jalen's** mental health. Uncle **Earl**  
with cancer, **Aunt Rose** health, Brother in Christ  
**Johnston** surgery recovery. Uncle **Jimmy** stroke.

**Ray's health** and his family. **Rebecca, Steven, and Asher**  
**Pat** and her family

**Robert & Sara,** Son **Michael** and Daughter **Maddie**

**Brenda's** health, her sister **Linda** passed away, sister-in-law  
**Linda** with breast cancer, grandson **Jason** with  
herniated neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda.**  
Her **brother's** health

**Larry & family,** niece fell and broke collar bone

**Mike & Debra** Their friend **Carl** with cancer on hospice

**Doug's** father-in-law, **Mahlon,** is home now.

**Betty's** friend **Judy,** in rehab and has pneumonia

**Mark L.—**stimulator in his back

## Looking Like God

Do you look like God? Every human is made in His image, yet people's physical appearance varies widely.

If we had lived while Jesus walked the earth, we could have pointed to Him and truly said, "There goes God!" Jesus Himself told Philip, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). But the Bible says precious little of how He looked except that He was ordinary (Isaiah 53:2). Fast-forward past the Renaissance painters who depict Him as an effeminate, stringy-haired, blue-eyed European!

Facial features, height, weight, and skin tone don't make you look like God anyway! Such characteristics may indicate that you have your parents' genes, and that may become more obvious as the years pass.

But the passing of those same years ought to make us, as God's children, look more like Him. We are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2). That transformation is what makes us a reflection of God in His glory (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Look at Jesus! I don't mean His physical attributes; those aren't the point. Look at His attitude; see His love; ponder His purpose; observe His selfless sacrifice. You ought to be notably more like Him than you were a year ago . . . five years ago . . . ten years ago.

Do you look like God?

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## WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

*Answer: Hebrews 11:1*

**Hebrews 1:1-4** 1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

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