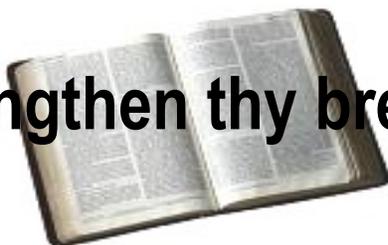


“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

## December 31, 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.

### Church of Christ of Genesee County

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

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# PRAYER LIST

## MEMBERS

Cindy Atkinson—health  
 Joan Clodfelter—Christena Apostolico-Joan’s sister in Ohio—  
 pray also for her family.  
 Bill Aldaffer –pray for the family  
 Betty Crewse  
 Marty and Joyce Stearns-sick all week  
 Grace Clark-sick all week  
 Al Haskell - kidney problems  
 Chuck Smith—heart, Sciatic  
 Mike and Vivian Golwitzer– health

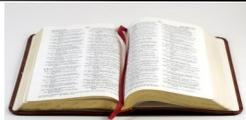
## REQUESTED PRAYERS

Hurley—Joan’s brother and elder is having health problems  
 Chere’s— Pryia Vannoy (daughter) and Adam Vannoy (son)  
 Ashley Dominey– difficult pregnancy  
 Paul Siders-cancer– Joan’s sister in law’s brother  
 Patty Lewis-Chuck’s daughter  
 Pray for Mason and his parents.  
 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  
 Betty requests prayers for Earlene Currier-Betty’s Aunt, Susan  
 Wills.-Betty’s daughter– Kathy Roberts-cousin-had surgery,  
 Lauren Weidner-Betty’s grand-daughter.  
 Jeannie’s cousin—McKenna Schummer-cancer (12 yrs. old)  
 Dennis—Lou Gehrig’s disease-Chuck’s friend

## SERMONS

AM: Earth-Based, but Heaven Bound

PM: A God Who Delights In Mercy



Ladies Bible Class  
January 9th and 23rd, 2018 (10 am)

### What's so great about being a Christian?

Several years ago, I asked this question to a friend: *What's so great about being a Christian?* My friend was a Christian but his wife was not. We were studying the Bible with his wife trying to lead her to the Lord. So I asked the question. His answer surprised me. He responded with silence. He just sat there. I tried again for a response. I said, "You're a Christian. I'm a Christian. What's so good about being in Christ?" And he could not answer. The apostle Paul said in Ephesians 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." All blessings are in Christ. Let me share a few of them with you.

**First: forgiveness.** "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1: 7). Forgiveness is "a letting go." If you forgive someone, you take his trespasses and "let go" of them. You drop them. God through the blood of His son has taken our sins and released them.

**Second: favor.** "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8). Grace is favor or kindness that we do not deserve. G-R-A-C-E: God's Riches At Christ's Expense. God has given us what we need instead of what we deserve. If I go to Heaven, I will go not

because I have been so good to God, but because He has been so good to me.

**Third: family.** "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Ephesians 3:14-15). We have a family. God's glorious family is the church. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. We are blood related. The blood of Jesus unites us.

**Fourth: faith.** "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5). The Gospel is a message of faith to which we respond in faith. We should earnestly contend for the faith which was delivered to the saints (Jude 3).

**Fifth: Father.** "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). God is a good father. He is so good that He wants us to be saved even more than we want ourselves to be saved. Regardless of how committed we are, there is a God in Heaven who wants us to go to Heaven even more than we want ourselves to go to Heaven. What a Father!

**Sixth: future.** "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3). "Living long on the earth" is not the past or the present, but the future. People can take away our jobs, our houses, our money and our lives, but they can't take away our future. It is secured in Heaven by God.

So what's so great about being a child of God? Read the book of Ephesians. Find the fortune. God has blessed us greatly. He provides our forgiveness, favor, family, faith and future. What a fantastic Father. Think on these things. by editors of Think Magazine: Brad Harrub, Dan Cottrell, Billy Davis, Keith Parker, Steve Hale, Jerry Groves, Jack Wilkie, and Lance Benson.