

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

July 30, 2017

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.

Save the date! October 8-11
Gospel meeting with
Tracy Dugger



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P R A Y E R L I S T

Members:

- Chere' Vannoy
- Cindy Atkinson-knee problems-may be facing surgery
- Betty Crewse-recent eye surgery.
- Marty Stearns-health problems
- Al Haskell—facing surgery-kidney removal due to cancer
- Chuck Smith—heart, Sciatic, recent fall

Requested prayers:

- Paul Siders-cancer- Joan's sister in law's brother
- Patty Lewis-Chuck's daughter
- Marie Hall-recovering from hip surgery
- Edith Taylor-Bill's mother
- Cody Cantrell-coma-Bill's friend.
- Rachel Hall—health problems
- Chere's—Tom Corbin -cancer, Pryia Vannoy, Glen (Hoss) Allemen-health
- Cindy's friends-Ireland Family, Wayne Hamilton, Kathy and Misty Davis, Jody Rynca-cancer
- Susan Wills.-Betty's daughter-Lauren Weidner-Betty's grand-daughter -encouragement .
- Jeannie's cousin—McKenna Schummer-cancer (11 yrs. old)

We rejoice with Angela, who passed her exams this week.
Congratulations!

Sermons:

AM: First and Second Adam
PM: Seven Ones

Preacher: Michael Golwitzer (810) 771-4627

WHAT WE LEARN FROM STEPHEN'S DEFENSE

Besides the normal things we see when we examine Stephen's defense in Acts 7 (Old Testament history, rejection of the prophets, killing of Jesus Christ, etc.), there are some other things we can learn from this event. Let us examine some of these.

1. The answer is in God's word. Stephen did not plead with them emotionally or with a clever psychological maneuver, he gave them scripture. He took them from Abraham to their day by using the information found in God's word. As has always been the case, we must give our defense based on what the Bible teaches.

2. We learn to be bold in speaking. Stephen did not try to disguise his message, but was quite clear in what he had to say. He did not leave his point open for discussion, but in verses 51-53, he made it absolutely clear what the purpose of his lesson was. They did not misunderstand Stephen. Like the church in Acts 4:29, Peter spoke with boldness so they would understand the situation of their lives and then be able to change those things which were wrong.

3. We see the need to be courageous in proclaiming God's word. Stephen was already before the Jewish Council because they accused him of blasphemy. His situation was not great and could easily get worse. He could have compromised the truth to get himself out of trouble. Yet, Stephen stood before them and gave them the message they needed to hear. It was so well understood by the listeners they killed him. Paul teaches us that we need to be strong in the faith (1 Cor. 16:13; Eph. 6:10).

4. Another lesson we learn comes from Stephen's attitude towards those killing him. His enemies had gnashed on him with their teeth and stoned him to death. Stephen did not call for their destruction. He did not wish some bad thing to happen to them because they had been so unkind to him. In one short statement, Stephen taught us to hate the sin and love the sinner: "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" (vs. 59).

Charles Coats

Playing Cops and Robbers

A young mother and her three extremely active young boys were playing "cops and robbers" one afternoon in the backyard when a neighbor stopped by. One boy aimed his pistol at his mother and yelled, "Bang! You are dead!" She slumped to the ground in a heap. When she did not get up right away the neighbor hurried to see if she had been hurt in the fall. As the neighbor bent over, the overworked mother opened one eye and whispered, "Shh. Do not give me away. It is the only chance I get to rest!"

—The Rotarian, July 1985



Ladies Bible Class

The next classes are August 8th and 22nd at 10:00 am.

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