

Good News From Chardon

Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

January 25, 2026

Issue 4

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

222—Faith Of Our Fathers

Opening Prayer: Robert

Hymn:

501—Give Me The Bible

Scripture Reading: Ryan

2 Thessalonians 3:8-15

Hymn:

**297—When My Love To Christ Grows
Weak**

Lord's Supper: Myron

Hymn:

346—Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

98—I Surrender All

Closing Hymn:

100—Take My Life, And Let It Be

Closing Prayer: Tom

♪ Come we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God. ♪

CALENDAR

Jan 25—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Mark

Jan 26—(b) Amy

Jan 31—(b) Logan

Jan 31—(b) Brenda

Feb 1—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Tom

Exercise Wisdom with Benevolence

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith" (Galatians 6:10).

The topic of benevolence is a difficult one that brings up many questions. Does opportunity equal obligation? Is benevolence something we do when convenient? When does encouraging through benevolence become enabling? Are there times when it is proper to say, "No"?

There are limits of benevolence, regardless of whom one feels is an eligible candidate. When Galatians 6:10 tells us that we should help "all men," this doesn't include those who are called the "idle" in 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12: "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, if any will not work, neither let him eat. For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread."

And just as wisdom is to be applied to the phrase "all men," so, too, is wisdom to be applied when we are told to "Give to him that asks of you" in Matthew 5:42. This doesn't mean that we "Take the children's bread and cast it to dogs" (Matthew 15:26). In other words, we don't give to others if our giving is going to be depriving our own dependents of what they need. We don't want to be too narrow in our benevolence, but neither should we be too broad in whom we decide to help.

We have no authority to extend benevolence that would help immoral living, such as would be the case of fornication, drug abuse, or giving money to a woman to have an abortion performed. We should never be guilty of enabling sin or sinful practices and lifestyles. As Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica, Christianity prescribes starvation for those who refuse and shirk work. The purpose is that their hunger, hopefully, will drive them to seek and find work for themselves.

We also must consider what is our ability to perform benevolence, both at the personal as well as the congregational level. As stated previously, one should never deprive one's own to help another. As the old proverb states, charity begins at home. So just as we should try to teach the gospel to as many people as possible, we should also assist in benevolence as many people as we possibly can, as God has prospered and blessed us. Wisdom is required, and God has promised to grant wisdom generously to those who seek it (James 1:5).

David R. Ferguson preaches for the
Mentor Church of Christ in Mentor, OH.

PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Kenny's** health in hospital, Her Mom is improving . Her **Aunt Donna** and family during a difficult time

Tom & Nina health, Sister in law **Frances** health, niece **Tanya's** transfer to Tenn. Daughter **Jenny** and family

Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale**

Bonnie's health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota, Dillon, Mick, Connor.** Daughters **Ronda** and **Renee.**

Wanda's migraines; son **Allen.** Her sister **Joyce's** brother in law health

Mary, Carl and family, Nephew **Seth** & wife **Liz**

Jim and Beverly G. health issues. Jim is at VA hospital, Bev is in treatment

Wayne and Diane G. with health issues

Kathy's health, friends Channing, Jimmy & Howard, Kim, Rex, Edard Family, Nick & Emily Family, Sandi & John

Linda's broken foot & health, **Tiffany** & family. **Christian** seizures, son **John** & wife **Becky's** health, great Grand daughter **Dahlia** health. **Ethan's** health

Zarna and her family

Juanita is improving. Her family. Nurse's aid Maddie's health

Ray and **Barbara** and their family.

Dale's health issues, headaches, His family. 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with Leukemia. Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **Jalen's** mental health.

Ray's health and his family. He is at Chardon Health care room #203. **Steven and Asher.**

Pat and is in the hospital with stress fractures

Robert & Sara, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's father **Jeff's** recovery, her mother **Connie's** health

Brenda heart issues and upcoming procedure, son **Mark's** heart issues, sister-in-law **Linda,** breast cancer, grandson **Jason** neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda.** brother **Jim** surgery recovery, Friend **Marge** cancer.

Larry as he travels

Betty's niece **Kelly** as she gets treatment for a brain tumor

WORD LIST

ASHAMED
CHARGE
COMPANY
DOING
EPISTLE
IDLE
LIMIT
OBEY
QUIET
WELL
WORK

BREAD
CHRIST
COUNT
EAT
EXAMPLE
JESUS
LORD
ORDERLY
WALK
WISDOM

BUSYBODY
COMMAND
DECIDE
ENEMY
EXHORT
LABOR
NEITHER
POWER
WEARY
WORD

P Z B A B Z Q V R W T E K W T
A Y B J R N S C L E J M E N N
E D I C E D O A N T W A M E U
W O R K A P B D E E R O J A O
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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Answer: Galatians 5:16

2 Thessalonians 3:8-15 8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: 9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. 14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

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