

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

July 27, 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

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 Marty Stearns- eye surgery Joyce Stearns-knee pain Chuck Smith-heart & Sciatic nerve Cindy Atkinson-coming surgery **Charles Coats-**Chemotherapy Earlene Currier-health problems Lauren Weidner-for encouragement Marion Wallace—cancer –she's in TN Reid and Janet Davis-health problems **Charles Leonard**-health problems Edith Taylor - Bill's mother. 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 Kim Penoyer-breathing problems Margaret Katros-death of husband. **Delores and David Wray-**cancer

Sermon:

AM Their Rock Is Not As Our Rock PM He chose twelve men

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

Seminar with Rusty Stark

Sept. 26 ("Lessons from Gen. 1 and 2") Webberville church of Christ

2014 MICHIGAN BIBLE LECTURESHIP

August 7-9, 2014
"Selected Bible Passages for
Today's Needs"
The Garden City Church of Christ
1657 Middlebelt Road
Garden City, MI 48135
(734) 422-8660

FIRST

Charles Coats

First is important to most people. Coming in first! Getting in line first! Buying the first one! We have all seen the evidence of how important these things are to people. Jesus told of the Pharisees who loved to be seen of men and have the chief seats (Matt. 23:5ff).

However, there is another way that first is used which carries a completely different idea. "First" can be used to show that something is the most important thing in my life. We might say to the one we love that "You are first in my heart". This is a statement of importance and priority. We often talk about how that, if something is important to us, it must be first in our thinking. The Bible uses first in this way in Matt. 6:33 when it says "Seek ye first ..." For the Christian especially, this verse teaches us that God and his church must be the top priority in our lives. To help us evaluate whether this is true in our lives, let us think about whether we would answer true or false to the following statements.

1. I will take vacation time just to

- participate in a work of the church.
- 2. I will reschedule vacation time just to participate in a work of the church.
- 3. I will plan my activities around the services of the church and other events in which the church participates.
- 4. I will tell those around me that I already have a prior commitment when they ask me to participate in something that conflicts with the services of the church or other events in which the church participates.
- 5. I will not use Sundays as the day I "catch up" on things or the day I "recuperate" from my illness.
- 6. I will not miss services or the other work of the church for an illness that will not keep me from going to work.
- 7. I will tell my family and friends I will miss family events, graduation parties, birthdays, etc. if these events conflict with the services or work of the church.
- 8. I will not take offence at any of these statements but will use this tool to honestly examine whether God and the church are truly the top priority in my life.