

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

July 22, 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.

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GOSPEL MEETING

AM Example: Jesus Christ PM Example: Paul

MEMBERS

- Cassidy Penoyer—waiting on tests
- Cindy Atkinson—health-(especially knees)
- Al Haskell - kidney problems.
- Marty Stearns– health
- Jeannie Haskel– fall and hip surgery
- Marilyn Baker-hip problems

REQUESTED PRAYERS

- Joe and Bev Wilkerson-health
- Dale and Sue Gregory-Dale is in McLaren Hospital
- Ana—Angela’s sister had surgery and is recovering
- Joan’s brother Hurley, sister Christena Apostolico in Ohio—health problems and Paul Siders-cancer—sister in law’s brother
- Chere’— Pryia Vannoy (daughter)
- Ken Faris-Al’s co-worker— colon cancer
- 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, Marie Hall and Mitchell Larson
- Betty requests prayers for Earlene Currier-health-Betty’s Aunt, Susan Wills.-Betty’s daughter– Lauren Weidner-grand-daughter.
- Keiven & Shannon Smith—strength to recover from accident

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Ladies Bible Class July 24, 2018 (10 AM)

Food closet: Pasta

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

Marriage And Divorce

The world has made a mockery of marriage. Marriage is no longer respected by most people. More and more people are choosing to live together and “play married” before getting married. More and more marriages are ending in divorce. Divorce is seen as just another aspect of marriage. There are even cards you can send to a person getting divorced that celebrate their divorce, like sending a birthday card or an anniversary card. Slowly, this world is turning against the idea that marriage is to be honored. Even those in the church are turning against marriage. The idea of living together being sinful isn't taught as much as it needs to be, and many think it's okay to do. And some see multiple reasons a person can get a divorce and get remarried and still be considered a faithful Christian. Whenever the subject of marriage and divorce comes up, people will argue about feelings instead of pointing to what the Bible has to say. Some will immediately go to divorce whenever marriage is brought, thinking that divorce is natural. Slowly, some in the church are beginning to think like the world when it comes to

marriage and divorce. People turning against marriage isn't something that is new. In Matthew 19, the Pharisees asked Jesus if Moses' law allowed a man to put away his wife for any cause. Like most today, instead of focusing on marriage, they immediately go to divorce. But Jesus doesn't answer them like they expect. He goes back to the beginning, to Adam and Eve, to show them what God expected marriage to be. Jesus reminds them how God made man and woman to be married for life, and tells them this warning, “...What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” (vs. 6). God never designed marriage to end in divorce, and that is what Jesus is reminding the Pharisees. They wanted to know how to get a divorce, but Jesus taught them what marriage is. One of the main reasons so many aren't respecting marriage is because it's not taught enough. When most teach about marriage, their focus is on divorce, like with the Pharisees. But when people are taught how God designed marriage to be, they will come to respect it and honor it as they should. The Hebrew writer tells us that “Marriage is honourable in all...” (Hebrews 13:4). Marriage is from God, and like everything else from God, it is good. It is time we tell people how God expects marriage to be, instead of arguing about how to end it. In Matthew 19, Jesus does tell the Pharisees the only way a person is allowed to get a divorce and get remarried, but His emphasis is on marriage being a life-long commitment. Too many today want the easy way out, and so more and more places are allowing them to think divorce is okay. But when we study about marriage and see how God designed it, we will see that divorce isn't what God wants at all (Malachi 2:16). He created marriage to be between a man and woman for life. Instead of trying to find ways to get a divorce, let us find ways to keep marriage strong. Let us start respecting marriage again.

Philip Steele