

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST
of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

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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.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

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Preacher: Michael Golwitzer (810) 771-4627

Sermons:

AM: TEN LIES WE TELL OURSELVES

PM: Has Man Outgrown the Gospel?

PRAYER LIST

Scott Bateman—still battling cancer.

Phyllis Bateman-encouragement

Kim Penoyer's Family—Kim passed away and will have a memorial service in June. Pray for Babette.

Earlene Currier-health

Betty Crewse—surgery & health problems

Edith Taylor-Bill's mother

Misty Davis—health problems

Lauren Weidner-encouragement

Marty Stearns - health problems

Pam Bentz—cancer

Becky Brewer-health and encouragement

Pat Crain—health

Al Haskell—kidney failure

Dan Goddard- kidney problems

Chuck Smith—heart & Sciatic

Michael Golwitzer—health.

Donna Duford—Betty's daughter

Randy Eckstorm- health

Cher'e Vannoy

Bill Alldaffer—health

Charlene Steele—injuries

Stan Bozich-Chuck's friend—health

Janet Davis—health

Rachel Hall—health problems

Robert Naggy- health

THE FIRST MURDER

Charles Coats

Gen. 4:1 – “And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.”

We recognize that this passage of scripture gives us the name of the first child born on Earth. Cain later grew and became a farmer (“a tiller of the ground”). In Gen. 4:2, we find the birth of Cain’s brother, Abel. We know from the next few verses in Gen. 4 that both Cain and Abel brought sacrifices before God and Cain’s sacrifice was not accepted by God. This made Cain very angry and saddened him. In the process of time, Cain was talking with Abel (Gen. 4:8), and, sadly, Cain killed his brother, Abel. The first murder found upon the Earth. The end result of this murder was that Cain was exiled and the ground would no longer yield as it had before (Gen. 4:12). It would be safe to say that most every Bible student recognizes the story of Cain killing his brother Abel. In Gen. 4, there is more said concerning Cain’s condition after the murder and his family. But for this article, that is not

the point of consideration. I want to take the time to examine why Cain killed Abel.

One thing is certain about us as humans – we have not really changed over the ages. Technology and styles have changed over the centuries, but the things which drive man have not. We read or hear of murders today and we note that it is often the case that the same thing that caused Cain to kill Abel is what causes others today to kill someone – jealousy! Cain was not happy about his sacrifice not being accepted and Abel paid the price for Cain’s unhappiness. Jealousy is a terrible attitude for people to have. Gal. 5:21 lists among the works of the flesh the sister word to jealousy – envy. And man stands condemned for such. 2 Cor. 12:20 and Rom. 1:29 also list envy as one of the things which will condemn us to an eternity in Hell. Jealousy finds its roots in selfishness – basically the person is upset because something did not go well for him or her. Jealousy rears its ugly head and sin results! Let us be of a mindset that rejoices with others and that will do no evil to others.