

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

March 8, 2026

Issue 10

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

17—Revive Us Again

Opening Prayer: Myron

Hymn:

578—This Is My Father's World

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Psalms 51:3-12

Hymn:

297—When My Love To Christ Grows Weak

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

355—Heaven Holds All To Me

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

605—Just As I Am

Closing Hymn:

112—Angry Words

Closing Prayer: Darryl

Create in Me A Clean Heart

In life, we often wish for a "do-over" – a chance to correct our mistakes and start anew. Whether it's a questionable call in a game or a misstep in our personal lives, the desire to erase our errors and begin again is universal. This sentiment is vividly captured in the story of David, who sought a "do-over" after his grievous sin with Bathsheba. David's journey from sin to repentance is a powerful reminder that our worst moments do not have to define us. Instead, with genuine repentance and a change of heart, we can seek forgiveness and renewal.

David's plea for mercy is expressed in Psalm 51:1-2. He begs for compassion, acknowledging that he has no claim to the favor he seeks. His appeal is not based on his own goodness but on God's steadfast love and tender mercies. David's hope to restore his covenant relationship with God is a testament to his faith in God's unending love. Romans 12:1 reminds us that God's tender mercies are available to us as well, but we must not conform to this world. Like David, we must seek to be free from sin's pollution, asking God to blot out, wash, and cleanse us thoroughly.

In Psalm 51:3-5, David's confession is heartfelt and sincere. He acknowledges his sin, recognizing that his attempts to hide it have failed. His sin is ever before him, and he understands that he has sinned not just against Uriah and Bathsheba, but against God. David's acknowledgment of his sin is a crucial step in his repentance. He does not make excuses or shift blame; instead, he owns his actions and expresses true sorrow. This godly sorrow leads to genuine repentance, as David seeks to be free from the guilt and punishment of his transgressions.

David's desire for restoration is evident in Psalm 51:6-9. He understands that sin separates him from God and longs to be restored to his position as one of God's children. David's plea to be purged with hyssop, washed, and cleansed reflects his deep desire for purity. He seeks complete cleansing, knowing that only God can make him whiter than snow. David's request to blot out his iniquities and restore joy and gladness highlights his yearning for a renewed relationship with God.

Psalm 51:10-12 reveals David's understanding that only God can give him a clean heart and a fresh start. While David must repent of his sins, it is only God who can create in him a clean heart and renew his spirit. David's plea not to be cast away from God's presence or lose the Holy Spirit reflects his fear of losing the special relationship he once had with God. He seeks to be restored to the joy of salvation, desiring to be as innocent as he was before his sin.

David's forgiveness serves as a lesson to others, as seen in Psalm 51:13-17. He recognizes that worship and sacrifices are empty and worthless if one is not living right with God. David's desire to get back in line with God and offer acceptable worship reflects his understanding that true worship comes from a humble and contrite heart. He knows that God does not desire sacrifices that represent failure but seeks a heart that is fully devoted to Him. *(continued on back)*

♪ I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;
Still praying as I onward bound, "Lord
plant my feet on higher ground"
Lord

CALENDAR

Mar 8—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Tom

Mar 8—(b) Dale

Mar 15—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Mark

Mar 15—(b) Jackson

Mar 17—(b) Christopher

Mar 17—(b) Dorene

Mar 21—(b) Jerad

Mar 21—(b) Mary

Mar 22—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Tom

PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Kenny's** health, Her Mom is improving . Her **Aunt Donna** and family during a difficult time
Tom & Nina covid recovery, her upcoming surgery in March, 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 healing of from surgery and health, she is at Mapleview for rehab, 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
Belinda's 5 year old son, **Kwabena,** in Ghana with fever convulsions.
Zarna and her family
Juanita covid recovery. 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. Cousin Aleeka
Ray covid recovery, his family. He is at Chardon Health Care room #203. **Steven and Asher.**
Pat health and stress fractures recovery
Robert & Sara, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's father **Jeff's** health, her mother **Connie's** health
Brenda heart issues surgery recovery, son **Mark's** heart issues, sister-in-law **Linda,** breast cancer, grand son **Jason** neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda.** brother **Jim** surgery recovery, Friend **Marge** cancer. Great nephew's back injury
Larry as he travels
Betty's niece **Kelly** as she gets treatment for a brain tumor

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In Psalm 51:18-19, David acknowledges that once we are back in fellowship with God, our sacrifices become productive and pleasing to Him. He emphasizes the importance of doing good and offering sacrifices in spirit and truth. David's journey from sin to repentance and restoration serves as a powerful reminder that we too can have a "do-over." By owning our mistakes, confessing our sins, and seeking God's forgiveness, we can be restored to a right relationship with Him.

None of us are perfect, and we all fall victim to sin. The key is how we respond to our failures. Like David, we must take responsibility for our actions, confess our sins to the Lord, and appeal to Him for forgiveness and cleansing. Only God can create in us a clean heart and restore us to a right relationship with Him. True repentance involves a change of mind and heart, and it starts with us. By looking inward and seeking God's forgiveness, we can experience the joy of being restored to His fold and having His Spirit with us. Then, our worship and sacrifices will be pleasing to God, and we will enjoy the joy of heaven when we are restored to Him.

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

My little children, let us
not love in word, neither
in tongue; but in deed and
in truth.

Answer: 1 John 3:18

Psalm 51:3-12 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

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