

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



Matthew 13:45-46 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

December 30, 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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SERMONS

AM The Faith of Abraham

PM “Why can't they see it?”

REQUESTED PRAYERS

PRAYER LIST

- Cindy Atkinson—health. (knee)
- Al Haskell - kidney problems.
- Marty Stearns— recovering.
- Michael Golwitzer-health
- Dan Goddard-serious health issues
- Joe Wilkerson and family over their loss.
- Ken Faris-colon cancer-Al's co-worker
- Joan's brother Hurley and Opal, sister Christena Apostolico in Ohio—health problems
- Chere'— Pryia Vannoy (daughter) and family
- Edith Taylor-Bill's mother is slowly recovering at home.
- Katherine Brooks - prayers for her niece and great-niece.
- Cody Cantrell-coma-Bill's friend.
- Rachel Hall—health problems
- Cindy's friends-Ireland Family, Wayne Hamilton, Kathy and Misty Davis, Jody Rynca-cancer, Mitchell Larson and Walt Davenport— health
- Betty requests prayers for Earlene Currier-health-Betty's Aunt, Betty's daughters: Donna, Carrie, Susan Wills, Debra, also, Lauren Weidner-grand-daughter.
- Ted Millford—Marquette Hospital in critical condition

Thank you to everyone that helped with the funeral service this week for Sister Wilkerson.

Food closet: Can Goods

Ladies Bible Class January 8th and 22nd (10 am)

Are You a Difference-Maker?

Jackson Dean is a difference-maker. As 12-year-old Jackson Dean sat in his sixth-grade classroom studying about fossils, he decided (on his own) to speak to his teacher about inviting someone from Apologetics Press to lecture to the class about evolution, fossils, dinosaurs, and Creation. With his teacher's permission, Jackson then personally approached us with the invitation to come to his public school and speak to all 120 sixth graders in the school library. For a solid hour the students sat and soaked up scientifically and biblically accurate material that is nowhere to be found in their textbooks. They learned about dinosaur "fossils" that are not completely fossilized (e.g., Lyons, 2007a; Lyons, 2009). They learned about several evolutionary teachings regarding fossils that have been disproven (e.g., Lyons, 2007b). They heard and saw evidence regarding the biblical accounts of Creation and the Flood that is in complete harmony with what true science tells us about dinosaurs and fossils (see Lyons and Butt, 2008), but in disharmony with what they often hear in the media. These well-behaved students listened, learned, and asked a number of relevant questions.

THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING

Its source is God (Acts 2:39; Hebrews 3:1)

It is characterized by a humble, willing-to-learn attitude (1 Corinthians 1:26–29)

The sacred calling is by means of the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14)

Its design is for a holy, worthy life (1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 4:1)

Its direction is upward (Philippians 3:14)

Its sphere of operation is "in Christ" (Philippians 3:14)

The ultimate hope is in a single destiny—heaven (Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 1:5)

—Wayne Jackson

Who desires to be a fool? Who really wants to live a foolish existence? The wise, insightful, noble person is the one who examines the evidence and draws the warranted conclusion (Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21). Only a fool would affirm: "There is no God." by Dave Miller

SUNDAY 12/30/2018

Morning: Song Leader: Al Haskel
Opening Prayer: Todd Penoyer
Lord's Supper: Lead: Al Haskel
Lord;s Supper Assist: Bill Alldaffer, Michael Golwitzer
Preaching: Michael Golwitzer
Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns

Bible Class Song Lead: Bill Alldaffer
Bible Class: Michael Golwitzer
Bible Class Opining Prayer: Todd Penoyer

Song Leader: Al Haskel
Opening Prayer: Marty Stearns
Evening: Preaching: Michael Golwitzer
Lord's Supper: Michael Golwitzer
Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns

WEDNESDAY 1/2/2019

Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer
Opening Prayer: Al Haskel
Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer
Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns

God not only used a 6th grader and his receptive teacher to open the door for Creation to be pondered in a public school, but he also used two members of the Lord's church (Apologetics Press supporters) to fund the effort to give away a copy of Discovery magazine and our 180-page hardback book Truth Be Told: Exposing the Myth of Evolution to every student and teacher present at the lecture. According to one teacher (who indicated that in the future she is going to use resources from Apologetics Press, including the A.P. Web site, as part of her science curriculum), students were so excited that "they grabbed the books to read as soon as we got back to the room."

Jackson Dean is a 12-year-old difference-maker. His 6th-grade teacher is a difference-maker. Those Christians who sacrificially gave to ensure that every 6th grader at that school received a copy of Discovery magazine and Truth Be Told are difference-makers. What about you? What are you doing to make a difference in this sin-stained world that Satan rules (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)? Are you a difference-maker?

***NOTE: There are many virtuous ways to make a difference in this life. One of those is by supporting the work being done for the Lord by various brotherhood organizations, including Apologetics Press. Have you considered helping us in this work? by Eric Lyons**

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The Fool

Perhaps many Americans are unaware of the extent to which atheism and agnosticism have blanketed the country. Virtually every department in our state universities has been infiltrated by godless, humanistic presuppositions. Study and research are conducted from an evolutionary, relativistic framework that either jettisons the notion of God altogether, or dilutes it sufficiently to effectively nullify the biblical representation of deity. The psalmist anticipated all such behavior centuries ago when he wrote: "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1; 53:1).

Because of their inability to discern spiritual things (1 Corinthians 2:14), the Soviet cosmonauts looked out of their spacecraft in the 1960s and, in ridicule, asked, "Where is

God?," echoing again the words of the psalmist: "Why should the nations say, 'Where now is their God?' But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases" (Psalm 115:2-3). Pride is a deadly pitfall that blinds one to the truth: "The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; all his thoughts are, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 10:4).

But the Universe "declares" the plain work of the Creator (Psalm 19:1). Would we not consider a person a "fool" were he to pick up a watch and proclaim, "There is no watchmaker"? Though he had never empirically encountered the creator and designer of the watch, the mere existence of the watch proves the existence of a watchmaker. It takes very little investigation to see that a watch is a crude, simplistic instrument compared to the glorious, complex chronometers of the Universe. Those who see "the things that are made" and deny the very One Who made it all are "without excuse" (Romans 1:20).

Recognition of the existence of the Creator should lead a person to pursue His will. One may express verbal belief in the existence of God while being a practical atheist. Such a person professes, "There is no God" by his or her actions. By failing to be devoted to God, even while considering oneself to be a Christian, he or she is denying the Lord (1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Timothy 3:5; Titus 1:16). One can deny His great act of love, mercy, and grace (Titus 2:11-12; Hebrews 2:3). One can forget and ignore the great dissolution to come (2 Peter 3:10-12).