

*“...strengthen thy brethren”*



*Luke 22:32*

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**of Genesee County**

**October 6, 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**

<b>Worship...</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Bible Study...</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

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## **Prayer List**

**Barbara Johnson**

**Elsie Jaques**

**Emma Bateman**

**Russ and Phyllis Bateman**

**Molly and Scott Bateman**

**Lauren Weidner**

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

**Edith Taylor** - Bill's mother—health problems.

**Scott and Jeff Stevens**

**Leanard Carter**—hospital-uncle to Cindy.

**Austin, Tracey and Grace Clark**

**Marty and Joyce Stearns**

**Megan Orange's family**

**Helen Summers**

1 Cor. 1:18 “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”

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## **Sermons**

**AM – A Farmer?**

**PM – Encouragement in Persecution**

## THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK

The children of Israel rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in 52 days (Neh. 6:15). This was a remarkable task as they were under constant threat of attack by their outside enemies, not to mention just the fact of the size of the walls of the city of Jerusalem! If it were more modern times, we might cite the modern equipment that we have in construction that has certainly shortened the construction time of larger projects. But their work was not aided by the modern equipment we have available. We might point to the idea that Israel had a lot of workers and therefore it did not take them very long. But, the Bible gives us a different reason as to why the walls were completed so quickly – “for the people had a mind to work” (Neh. 4:6). What we see when reading Nehemiah is that the people had a goal and were willing to do what was necessary to accomplish that goal. And they all worked to make it happen!

When I think about this statement, I cannot help but think that this is what we need in the Lord’s church today? Think about how much good we could do for the spread of the gospel if we had a mind to work and all of us were involved in accomplishing this task. It was once noted that many congregations are willing

congregations – 10% are willing to do the work and 90% are willing to let them. Sad, but true, in far too many cases. If we were to categorize ourselves, which group would we be in? Think about how many congregations “hire” a preacher to do their work for them. Or, the number of times we point to the elders to do the work for us. After all, isn’t that why we have elders?!

Why do people not help in the work of the church?

1. It inconveniences them. They are not willing to give up “their” time.
2. It is too far from where they live. People will not drive far at all to do the work of the church, but will drive hours to an amusement park or to go on vacation.
3. They are too busy. Their schedules are too full with their own wants and desires. Everything is about them and not about God.
4. They are waiting for someone else to set it up or to create the program. Is it not interesting that in the Bible, the church did not have “programs”? What they did have were people with a mind to work (Read Acts 2:42ff). Formula for church growth – every Christian with a mind to work.

Charles Coats