

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

December 8, 2013

5284 Fenton Road, Flint Michigan 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

Worship...	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
	Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study...	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

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Preacher: Michael Golwitzer (810) 771-4627

Prayer List

Drake Barringer-he is a child that has been in and out of the hospital and prayers were requested for him.

Barbara Johnson

Judy Wilkes - completed chemotherapy.

Elsie Jaques

Stan Bozich - a friend of Chuck.

Edith Taylor - Bill's mother.

Helen Summers

Lauren Weidner

Dale Gregory

Ried and Janet Davis

Ruth Blevens

Sermons

AM — Digging the Wells

PM — Because it is Inerrant

Gospel Meetings

Lord willing: Tracy Dugger from Shady Valley TN will be preaching for our Gospel Meeting this summer. Date has not been determined yet. We reached out to Harrison Morgan, Robert Hatfield, and Ted Thrasher. Letters have been sent .

Where does the Bible say: “Speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where it is silent”?

There is no particular verse that says to "speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where it is silent." However, the Bible teaches and operates from this very principle.

For example, we read in 1 Peter 4:11 -- ***“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”*** i.e., speak where the Bible speaks.

Colossians 3:17 -- ***“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”*** To operate in the name of Christ is to operate by His authority. Therefore, we are not to act when there is no authority for said action.

Hebrews 7:14 -- ***“For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.”*** The law of Moses spoke concerning the priesthood - it specified the tribe of Levi as the priestly tribe. It said nothing about anyone from the tribe of Juda serving as a priest. Therefore, those from the tribe of Juda were forbidden by silence from serving in the priesthood. i.e., be silent where the Bible is silent. Todd Clippard, House to House Heart to Heart

The above article by Brother Clippard proves that the statement “Speak where the Bible Speaks and be silent where the Bible is Silent” is drawn from the scriptures and a worthy statement. A clear understanding of this Bible teaching will prevent many of the

misunderstandings of truth that exist today. One such truth is that the Bible does not authorize or approve Women Preachers. 1 Cor. 13:33-35; 1 Cor. 14:44; 1 Tim. 2:8-12 all considered in context it regulates public speaking . It does not prevent asking a question in Bible class, but does prohibit standing over or presenting to the congregation in a Bible class, preaching, leading singing, prayer, leading scripture readings, or serving the Lord’s supper.

Another area where this principle of “silence and speaking” is violated is in singing. Instruments, solos, and groups (chorus, duet, quartete, etc.) are condemned by silence. Somehow, about forty percent of church goers seem to have picked up the idea that “singing in church is for singers.” The truth is that “singing is for believers.” The relevant question is not, “Do you have a voice?” but “Do you have a song?”—Donald Hustad, Leadership, Vol. 3, no. 1

Eph 5:19 “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;”

Col 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

For women to “sing” in the worship service is not a violation of “usurp authority” (1 Tim 2:12) because we speak where the Bible speaks. For a women to lead singing is a violation of scripture and a sin because we are silent where the Bible is silent.

The Bible is the inerrant Word of God, which is what we talk about in this evenings sermon. Respecting the Bible as the Word of God written by inspired men will help us with the matter of speaking where the Bible speaks and being silent where the Bible is silent.

Michael Golwitzer