

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

January 28, 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.

Website: www.coc-gc.org

SERMONS

AM Is the Bible Understandable?

PM: Prophecies Concerning Christ

Ladies Bible Class February 13th and 27th, 2018 (10 am)

MEMBERS

- P** Chuck Smith—We rejoice because Chuck was baptized, faithful and rewarded. Memorial service being planned.
- R** Cindy Atkinson—health
- A** Joan Clodfelter—Christena Apostolico-Joan's sister in Ohio— health, pray also for her family.
- Y** Al Haskell - kidney problems and heart problems. He is scheduled for a heart cath on 21 February 2018.

REQUESTED PRAYERS

- E** Hurley—Joan's brother (elder) health problems
- R** Chere's— Pryia Vannoy (daughter)
- Paul Siders-cancer- Joan's sister in law's brother
- 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)

Fellowship Dinner

February 4, 2018

Following morning worship service.

Food closet: Peanut Butter and Canned Beef Stew

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

Preach Christ, Not the Church?

The church of the Bible is not a denomination. In fact, the only reference to denominationalism in the New Testament condemns division (I Cor. 1:10-13). Many and various are the teachings of denominations concerning their thoughts on God's plan for saving the world. The different plans offered by men do not change God's divine plan in the least. Some teach babies should be "baptized" by sprinkling or the sinner should pray, instead of obey, or faith alone saves, which is expressly condemned in the Bible (Jas. 2:14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26), or that Jesus saves and not the church and one can be saved outside as well as in the church of Christ. None of these are the plan brought to the earth by God.

God sent His only begotten Son to seek and save the lost (Jn. 3:16; Lk. 19:10). God's plan was that Jesus should

seek the lost by establishing the church. The church was planned, prophesied, promised, and predicted for several hundred years before its establishment. In Acts 2, the church is an established reality and is represented as being the place prepared by Christ for the saved (Acts 2:41, 47). The church is not a part of the plan of salvation. It is the plan of salvation.

According to the Bible, men cannot be saved outside of Christ, the church, or body of Christ, which terms all refer to the place of salvation. The plan for entering the church of Christ includes a man hearing the word, believing in Christ with all of his heart, repenting of his sins, confessing the name of Christ, and being baptized for the remission of his sins (Acts 8:35-39). Jesus, in carrying out God's will, never promised to save anyone outside the church which He built with His teaching and purchased with His blood (Mt. 16:18-19; 28:19-20; Acts 20:28).

The church is the only institution over which He is head (Eph. 1:22-23) and the only one on the earth now that He promised to save eternally (Eph. 5:23).

With these thoughts clearly before us, one expresses his ignorance of the Scriptures who might say, "I am so glad to hear someone preach Jesus as the Saviour and not the Church as the Saviour." When deadly persecution arose with the stoning of Stephen, the members of the church at Jerusalem were "scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria" and "went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:1-4). Preaching Christ and preaching the Word are one and the same (Acts 8:4-5) and the same as preaching the church or kingdom (Acts 8:12). It is important for us to study to be approved of God (II Tim. 2:15).