

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

June 2, 2013

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Meeting place: 3499 S. Linden Road, Flint, MI 48507

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.

Prayer List

Phyllis Bateman-in the hospital recovering from surgery. She is still facing more complications.

Helen Summers

Lauren Weidner

Austin, Tracy and Grace Clark

Scott Bateman-in need of prayers. He is in and out of the hospital.

Donna West—Bill's Aunt— Brian Tumor

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

Edith Taylor-Bill's Mother.

Dale Taylor Jr. -cancer.

Gary Bowman -Joyce's friend -heart problems.

Barbara Johnson-Joyce's sister.

Andy Kelly-recently diagnosed with cancer.

Judy Wilkes-diagnosed with cancer.

Sermons

(AM) Tree of Life

(PM) The Church Compared to a Lily

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Seminar at Webberville church of Christ with Rusty Stark
Date: June 28, Time: 7–9 p.m.

Four Thieves of the Crucifixion

(1) The thief who regretted (John 12:6). Oh the advantages Judas had! He had been selected by Jesus to be an apostle, was entrusted by his peers with the position of treasurer, and observed many of the Lord's miracles (Matthew 11:5). It was this Judas who betrayed the Lord for money. His betrayal turned to regret (Matthew 27:3), but rather than look forward to forgiveness, he only looked back and hanged himself. True repentance means more than feeling sorry for a wrong. It is the desire to change and do better (2 Corinthians 7:10).

(2) The thief who was replaced. It was customary to release a prisoner at the Passover. Thus Pilate offered the crowd either Jesus or Barabbas. They requested the notorious murderer and robber released rather than Jesus (Matthew 27:15-16). Barabbas had someone else (Jesus) take his punishment for him. Barabbas could say that Jesus died in his place. Of course, we can say it, too! (2 Corinthians 5:20-21).

(3) The thief who rebelled. At first both thieves crucified

with Christ spoke against Him (Matthew 27:41-44), but only one kept on doing it (Luke 23:39). This thief remained impenitent because he forgot God, ignored death at hand, and justly deserved what he was receiving (Luke 23:40-41). This man died in a state of rebellion in spite of the rebuke and repentance of the other thief and a Savior close at hand.

(4) The thief who repented. This thief had a change of heart (Luke 23:40-43). In his agony he looked to the Savior and admitted his sinfulness and Jesus' innocence (Luke 23:41-42). His repentance did not bring escape from death but did bring relief and fellowship with Jesus in the next life (Luke 23:43). He did what the Lord asked him to do, and in that sense he is an example to us.

All of us are represented by one of these thieves. Have you let Jesus down? Have you allowed Jesus to take your place? Are you rebellious? Have you repented? Which are you?
-Gary Puryear

“Having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself.” -Colossians 1:20