

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

**September 11, 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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**McKenna Schummer**-Jeannie's cousin-bone cancer at 10 years old.

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

**Edith Taylor**-Bill's mother

**Cody Cantrell**-coma-Bill'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

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

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

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

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

**Debra Prew**-will have surgery this week-Betty's daughter

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

**Patty Lewis**-Chuck's daughter—surgery on back last week

**Marty Stearns** - health problems

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

**September 18th—Fellowship Dinner and men's business meeting. (Following morning service)**

**Sermons:**

**AM: Fight The Good Fight Of Faith**

**PM: Things That Cannot Be Moved**

## God's Great Design

"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good" (Genesis 1:31).

God created everything in 6 days and declared it "very good". Before sin and death entered, the world was exactly as God intended for it to be.

Even after sin entered the world, God has been working throughout history to bring about His will. Someone said that history is nothing more than His Story, and that is a great way to understand reality. The creation was made for His purposes, and even though we humans have gone our way and destroyed our relationship with Him, God still managed to bring us back, if we are willing.

This world is perfect for what He created it to be. The late, great Thomas Warren rightly pointed out that God created this world to be a "vale of soul-making". That is, it is designed to fashion us into something. The intended result is that it will bring us closer to Him. God wants to use this world and its environment to help us mature and become His children. So even the tough times are intended to help our maturation (See Hebrews 12.) It may not be easy, but we can thank God that He created an environment in which He can be found and that can help mold us into the people He wants us to become.

He is still working in your life, somehow. He still wants you to grow and mature toward Him. He wants you to overcome and He is willing to help. Today, don't allow the challenges and trials of this world to pull you away from Him. He wants more than anything to have you come toward Him.

*Extracted from the Truth in Love websit: <http://www.ttil.tv>*

## Will God Find Us Trustworthy?

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:1-2). A trustworthy person is dependable, loyal, and persistent. You can count on him to do the job God has given him. He will do it to the best of his ability and on time. He will not grumble or complain but rejoice in serving. You can count on him to be loyal to his calling. He is no fair-weather friend. He will not quit simply because the task is demanding or unpleasant. You can count on him to endure with a permanent and unshakable commitment.

When the Lord Jesus comes again, will He find us trustworthy? We want to be a faithful servant whom the Master finds doing what has been assigned (Matthew 24:45-51). We want to continue faithfully and compassionately preaching the word and being ready "in season and out of season" (2 Timothy 4:1-5). Even if people are not willing to hear or persecute us, we must be faithful to "reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

Faithfulness grows out of love for the Master. We obey Him and keep His commandments, because we love Him more than life. We cannot forget what He did for us on the cross nor what He plans for us in heaven. Since He has been so faithful to us, we ought to be faithful to Him. No matter how difficult the cross was to bear, he remained faithful. Will Christ find us faithful as we bear our cross? Each week we strive to be faithful to the task of spreading the gospel of Christ with kindness but without compromise. God has opened doors for us to share it with millions of people throughout the USA and the world. We want the Lord to find us working when He comes again. The Lord be with you!

*Phil Sanders, In Search of the Lord's Way*