

*“...strengthen thy brethren”*



*Luke 22:32*

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**of Genesee County**

**January 20, 2013**

PO Box 190406 Burton, MI 48519

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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. Please consider taking a copy of House to House / Heart to Heart and any tracts from our tract rack.

### **Prayer list**

**Scott Bateman**-cancer is in remission and he has a long way to go.

**Chuck Smith**-health problems

**Russ and Phyllis**-traveled to Detroit three times this week to be there for Scott.

**Stan Bozich**-had a stroke, a friend of Chuck.

**Grace Clark and family**

**Marie Hall**-knee replacement on Monday—Cindy's sister

**Edith Taylor**-Bill's Mother.

**Barbara Johnson**-Joyce's sister.

**Andy Kelly**-diagnosed with cancer.

**Joyce and Helen**-in Florida.

**Charleen Steal**-fluid on lungs—at Geneses Hp.

**Lauren and Betty**-in need of prayers.

### **Sermons**

(AM) “...wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?...”

(PM) ”What is the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:38?”

## The Discovery of the Siloam Pool

Before the last spadeful of dirt fell to the ground, scientists already knew that their discovery authenticated specific accounts found in the Bible. And this time, they were willing to say they were **100% sure**—something that rarely happens in the field of archaeology.

On December 23, 2004, archaeologists identified what they say is the remains of the Siloam Pool in which Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth (John 9). In John's account, Jesus anointed the eyes of the blind man with clay and then told him: "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (v. 7). The Bible records that after the man complied with Jesus' instructions, his blindness was cured.

Archaeologist Eli Shukron observed: "The moment that we revealed and discovered this four months ago, we were 100 percent sure it was the Siloam Pool" ("Archaeologists...", 2004). In fact, archaeologists discovered that water still flows through what was once considered a pristine pool used by the Jews for ritual immersions for purification.

Exactly why are the archaeologists from the Israeli government's Antiquities Authority so sure they have found the Siloam Pool? In addition to its location, they also discovered biblical-era coins marked with Jewish writing, pieces of pottery, and even a stone-bottle cork. Roni Reich of Haifa University—one of the excavation leaders—noted: "We have excavated it and dated it very accurately with coins found in the cement

which the pool was built of" (as quoted in Tostevin, 2004). The earliest coins to be found dated from the middle of the century before the birth of Jesus.

Reich noted that the stone-lined pool has steps leading into it from all sides. Thus far, one side of the pool, two corners, a part of the esplanade around it, and the water channel leading into it have been uncovered. Archaeologists are currently negotiating with the Greek Orthodox Church, which owns the land, to continue the dig. Amazing, is it not, that weaknesses keep turning up in the evolutionary theory, and yet the Bible continues to be authenticated?

By Brad Harrub, Apologetics Press, Inc.

### References

"Archaeologists Identify Traces of 'Miracle' Pool" (2004), Associated Press, MSNBC, [On-line] URL: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6750670/>.

Tostevin, Matthew (2004), "New Finds Unearthed at Reputed Jesus Miracle Site," Reuters, [On-line], URL: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=topNews&storyID=7169637>.

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Plan to attend a "Seminar at Webberville" this year on the following dates: March 29, June 28, Sept. 27, and Dec. 27, 2013

Men's Business Meeting - Tuesday 3:00 pm at Chuck's house.