

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

March 31, 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

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-breathing problems

Phyllis and Russ Bateman

Austin Clark - and family.

Doris Tacket - recovering from surgery

Marty and Joyce Stearns

"A New Testament Christian"

2013 MSOP Lectureship

Broadcast on OABS

March 31—April 4th 2013

Sermons

(AM) Leaven = Kingdom

(PM) "...what manner of persons ought ye to be..."

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IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?

WHEN WE PLEAD FOR PURITY OF LIFE, WE HAVE A CAUSE

The church and every individual member must keep “unspotted from the world” (Jam. 1:27). Paul wrote to the church in Rome, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Rom. 12:1-2). It is crucial for us to remember that: ...denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works (Tit. 2:12-14). John wrote, Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17). In our alluring, comfortable, and affluent society, Christians must remember Paul’s admonition to the church at Philippi: ...that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are seen as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labor in vain (Phi. 2:15-16). It is sad but true that the nation, and, unfortunately, the church in many places, are moving more and more recklessly away from God, on the way to the terrible place called hell (Rev. 20:12-15; 21:8). Unbelief and all types of glaring immorality are taking an alarming toll, and have produced many apologists both within and without the church for unscriptural divorces, social drinking, social dancing, profanity, gambling, pornography,

immodesty, etc. The answer to all of the compromise is to become a Christian (John 3:5), and live the Christian life (Col. 3:1-4; Rev. 2:10). If we think right (Phi. 4:8-9), we will save both ourselves and those that hear us (1 Tim. 4:16). Let us remember that we are known and read of all men (2 Cor. 3:2).

WHEN WE PLEAD FOR ALL MEMBERS TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH, WE HAVE A CAUSE

The church has the greatest mission of any institution on earth. Paul says that the church is to “edify itself in love” (Eph. 4:12-16). We are to follow after “things whereby we may edify one another” (Rom. 14:19). It is the duty of the church to build up the church to the end that every member of every congregation be given opportunity to be saved.

WHEN WE PLEAD FOR ALL CHRISTIANS TO “SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST,” WE HAVE A CAUSE

The church must practice benevolence toward the Christian and the non-Christian (Gal. 1:1; 6:10). The church must edify itself, and every member is obligated to participate in this. However, everything we do, both as the entire church and the individual, must be done with the view to the saving of souls. Christ healed the sick and fed many of the hungry multitudes, but His major mission was to teach and to save the lost, and He never forgot this mission (Luke 19:10; John 4:32).

WHEN WE DEFEND “THE CAUSE,” WE HAVE A CAUSE We must be “set for the defense of the gospel” (Phi. 1:17). We are to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). We must put on the whole armor of God, and a part of that armor is the “sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph. 6:17). With this word, we are to repel all attacks against the truth and oppose all false doctrines. We are to make sure that we are busy “casting down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:5).

THERE IS A CAUSE, AND LET US NEVER FORGET IT.

Garland Elkins