

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

June 14, 2015

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 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.

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Preacher: Michael Golwitzer (810) 771-4627

**Sermons:**

AM— “It is a better life!”

PM— Ask – receive, Seek – find, Knock - opened

**Seminar Webberville church of Christ**

SPEAKER: John Shafer 340 NORTH SUMMIT

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JUNE 19, 2015 7 P.M. – 9 P.M.

# Prayer

Betty Crewse's great-granddaughter (Ella)  
was born June 8th in Traverse City

Al Haskell—kidney problems

Charlene Steele—injuries

Chuck Smith—heart & Sciatic nerve

Donna Duford—Betty's daughter.

Edith Taylor - Bill's mother.

Jacob Jobe—Cindy's nephew had a stroke  
at 21 years old

Janet Davis—health problems

Joyce and Marty Stearns

Kim Penoyer—Hurley Hospital—Room 404

Lauren Weidner—encouragement

Leonard White (Preacher) —cancer

Misty Davis—health problems

Pam Bentz—has cancer

Pat Crain—health problems

Russ Bateman-home now

Scott Bateman—cancer

Stan Bozich—friend of Chuck

Wyatt Duford—need of prayers

# List

Pray for our Gospel Meeting with

Ted Thrasher—Oct. 18-21, 2015

## Lauren King and Women Preachers

In the long ago, Moses warned Israel with these words: “When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations” (Deut. 18:9). God did not want His people to become like the Canaanites. He gave them His law so they could be a people set apart for His holy purposes. A New Testament admonition that is similar to the one given by Moses on the banks of the Jordan is found in Romans 12:2. Paul writes: “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.” Paul told the saints in Rome: “Do not let the world mold you.” Instead, they were to be radically altered through their adherence to the Word of God. Again, God’s precepts were to separate His people from the world so they can carry out God’s divine purposes. Over the last 50 years, God’s people have not been content with the practice of holiness as outlined in God’s Word. We no longer desire to be different—to be strange. We have become like Israel of old and desire to be like the nations around us (1 Sam. 8:4-5). Our speech, our dress, our behaviors, and our worship look almost exactly like the world. When worldly concepts are introduced into our churches, it seems that many people love to have it so (Jer. 5:21). One of the moves that many brethren have made over the last several years concerns the role of women in the church. Women are being used in roles which in times past were filled exclusively by men: serving on the Lord’s Table, leading public prayers, leading singing, being elders, deacons, and preachers in pulpits. One of the most recent cases is found in the Fourth Avenue Church of Christ in Franklin, Tennessee. They have hired a young lady named Lauren King to assist as a “preaching minister” for the congregation.

Recently (11/23/2014), she presented her first lesson to the church on a Lord’s Day morning. A video made the rounds through social media about this new “minister” for the church on Fourth Avenue. This video reveals more to us than just the fact that a woman is preaching in the pulpit. In this article, we want to discuss some of the things that were said and how God’s holy Word is being

mocked and defied by Miss King and the Fourth Avenue Church. One of the things that Lauren said is that the Lord has “made it clear” that while in college at David Lipscomb University she needed to pick up a preaching emphasis in her training.

One thing that needs to be asked is: “How did the Lord make this clear to Miss King?” We know that God has made known His will in the pages of the Bible. She did not hear the Lord’s voice from the Bible telling her to pick up a preaching emphasis. In fact, had she listened to God’s Word, she would have heard just the opposite. The New Testament instructs women with these words: “But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence” (1 Tim. 2:12). Lauren does give us a little insight as to how she perceives the Lord’s voice. She says that she knows the Lord’s voice when she has “peace when I walk through open doors.” In essence, she is saying that as long as her conscience is clear when she does things, then she believes God’s voice is approving her actions.

Lauren needs to take some lessons from Saul of Tarsus about this approach to God’s approval. When Christianity burst onto the scene on Pentecost Day in Jerusalem, Saul was a faithful Jew. He had steadfastly obeyed the Law of Moses all of his life (Phil. 3:4-5). In his zeal for the Law of Moses, he persecuted the church of Christ (Acts 9:1-2; Phil. 3:6). In Acts 23:1, we learn that this Jewish zealot never suffered the sting of conscience in all that he did. “And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.” Saul always had peace of mind in all that he did, even when he was disobedient to God. A feeling of peace deep within does not indicate that God approves of one’s actions. If this were the standard, then every person who is religious would be acceptable to God. Lauren King has accepted a false standard of authority that will cause her to be lost in the last day if she continues to accept it as her guide.

—Victor M. Eskew Via Seek The Old Paths