

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

September 14, 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

Marty and Joyce Stearns-its been determined by doctors that Marty has been exposed to asbestos.

Elsie Jaques-health problems

Helen Summers.

Kim Penoyer-breathing problems

Dale Gregory-health problems

Barbara Johnson-health problems

Grace Clark—strength

Chuck Smith-heart & Sciatic nerve

Earlene Currier-health problems

Lauren Weidner-for encouragement

Marion Wallace—cancer-in TN

Edith Taylor - Bill's mother.

Stan Bozich—friend of Chuck.

Scott Bateman-health

Ashley Beaver-health problems

Donna Duford-Betty's daughter.

Art Booth-Aunt Helen's son

Misty Davis— health problems

Please update the member list. Check and make corrections on spelling, address and telephone numbers. Copies will be provided to all members.

Sermon:

AM—FOOLISHNESS VS POWER

PM-"THE MEASURE OF A STRONG CHRISTIAN"

Sep. 20, 2014 Saturday
We will hand out tracks.
10:00—3:00. Lunch at 12:00.

UPCOMING SEMINAR

CHURCH OF CHRIST

340 NORTH SUMMIT

WEBBERVILLE, MI 48892

517-521-3219

September 26, 2014 7– 9 P.M.

Speaker: Rusty Stark

Minister, Benton Harbor

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TOPIC: "Lessons from Genesis 1 & 2"

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

DOES DRAMA CONSTITUTE WORSHIP?

Over the course of church history, man has often determined to change the way he worships God. We must remember that God has set the standard for worshipping Him. Jesus said “GOD IS A SPIRIT: AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH” (**John 4:24**). It seems that “drama groups” have woven their way into the worship of many liberal congregations. Many, who are not satisfied with God’s instructions for worship, have taken it upon themselves to add theatrics to the assembly. Those that promote such believe that they are changing the worship services for the better. Are they correct? Should we act out the scriptures? What would be wrong with doing so?

FIRST, THERE IS NO AUTHORITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT FOR DRAMA in the worship services, neither by example nor command. Whatever is done must be done by the authority of Christ and the approval of God (**John 4:24; Colossians 3:17**). We read of singing (**Ephesians 5:19**), giving (**1 Corinthians 16:1-2**), praying (**Acts 2:42**), preaching (**Acts 20:7**), and the Communion or Lord’s Supper (**1 Corinthians 11:20-29**) but never “drama worship.” Did Peter, Paul or any of the other apostles act out the crucifixion or ascension? We never read of them so doing!

SECOND, THE PURPOSE OF WORSHIP IS TO BRING GLORY TO GOD AND NOT TO SELF. Performing drama and play acting Biblical accounts leads to self glorification. Men are praised for their acting ability. Theatrical performances are done for self-praise and self-glorification. On several occasions, Jesus condemned the works of men that are done “TO BE SEEN OF MEN” (**Matthew 6:1; 23:5**).

THIRD, GOD CHOSE PREACHING TO SAVE THE LOST AND NOT PLAY ACTING: Paul wrote “FOR THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS IS TO THEM THAT PERISH FOOLISHNESS; BUT UNTO US WHICH ARE SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD” (**1 Corinthians 1:18**). The church is told to “PREACH THE WORD.” Preaching is to be done for the purpose of reproving, rebuking, exhorting, and convicting (**2 Timothy 4:2; Hebrews 4:12**).

In conclusion, “drama groups” and “worship drama” can only provide entertainment and boost the ego of the “performer.” It is obvious that the liberal element in the church is ignorant of the Scriptures. Both Old and New Testament characters used visual aids to make a point. But never did the primitive church use drama productions to propagate the gospel. The inventions of men never have the approval of God (**Matthew 15:7-9**).

Garden City church of Christ, Garden City, MI Joel Wheeler