



*“...strengthen thy brethren”*

*Luke 22:32*

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**of Genesee County**

**March 10, 2013**

PO Box 190406 Burton, MI 48519

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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**

**Scott Bateman**-in need of prayers at this time.

**Chuck Smith**-health problems

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

**Edith Taylor**-Bill's Mother.

**Barbara Johnson**-Joyce's sister.

**Andy Kelly**-recently diagnosed with cancer.

**Lauren Weidner**

**Betty Crewse**

**Helen Summers**

**Phyllis and Russ Bateman**

**Austin Clark** - and family.

**Anna and Mentus Okoro**— new baby Vivienne.

March 29th 7-9pm speaker **Harrison Morgan**

Webberville church of Christ.

**“The Things We Love”**

### **Sermons**

**(AM) Jesus Christ**

**(PM) Edify**

## In the Middle of the Night

It's an awakening you weren't expecting, and it usually means trouble. You hear your name called in the middle of the night. Someone is scared, someone is hurt, something has happened. If it were a natural awakening, you would be groggy at first, drowsy and incoherent. But this! This is different! Your name has been called, and you are wide awake. It's your duty to respond.

It happened thousand of years ago to Samuel, a little boy fast asleep, then suddenly startled by the sound of his name. He ran to the elderly man's bed. "I didn't call you," his guardian Eli said. As you know, after repeating this scenario three times, Samuel found out that it was not Eli calling him at all, but rather God. OK, now he was *really* awake! It would have been inexcusable for Samuel to roll over with little interest and go back to sleep.

It must have been an awesome night. It still could be - tonight. No, God is not going to call your name four times the way He did for Samuel. But He can talk to you, clearly and certainly. In fact, the Bible says that "the Spirit speaketh expressly" (I Timothy 4:1). We don't live in the age of prophets or revelations in the middle of the night. But let there be no misunderstanding -- God is still talking. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (II Timothy 3:16).

God is talking to you. If you ignore his message, it is just as inexcusable as if Samuel had ignored God's voice. God has something to say to you. Have you opened up the Bible lately to see what it is? Think about it.

It'll keep you awake at night. By Scotty Sparks



There once was a lady who became frustrated with her flower garden. She bought the best seeds and planted in the best spot. She watered the right amount and "talked" to the flowers often, but no blooms. The particular flowers she grew were vine flowers that grew up the old wooden fence in the back yard. The vines looked healthy and green, but no blooms. She became frustrated because she had labored so hard without any reward. Interestingly enough, an invalid man, who lived in the house behind her, called one day to tell her how much he loved her beautiful flowers and how much joy they had brought to his life. All the blooms came out on the other side!

**"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"**  
(Galatians 6:9).

**"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name..."**  
(Hebrews 6:10).

**"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).** PTP 2006 Devotional Thoughts