

*“...strengthen thy brethren”*



*Luke 22:32*

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**of Genesee County**

**February 3, 2013**

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Meeting place: 3499 S. Linden Road, Flint, MI 48507

**Welcome All:**

We are thankful to have you with us today. The Lord's church here is dedicated to the restoration of New Testament Christianity, respecting both the authority and the silence of the Scriptures.

Again, thank you for worshipping God today.

### **Schedule of Services**

<b>Worship...</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Bible Study...</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

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### **Visitors**

We would like to extend our welcome to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Please consider taking a copy of House to House / Heart to Heart and any tracts from our tract rack.

### **Prayer list**

**Phyllis and Russ**-recovering from sickness  
**Scott Bateman**-under doctor's care.  
**Chuck Smith**-health problems  
**Stan Bozich**-had a stroke, a friend of Chuck.  
**Grace Clark and family**  
**Marie Hall**-knee replacement—Cindy's sister  
**Edith Taylor**-Bill's Mother.  
**Barbara Johnson**-Joyce's sister.  
**Andy Kelly**-recently diagnosed with cancer.  
**Joyce and Helen**-in Florida.  
**Lauren Weidner**  
**Betty Crewse**  
**Helen Summers**  
**Oscar Tackett**-cancer-preacher in Alger Ohio.

### **Sermons**

(AM) Attempting Things That Cannot Be Accomplished  
(PM) Some Things NOT Important

## **THINGS CHRISTIANS NEED TO REMEMBER**

There are often things of which we need to be reminded. Because we are not thinking or we have been influenced by others, we may forget some things which will reflect badly on our Christianity if we participate in them. Think about these things every Christian needs to remember.

### **SUBSTITUTE CURSE WORDS ARE JUST AS BAD AS REAL ONES.**

How many times do we hear Christians using words like “heck” and “shoot”? These words, and many like them, are substitute curse words. Even the world recognizes this. I have had people curse in front of me, only to catch themselves, and quickly change to an alternate word they believe to be more acceptable. The alternate word, though, means the same thing as the actual curse word they used. The Bible clearly teaches us to keep our tongues pure and holy (Col. 4:6; Eph. 4:29 – 5:4).

### **THE BIBLE IS NOT A JOKE STARTER.**

The Bible, given to us by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:20,21) is the precious word of God (Rom. 1:16). It should be held in the highest respect by us, not only because it is the word of God, but many have suffered and died working to defend God’s precious word. For us to reduce it to the level of a book of jokes is to show the greatest disrespect

for the Bible. How often have we heard people make a joke about something they say is in the Bible? Of course, to say that the Bible says something that is not found in the Bible is to teach falsely, even if it is only in jest (might want to read Eph. 5:4 here). Maybe because we have tried to make the Bible our joke starter, we have caused others not to reverence the Bible as they ought, and have cast a stumbling block in their path.

### **THE BIBLE IS NOT TO BE USED FOR OUR ENTERTAINMENT.**

Back several years ago, a game came out called “Bible Trivia”. Several played it and many Christians still do so. What is trivial in the Bible? Where is our authority to reduce the Bible to the level of a board game? So where are we headed now? So far, we have added Bible Bowls and other forms of competition. Again, this reduces the Bible to a book to be used to beat someone else or to win a prize. Just recently, I noticed that there is a new game show on TV titled “The American Bible Challenge” hosted by Jeff Foxworthy. Foxworthy was quoted as saying he looked forward to the opportunity to “present the Bible in a fun and entertaining way” ([www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com)). On this show, the contestants compete for prizes and money. Those who support Bible Bowls will not be able to say anything about this show being wrong. (Maybe here read Psa. 119) Charles Coats