

*"...strengthen thy brethren"*



*Luke 22:32*

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**of Genesee County**

**June 29, 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**

Elsie Jaques-health problems  
Helen Summers-health problems  
Dale Gregory-undergoing more testing  
Barbara Johnson-health problems  
Charles Coats-Chemotherapy  
Marty Stearns-slowly recovering  
Chuck Smith-heart & Sciatic nerve  
Earlene Currier-health problems  
Lauren Weidner-for encouragement  
Marion Wallace—cancer —she's in TN  
Reid and Janet Davis-health problems  
John Southern—injured hand-fireworks  
Ethel White-Delbert Whites mother  
Charles Leonard-health problems  
Russell Bateman  
Edith Taylor - Bill's mother.  
Cathy Curtis-pancreatic cancer  
Stan Bozich —friend of Chuck.  
Scott Bateman-health  
Ruthie Blevins-health problems  
Ashley Beaver-health problems  
Donna Duford-Betty's daughter.  
Art Booth-Aunt Helen's son  
Misty Davis- health problems  
Sue White—accident  
Joyce Stearns-knee pain  
Kim Penoyer-breathing problems  
Phyliss Bateman—outpatient eye surgery

### **Sermon:**

AM—What the Word Does for the Child of God?  
PM—Purchased With His Blood

**Harrison Morgan for  
our Year End  
Meeting on the 27th  
and 28th of December.**

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### **Seminar In Webberville**

Thank you to all that attended and offered encouragement to me during the Seminar. To see you, my wife and grandchildren at the meeting was very special. You can view it at

[www.webbervillechurchofchrist.org](http://www.webbervillechurchofchrist.org) by clicking on the Seminar tab for June. mag

**Speak where the  
Bible Speaks and be  
Silent where the  
Bible is Silent**

## **If Christ Had Not Come (Part Two )**

by Garland Elkins

**(The first part of this article was in last weeks bulletin)**

Guilt would continue to burden our souls with no hope of forgiveness. Psychiatrists seek to relieve the pent-up emotions and mental conflicts by getting the sinner to confess his wrongs, but only Christ can bring inner peace through the forgiveness of sins. 3. Divine justice would not be satisfied. Divine justice demanded that man be punished. When a man kills his wife to get her insurance, a mother kills her children or a drunkard kills innocent people, all reasonable people agree that the penalty should be severe. Sin—even one sin—in God’s sight is far more serious that we comprehend and from the standpoint of justice deserves to be punished. The Father and the Son agree that divine justice demanded death for sin. Jesus, therefore, came to earth to pay the penalty that man deserved to pay. This He did that we might be saved (Gal. 1:4; Heb. 2:9-10; Rom. 5:6-8). 4. There would be no Mediator and reconciliation. Sin separated man from God (Isa. 59:1-2). Christ came to reconcile man to God (2 Cor. 5:19-21). The fact that Christ gave Himself for us touches us and brings about a desire for forgiveness on our part (2 Cor. 8:9). 5. There would be no life for us beyond the grave. Life and immortality are made possible because Christ came. He said, “ ...I came that they may have life, and may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Paul wrote

of Christ, “But hath now been manifested by the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Tim. 1:10). “But Now Is Christ Risen from the Dead” Paul declares with a shout of triumph that Christ is risen from the dead and is become the “firstfruits” of them that slept. Jesus declared, “I am the resurrection, and the life” (John 11:25). He announced to Thomas, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me” (John 14:6). His death brought the possibility of forgiveness from sin. His resurrection brings the certainty of immortality. Paul, along with the other apostles and hundreds of additional brethren, had seen Christ after His resurrection and had been taught of Him (1 Cor. 15:1-8; Luke 24:13-34). Why does Paul refer to Christ as the “firstfruits”? Had there not been people brought back from the dead before Jesus was raised? Yes, some had been raised by the prophets, and Jesus had raised some, but in every instance the spirit simply came back to inhabit the body again, finally to die again. However, when Jesus arose from the dead, He arose to die no more. Jesus offers eternal life freely to all who will obey Him (Heb. 5:8-9; Matt. 7:21-23). The choice is ours (Josh. 24:15; 2 Pet. 3:1). Life and death are set before us. If we choose life, we may live the abundant life in this world (John 10:10), that we “ may lay hold on the life which is life indeed” (1 Tim. 6:19).

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