

"...strengthen thy brethren"



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

May 3, 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

**We rejoice that Russ Bateman was baptized
Friday May 1, 2015 at 2:00 PM, Amen!**

P r a y e r L i s t

Al Haskell—kidney problems
Anna Okoro—home recuperating after surgery
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
Leanna Coats—for strength
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
Patty Lewis—Chuck's daughter
Russ Bateman—Russ is in Room 222 Bed #1,
Regency at Grand Blanc 1330 Grand Pointe
Court, Grand Blanc Township, MI 48439
Sam Jones—Vivian's brother
Scott Bateman—health problems
Stan Bozich—friend of Chuck
Wendy Penoyer and family
Wyatt Duford—need of prayers

Sermons:

AM— A Servant

PM— The Hardening of the Human Heart

All Colors Are Alike in the Dark

We live in an age that is allowing different forms of faith and worship to be united even though they are contradictory. All ideas regarding God and what He has commanded are meshed together under one umbrella that accepts the idea that it really doesn't make any difference what you believe, if you believe it with all your heart. Obviously, all doctrines are not equally important. The fact that Jesus lived 33 years on earth may not be too consequential, but that He is the Son of God makes all the difference in the world! Romans 14 and Romans 15 are great chapters to study regarding ideas, beliefs, and practices where tolerance may be applied, but there are also many things that cannot be compromised. The Scriptures do not teach that we can believe anything we want regarding Bible teachings and be acceptable to God. In order to be saved from sin, we must understand correctly God's plan of salvation (Acts 8:30-40). In order for God to accept our worship, it must be as He wants it (Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:7). In order to glorify God and be acceptable to Him, we must live a certain lifestyle that is free from sin (Titus 2:11-14). It does make a difference how one is baptized or for what reason, whether our worship is scriptural or cultural, and whether we substitute men's creeds and decrees in the place of Scripture. God warned

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through Isaiah that His thoughts and ways are not like man's thoughts and ways (Isaiah 55:8). Jesus stated that only the truth can make us free (John 8:32). We cannot tell a sheep from a wolf without some standard (Matthew 7:15). Error is not as good as truth (2 Peter 3:17). There are doctrines of devils (1 Timothy 4:1). What God wants us to know, He has revealed (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Ephesians 3:5-9). What He wants us to do, He has commanded. If we are not controlled in religion and life by the authority of God (Colossians 3:17), we will be controlled by our own rules, moods, and feelings, the consequence of which is disastrous (Proverbs 14:12). It is always good for us to distinguish between culture and commands, truth and tradition. We must inform ourselves by studying the Bible whether certain things are true or not (2 Timothy 2:15). Become a Berean and search the Scriptures to see if your practices and beliefs are consistent with what the Bible says (see Acts 17:11). It is not as hard to determine as some make it out to be, or as it seems at first. It really does make a difference what you believe. It does make a difference what religion you practice and what church you are a member of. Isaiah challenged his generation, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

By Richard L. Jones