

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

November 19, 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.

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| Worship Service | Bible Classes |
| House to House / Heart to Heart | Tracts and DVDs |
| Internet Telecast of Sermons | Evangelism / Gospel Meetings |
| Online Academy of Biblical Studies | Mission Work |
| Food Closet | Apologetics Press |
| Seek the Old Paths | World Video Bible School |
| Gospel Broadcasting Network | The Spiritual Sword |

P R A Y E R L I S T

- Cindy Atkinson-knee problems
- Betty Crewse
- Marty Stearns-health problems
- Al Haskell and Jeannie - kidney problems
- Chuck Smith—heart, Sciatic, recent fall
- Christena Apostolico-Joan’s sister in Ohio— heart attack
- Ashley Dominey– difficult pregnancy
- 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
- Cindy’s friends-Ireland Family, Wayne Hamilton, Kathy and Misty Davis, Jody Rynca-cancer
- Earlene Currier-Betty’s Aunt, Susan Wills.-Betty’s daughter-Lauren Weidner-Betty’s grand-daughter- encouragement .
- Jeannie’s cousin—McKenna Schummer-cancer (11 yrs. old)
- Dennis—Lou Gehrig's disease-Chuck’s friend
- Chere’s—Tom Corbin -cancer, Pryia Vannoy, Glen (Hoss) Allemen-health, uncle Don Cross—cancer, Bethany Kozel Emendorfer –co-worker facing surgery—
- Eli Clark—Brain cancer: Chere’ requests cards and prayers for Eli: 499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker WV 26180

Ladies Bible Class
November 28th at 10:00 AM

The Precious Book Divine

One of my favorite songs is titled “The Precious Book Divine”. The song is about God's word, the Bible, being a great treasure. It helps guide people throughout their life, gives them comfort and joy, and shines brightly to lead them to heaven. The song explains why it is so important for us to read and study the Bible. That idea is found in Psalm 119:11 - “Thy word have I hid in mine heart...” The psalmist says he has hid God's word in his heart like a person would bury treasure. He wants to make sure that he keeps it, so he guards it closely to keep it safe. That is how we should view the Bible – as a treasure we want to guard. Too many today do not view the Bible as a treasure, and therefore do not guard it. When people don't guard it or keep it safe, they are more likely to be “...tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness...” (Ephesians 4:14). When people don't see the Bible as a precious treasure, then they're more likely to twist it and “...wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction” (2 Peter 3:16). When we treat God's word as the treasure it is, we will want to keep it safe, guard it, and keep it close to us, so that we will never lose it. The last sentence of Psalm 119:11 explains why the psalmist hides God's word in his heart - “...that I might not sin against thee”. He kept God's word in his heart, so that he would know how to live properly. When a person treats God's word as a treasure, they will be guided by it and be led to follow Him, not to sin. That should be the reason we read and study the Bible – to know what not to do, so that we can do what God commands. We don't read and study to show

off the knowledge we have. That is what the Pharisees did, in order to impress men (Matthew 23:5). A person can memorize the Bible without understanding a single word of it. We are not to be like them, but we are to study, in order to understand it and follow it. The more we know God's word, the more able we are to resist temptation and sin. In James 4:7-8, James writes, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you”. When Jesus was tempted by Satan, what did He say each time? “It is written...” (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). Jesus went to God's word in order to not sin, just as the psalmist said. The more we know God's word, the more we treasure God's word, the more we're able to use it properly to resist Satan and his temptations. In 2 Kings 22, the book of the law was discovered in the temple, and King Josiah was so moved by it that he did everything he could to get his people to serve God again. He treated God's word as we should today – a precious treasure that is designed to lead us to heaven. In order to do that, we must study it to know how to live. Do not treat it like those in the world. Treat it like the precious treasure it is. By Philip Steele

Acts 8:30 “And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?” Phillip asked “Understandest thou what thou readest?” not, How do you feel?

SERMONS

AM: Lost In Sight Of Home

PM: “...they are they which testify of me...”