

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

January 26, 2014

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

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| 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

Barbara Johnson
Elsie Jaques
Helen Summers
Dale Gregory
Reid and Janet Davis
Ruth Blevens
Scott Bateman
Justin Duffiney
Lauren Weidner
Delores Ray and David
Marty and Joyce
Donna Duford
Stan Bozich
Mary-Betty's coworker.
Russ Bateman-in and out of the hospital.

*Pray for
our gospel
meeting in
May with
Tracy
Dugger.*

Austin and Tracy –anniversary on Jan. 28th.

**Congratulations to Garry and Cindy
for Cindy's first grandchild,
Evelee Annette Stevens, 7lb 4oz,
18 3/4" born Jan 21st at 9:27 p.m.**



Sermons

**AM — Seemingly Opposite Views
PM — Guaranteed Success**

Congregational Business Meeting and Fellowship Dinner Today!

LESSONS FROM ACTS 2:44-47

In Acts 2:44-47, we find the initial growth of the church. Verse 47 helps us to understand that people were being converted on a daily basis. Of course, we recognize that it is the word of God that converts people (1 Pet. 1:23; Rom. 1:16), but there is another ingredient that is necessary to have physical growth in the Lord's body. This does not mean that the word of God is not powerful enough to reach people, but we must understand that the power of the word can be diminished by Christians who are not what God wants them to be. As we back up into verse 44, we find several things that helped encourage people to listen to the message and opened doors for the church to reach out to people. The ingredient that is often missing in a congregation is found in verses 44-46. Please note the following. 1. All that believed were together (vs. 44). 2. They had all things common (vs. 44). 3. They distributed their money to every person who had a need (vs. 45). 4. They continued daily with one accord (vs. 46). 5. They had gladness and singleness of heart (vs. 46).

Now, look over this list and see what is missing in far too many congregations and is absolutely necessary for the spread of the gospel, for doors to open. To put it simply, the thing every congregation

needs and every Christian should exhibit is unity, the true spirit of working together and caring about one another -- not only a unity in teaching, but a unity in love and concern for one another. What we see in the church in Acts 2 are Christians who enjoyed the company of one another and encouraged one another (See the word "fellowship" in Acts 2:42). We find Christians who were not selfish, who did not consider the possessions they had as being theirs. They understood that what they had was to be used in serving God and serving others. The church in Acts 2 found time to be together and doing the work of the Lord together. They were happy (Phil. 4:4) and had a simple, uncluttered by the world (singleness) life. It is important to note that they were happy and simple in their hearts. The inner man was convicted to Christianity. Once the heart is given to something, the action necessarily follows (Prov. 14:12).

In the world in which we live today, it is easy to get caught up in the things of the world, to allow the world to distract us from our work and from our brethren. If we are going to reach the world with the gospel, the world needs to see Christians who live up to what God's word teaches us. We must determine to be the shining light that will guide a precious soul to the saving message of God's word (Matt. 5:16).

Charles Coats