

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

**November 29, 2015**

**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 for Gospel Meeting**

Worship...	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
	Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study...	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Monday-Wednesday	6:30 p.m.

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### Sermons:

Sunday Morning: Confidence...In You

Sunday Evening: The Old Testament  
Is All About Jesus Christ

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## PRAYER LIST

Randy Eckstorm— health  
Chere' Vannoy and her daughter Priya—encouragement  
Marty Stearns—health  
Bill Alldaffer—health  
Al Haskell—kidney problems and tests  
Charlene Steele—injuries  
Stan Bozich—Chuck's friend—health  
Janet Davis—health  
Lauren Weidner—encouragement  
Earlene Currier—health  
Edith Taylor—Bill's mother  
Misty Davis—health problems  
Pam Bentz—cancer  
Becky Brewer—health and encouragement  
Pat Crain—health  
Michael Golwitzer— kidney problems  
Russ Bateman—health  
Scott Bateman—cancer  
Chuck Smith—heart & Sciatic  
Donna Duford—Betty's daughter  
Claude Knoblauch—surgery  
Kim Penoyer—breathing problems.

## Jesus' Life in Four Words

What Jesus did for you and me was an incredible demonstration of genuine love. What Jesus did for us, we do not deserve. What He did for us was an act of grace. We could never repay the debt that we owe Him. But, we can (and should) be grateful for Him and His life-giving sacrifice! Not a day should pass without us expressing our thanks to God for what His Son has done on our behalf. 'But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ' (1 Corinthians 15:57). Jesus did four amazing things for us.

**HE CAME.** He came from heaven to earth. He Himself said, 'For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me' (John 6:38). In heaven Jesus shared in the glory of the Father 'before the world was' (John 17:5), but He left heaven to come to earth. Why? '...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners' (1 Timothy 1:15). Let us admit it without shame: if Jesus had not come, we could not be saved from our sins. Consider some of the beautiful words of the song 'He Still Came:'

Yet the King of kings left heaven to become a lowly man,  
He left all heaven's glory to fulfill His Father's plan.  
He still came just for me, He still came.  
Knowing all He would endure, He still came.  
Disregarding every cost, from the manger to the cross,  
He still came just for me, He still came.

**HE WENT.** He went to the cross. When the mob came to take Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, He could have called 'twelve legions of angels' (72,000) to protect Himself

(Matthew 26:53), but He didn't. Jesus had the power to run away from the interrogations of the Jewish council, Pilate, and Herod, but He chose not to do so. Instead, He endured mockery, physical and mental torture, and with the help of Simon carried His cross 'to the place which is called Calvary; there they crucified him' (Luke 23:33). Why did our loving Lord go to the cross when He could have avoided it? The Bible's answer is plain: 'Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree' (1 Peter 2:24). If Jesus had not gone to the cross, we would still be hopelessly lost!

**HE STAYED.** He stayed on the cross. After He was crucified, He hung on the cross for six hours (Mark 15:25, Mark 15:34-37). While He was still hanging there, some mockingly spoke these words of blasphemy: 'Save thyself, and come down from the cross...He saved others; himself he cannot save' (Mark 15:30-31). Did Jesus have the power to come down from the cross? Of course! But He stayed right there until the end. Why? Because of His great love for us and because He knew that in God's plan, His death was a necessity.

**HE RETURNED.** He returned to heaven, where He sat down at the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19). He went 'into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us' (Hebrews 9:24). Upon His return to heaven, He was given 'dominion, and glory, and a kingdom' (Daniel 7:13-14). There He 'ever liveth to make intercession for us' (Hebrews 7:25). May we ever thrill at the story of Jesus!

-Roger D. Campbell, *House to House Heart to Heart*