

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

**August 21, 2016**

**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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**Marty Stearns** - health problems

**McKenna Schummer**-Jeannie's cousin-bone cancer at 10 years old.

**Patty Lewis**-Chuck's daughter—cancer-health

**Earlene Currier**-Betty's aunt—health

**Don Cross**-Chere's uncle-cancer/chemo

**Edith Taylor**-Bill's mother

**Cody Cantrell**-coma-Bill's friend.

**Kathy Davis**-health problems-Cindy's friend

**Misty Davis**—health problems

**Lauren Weidner**-encouragement

**Tracy and Austin Clark**

**Pat Crain**—health-Joyce & Marty's friends

**Al Haskell**—waiting for kidney donor

**Chuck Smith**—heart, Sciatic & fell

**Charlene Steele**—injuries

**Rachel Hall**—health problems

**Lee Skaggs**—Mike's cousin—cancer

**Jody Rynca**-cancer-Cindy's friend

**Susan Wills**-encouragement-Betty's daughter

**Ireland Family**—health problems-Cindy's friends

**Wayne Hamilton**-health problems-Cindy's friend

**Donna Duford**-health problems-Betty's daughter

**Sermons:**

**AM: THE PATTERN OF THE LORD'S CHURCH**

**PM: THE COWARDICE CHRISTIAN**

## Priorities

“I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:2,3).

With this statement, God set the tone for His expectations from the children of Israel. Israel had just come out of Egyptian bondage and had seen the multiple god system there. They would be entering a land (Canaan) that was also polytheistic. God knew that the children of Israel would have to make a decision as to whether they were going to serve Him wholly or whether they were going to serve the gods of the land. Joshua, as he was about to depart the earth, placed this same charge before the people in Joshua 24:15. People have to make a choice as to whether God will be supreme in their lives.

Even today, we still are faced with choosing between the “gods” of the land in which we dwell and our Father in Heaven. In Matthew 6:33, we are told to seek God and His kingdom. However, this passage (spoken by Jesus Christ) does not demand of us to just seek. It demands of us to seek God and His kingdom **FIRST!!!** The term “first” in this passage carries

with it the idea of first in place. That is, that what we are seeking “first” is that which is the most important thing to us and comes before everything else. Jesus is commanding us to please God first in our lives and that God must come before everything else. Jesus also clarifies how “first” God is to be. God is to come before father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters. God is to come before our own lives. All this is found in Luke 14:26,27. It is abundantly clear to the diligent

searcher of God's word that God has never accepted second place. When we relegate God to any position besides first, we will be displeasing to God and in sin (cf. Matthew 15:8,9; 1 John 3:4). While we must work for a living, our work must never come ahead of God and our service to God. While we may enjoy certain recreational endeavors, these must never come ahead of God and our service to God. While we must be good stewards of that which God has blessed us, we must never allow our possessions to come ahead of God and our service to God. While we must pay our bills and meet other financial obligations, God must come first with our money. **IF GOD IS NOT FIRST IN ALL THINGS IN OUR LIVES, THEN GOD IS NOT FIRST IN OUR LIVES!!!**

Charles Coats (05/11/1997)