

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

January 14, 2018

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

Website: www.coc-gc.org

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS

Cindy Atkinson—health
 Joan Clodfelter—Christena Apostolico-Joan’s sister in Ohio—
 health, pray also for her family.
 Betty Crewse
 Marty and Joyce in Florida
 Al Haskell - kidney problems
 Chuck Smith—heart, Sciatic and flu

REQUESTED PRAYERS

Hurley—Joan’s brother and elder is have health problems
 Chere’s— Pryia Vannoy (daughter)
 Ashley Dominey– had a baby boy on January 3rd—
 Brent Macarther—6 pounds 0 oz.
 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: “mighty works”

PM: Lessons Learned from the Apostles

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

Is Satan Real?

Several years ago, after teaching a Bible class on the book of Genesis, a longtime Christian indicated to me that he did not believe in the reality of Satan. This gentleman acknowledged the existence of good and evil, but he thought that “Satan” was simply a word used in Scripture to describe evil, rather than refer to an actual wicked being.

It is true that Satan is evil. (Have you ever noticed that you cannot spell “devil” without spelling “evil”?) He tempts, deceives, destroys, lies, murders, etc. But, he is not merely a word used by the Holy Spirit and His inspired penmen to symbolize evil; he is, as Jesus and Paul referred to him, “the evil one” (Matthew 6:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:3, emp. added). He is not just wickedness; he is “the wicked one” (1 John 3:12, emp. added). He does not merely represent dishonesty; “he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44).

Although Satan is not deity and in no way has the infinite, eternal attributes of God, the devil is as real as God. That is, the same God-inspired book that describes the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, omni-benevolent, glorious Creator,

also tells us about a real, fallen spiritual being called Satan. His name appears 14 times in the first two chapters of Job (perhaps the oldest book of the Bible). Scripture reveals that God confronted Satan in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:14-16). Jesus spoke to him in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). And Michael the archangel contended with him about the body of Moses (Jude 9). Satan is not a fairytale character on par with the Big Bad Wolf or Captain Hook. He is not a little red cartoon figure with horns and a pitchfork who gleefully sits on a throne in hell (see Butt, 2012). The sooner that Christians take seriously “the adversary” (Satan), “the accuser” (devil), who goes “to and fro on the earth...walking back and forth” (Job 1:7), “like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8), the better prepared we will be to withstand his schemes (Ephesians 6:11 “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” and snares (2 Timothy 2:26 “And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will”). We should neither underestimate him nor overestimate him. He is not deity (and thus not all-powerful or all-knowing), but he is also not a figment of our imagination. Unlike God, he desires all men to be lost (cf. 1 Timothy 2:4). Thankfully, “God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

By Eric Lyons