

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32

**Welcome All:**

We are thankful to have you with us today. The Lord's church here is dedicated to the restoration of New Testament Christianity, respecting both the authority and the silence of the Scriptures.

Again, thank you for worshipping God today.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**of Genesee County**

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

**September 16, 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](http://www.coc-gc.org)**

**SERMONS**

**AM Foolishness vs Power**

**PM Four Basic Human Necessities**

**MEMBERS**

Cindy Atkinson—health.

Al Haskell - kidney problems.

Marty Stearns— he is home now and needs plenty of rest. Slowly recovering.

**REQUESTED PRAYERS**

Joe and Bev Wilkerson-health-under hospice care

Ken Faris-colon cancer-Al's co-worker

Joan's brother Hurley and his wife Perl, and Joan's sister Christena Apostolico have been in and out of the hospital—see Joan for more information.

Chere'— Pryia Vannoy (daughter) and family

Pray for Mason and his parents.

Edith Taylor-Bill's mother has gone home from The Oaks

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— Kathy Roberts-cousin-had surgery, Lauren Weidner- grand-daughter.

Eli Clark—pray for family also, his chemotherapy has been stopped.

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## Food closet: Paper Products

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### Ladies Bible Class September 25 (10 am)

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#### An Open Door

While researching restoration history in Clay County, Missouri I found some very interesting information in the records of the Liberty Christian Church, formerly the Church of Christ, where Moses E. Lard preached between 1853 and 1857. During the Civil War, when Liberty was under the command of Federal Troops, an order had been issued by the commander that no public meetings of any nature were to be held in town. This included services of the church. Dr. W.A. Morton, a staunch Southern sympathizer, was determined to keep the church doors open. The first Sunday morning the order was in effect Dr. Morton came to the meeting house and opened the doors, preparing for the morning service. The members showed up for worship service as usual. Word of this action spread rapidly though the town, reaching the ears of the commanding officer. The latter immediately sent an aide to the meeting house, bearing orders that no services were to be held. He soldiers rode up to the church, found Dr. Morton, and said, "I have orders from the officer in charge of the community that there be no meeting here today." Dr. Morton replied at once, "I thank you sir, but I have orders from a higher officer than yours to have services and we plan to obey His command." The aide withdrew and services were held, not only that Sunday, but every succeeding Sunday thereafter. When word reached other members of the community that the Church had met they too decided to meet the next Sunday. This group was restrained from meeting, however, because the officer told them that, "If it was not worthwhile to have services last Sunday, it is not worthwhile to have services today." Thus the matter was closed, and the Liberty Church of Christ holds the distinction of being the only church to have held services during the period of occupation by the Federal Troops. If we were issued the same order today, would we too close our doors as some of

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them did, or would we have the courage to stand for the truth as these brethren did and obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29)? By Bill Goring  
Bulletin of the 39th Street Church of Christ

Recently an inspector from Michigan State VFW attended a meeting of the VFW Post where I served as a Chaplain. He said that the Post Chaplain was not to pray in the "Name of Jesus Christ." His reasoning was the prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ might be offensive. Fortunately I was in a meeting of those who served on the battle field to give this country freedom of religion. I prayed in the Name of Jesus Christ when concluding the meeting as I always did.

A Chief U.S. District Judge Fred Biery ordered a Texas school



district to prohibit prayers at a graduation ceremony. Take a look at the picture. The Medina Valley High School graduates pray during the Medina Valley High School graduation held Saturday June 4, 2011 at Panther Stadium in Castroville, Texas.

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As a Christian what are you going pray even if you are commanded to not pray? If you are told there will be consequences?

*Acts 5:27-29 "And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men"*

**1 Thes 5:17 "Pray without ceasing"**

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