

"...strengthen thy brethren"



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

July 14, 2013

5284 Fenton Road, Flint Michigan 48507

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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.

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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Prayer List

Barbara Johnson-in special need of prayer due to serious illness. We rejoice that she returned to Jesus Christ and is a member of our congregation.
Chuck Smith-was in the hospital this week and is recovering.

Elsie Jaques-in need of prayers. We are thankful that she has returned and a member of the congregation. Amen.

Scott Bateman-in need of prayers.

Stan Bozich-had a stroke, a friend of Chuck.

Edith Taylor-Bill's mother—health problems.

Gary Bowman—Joyce's friend—heart problems.

Andy Kelly-recently diagnosed with cancer.

Judy Wilkes-diagnosed with cancer.

Angie Taylor - brain cancer tumor.

Scott Stevens

Pray that precious souls be saved for Jesus Christ.

Pray for our country and Christians everywhere.

Pray for the congregation that we prosper for the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

(AM) True Confessions

(PM) Servant

NOTWITHSTANDING

“in spite of” or “in spite of the fact that” are the English definitions of the word “notwithstanding”. In the Greek, it is used as a conjunction that can mean “but”. It is a word of contrasts. We normally use this word in a way that shows that despite the fact that something did not happen or work out, it still turned out O.K. In 2 Tim. 4:17, we find our word “notwithstanding” at the beginning of this verse. In the previous verse, Paul talks about his first trial – all had forsaken him. But in spite of that, God stood with him and strengthened him. Although alone from a worldly standpoint, Paul was not alone in the way it really mattered. It was Paul who penned the statement, if God be for us who can be against us in Rom. 8:31. He knew that with God on his side, he would always win. Things may look bleak, but he held his confidence in God.

The Hebrews’ writer taught us that God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5). The situation may be terrible and even seem hopeless, but God is always there beside us. Jesus promised to be with us even to the end of the world (Matt. 28:20). Jesus taught us to not let our hearts be troubled nor let them be afraid (Jn. 14:27). For help, we turn to the one who can give us comfort (Matt. 11:28). When our families let us down, notwithstanding God is at our side (Heb. 10:23). When our friends disappoint us, notwithstanding God is still there for us (1Cor. 1:9). When our co-workers are so wicked and it is difficult to be faithful, notwithstanding God gives us the strength to endure (Phil. 4:6,7).

When the economy is bad and times are tough, notwithstanding God provides the things we really need (Phil. 4:19). When the church lets us down and makes it difficult for us to do the will of God, notwithstanding God upholds our hands and encourages us in the work (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Jn. 8).

When all around seems hopeless and no one seems to stand for the truth; when life seems not worth living, and times are very tough, remember that we are not in this alone and while no man may care for our souls, notwithstanding God is alive and he cares. “The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger and of great mercy” (Psa. 145:8). Charles Coats

Men’s Business Meeting

Thursday, July 18, 2013 4:00—5:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who has fixed, planted, cleaned, installed, mowed, and moved furniture at the church building.

We are thankful for you and the many visitors that have attended Bible Classes and Worship Services.

Our record attendance stands at 34, Amen.

Seminar at Webberville Church of Christ

340 NORTH SUMMIT WEBBERVILLE, MI 48892

Speaker: Michael Golwitzer

Theme: “Reliability of the New Testament”

Date: September 27, Time: 7–9 p.m.