

"...strengthen thy brethren"



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

October 12, 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

Sermon:

AM—Water is one of God's most convincing proofs of creation.

PM— Do I Really Matter?

Gospel Meeting

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



Prayer List

Marty Stearns-health problems
Elsie Jaques-health problems
Helen Summers-health problems
Kim Penoyer-breathing problems
Dale Gregory-health problems
Barbara Johnson-health problems
Austin Clark-health problems
Michael Golwitzer-tests
Chuck Smith-heart, thumb & Sciatic nerve
Earlene Currier-recovering from surgery
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
Janet Davis-health problems

A House of Mirrors

A popular attraction at carnivals is the House of Mirrors. Inside this maze of warped mirrors, we are amazed at our contorted reflections. When we look into these mirrors, our eyes and ears seem to balloon out of proportion. We see ourselves as extremely skinny or overweight. We don't actually look like that, but the warped mirrors make us appear so.

Some people have a "house of mirrors" in their minds. Sometimes they look at themselves as inferior. Because of the way the world defines success and good looks, many people, especially teen-agers, battle low self-esteem. Many teenage girls are consumed with not being pretty enough, smart enough, or thin enough to achieve the image that society says a woman should portray. This image suggests she should be beautifully feminine but also independent and successful in a "man's world." According to allyoucanread.com, the most popular magazine for today's teenage girl is Seventeen Magazine. Seventeen offers young girls "the latest scoop on style, friends, guys, college, careers and love with hot tips on beauty, fashion, fitness, and relationships." Some of the featured articles of a recent issue included "Be His Best Hookup!" and "Flirt the Right Way!" Oh yeah, this was the "Hot Guy" Special Issue. Unfortunately, because our daughters don't fit the stereotypical "modern girl" they see little value in themselves.

Teen boys struggle with self-esteem issues as well. What makes a young man popular? According to society, he needs the body of Atlas, the strength of Hercules, and

the athleticism of LeBron James, Adrian Peterson, and David Freese all rolled into one.

In addition, he should have the looks of Taylor Lautner and communication skills and courage to talk to the prettiest girl at school without breaking a sweat. Wow! No pressures on a boy's self-esteem there.

The bottom line is that our society equates worth with worldliness. Self-worth is directly tied to achievement, appearance, and the ability to be a success. Consequently, when we fail to meet the world's expectations, we tend to count ourselves as failures and worthless.

Okay, so maybe you don't measure up to the world's standards, but guess what . . . we don't live by the world's standards! Parents and grandparents: we should teach youth that self-worth is not measured by what they see in the mirror BUT by what is seen in their lives. Young people need to understand that they are created in the image of God and they are of such great worth and value that Jesus willingly came to this earth to die for each one. How awesome is that! Be careful that you don't look at yourself in the warped mirrors of the world. A contrived worldly image is no closer to reality than the image reflected by the contorted mirrors at the carnival.

—Ronnie Scherffius

"The LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).