

"...strengthen thy brethren"



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

April 12, 2015

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

P r a y e r L i s t

Al Haskell—kidney problems

Charlene Steele—injuries

Chuck Smith—heart & Sciatic nerve

Donna Duford—Betty's daughter.

Emily Mosher—need of prayers

Helen Summers—Rm 508 Heartland Health

Care Center-Briarwood, 3011 North Center
Road, Flint, MI 48506 Phone: 810-736-0600

Janet Davis—health problems

Kim Penoyer—breathing problems

Lauren Weidner—encouragement

Marty and Joyce Stearns

Michael Golwitzer—kidney problems

Michelle, Tracy's friend, needs bone
marrow transplant

Misty Davis—health problems

Pam Bentz—has cancer

Pat Crain—health problems

Russ, Phyllis

Sam Jones—Vivian's brother

Scott Bateman—health problems

Stan Bozich—friend of Chuck

Wendy Penoyer

Wyatt Duford—need of prayers

Sermons:

AM— Lord, to whom shall we go? John 6:66-71

PM— Cornelius, The Moral Man

Ted Thrasher—Gospel Meeting—Oct. 18-21, 2015

The Church for Which Christ Died

In many Old Testament passages, we see the Savior and His Church in prophecy (Dan. 2:44 *“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”* Isa. 2:2-3 *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”* In the four accounts of the life of Jesus Christ (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), we often read of the church as it nears becoming a reality. For example Christ said: Matt 16:18 *“I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* In Mark 9:1 He stated: *“...there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.”* John the forerunner of Christ, exhorted the people to repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matt. 3:2). Christ died (John 19), and with His blood purchased church (Acts 20:28). Without the shedding of His blood, remission of sins would not be

possible (Heb. 9:22). The church of our Lord began on Pentecost, approximately A.D. 33, in Jerusalem. We have a record of many of the events of that wonderful day in Acts 2.

Please note: Every reference to the church before Pentecost (Acts 2) was in the future tense. The church of Christ was yet to begin, it was not yet in existence. Every reference in the New Testament to the Lord’s church after Pentecost (Acts 2) spoke of it in the present tense. It had begun, the church was in existence, people were being added to it (Acts 2:47). John said he was in the kingdom, a brother in Christ (Rev 1:9: *“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom...”*). The church of Christ began over 1900 years ago. The church that Christ built is in existence today—for when we do today, what they did in the first century, as instructed by the Lord—we will become Christians, just as the ones in the first century became Christians and only Christians. (*“The Church of Christ”* by Paul Sain p. 8, 9, Sain Publications, PO Box 616, Pulaski, TN 38478)

Whenever it Breaks... There is a monastery in Greece perched high on a cliff, several hundred feet in the air. The only way to reach the monastery is to be suspended in a basket which is pulled to the top by several monks who tug with all their strength. Obviously, the ride up the steep cliff in that basket is terrifying. One tourist got exceptionally nervous about half-way up as he noticed that the rope by which he was suspended was old and frayed. With a trembling voice he asked a monk riding with him how often they changed the rope. The monk thought for a moment and answered serenely, *“Whenever it breaks....”* Some things should never be put off. When I recognize the need for change and correction, I need to do it NOW...before it’s too late...before the rope breaks. Isn’t it time to start reading the Bible... before the rope breaks? (HTH, edited)