

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

May 31, 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— Baptized Into Christ

PM— Reward and Punishment

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

Al Haskell—kidney problems
Charlene Steele—injuries
Chuck Smith—heart & Sciatic nerve
Donna Duford—Betty's daughter.
Emily Mosher—need of prayers
Janet Davis—health problems
Joyce Stearns—took a fall on Thursday
Lauren Weidner—encouragement
Leonard White (Preacher) —cancer
Misty Davis—health problems
Pam Bentz—has cancer
Pat Crain—health problems
Patty Lewis—Chuck's daughter
Russ Bateman
Scott Bateman—health problems
Stan Bozich—friend of Chuck
Wyatt Duford—need of prayers

List

Pray for our Gospel Meeting with
Ted Thrasher—Oct. 18-21, 2015

Thank you to everyone that helped with Helen's memorial service and lunch that followed. We will all miss her.

Where in the Bible Will I Find The Name for the People of God

This question should engage the serious thinking of every individual, especially since after Peter's confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus said, "... upon this rock I will build my church" (Matt. 16:16, 18)...The great assortment of NAMES for religions in every city is no doubt confusing to the masses. For years denominations have shown their divisiveness by the NAMES they wear, choosing many NAMES not found in the Bible. The number continues to increase yearly! They have often said, "There is nothing in a NAME." Of course, this is not what the Bible says, but many have not chosen to go by the Bible for a long time. Question: If there is nothing in a NAME, would you be as happy for a man to call you a gentleman as for him to call you a liar or a thief? We think not! What if your wife decided to wear another man's NAME? It would matter to any normal husband! According to the Tennessean, Sunday, August 22, 1999, some have removed their NAME, which tells what human creed they follow, because they consider it unattractive to the masses anymore. Of course, the NAME this religious sect has used for identity for years is never used as a proper NAME in the Bible, but it can only be accurately rendered immerser or baptizer. Women or men who do not administer baptism cannot rightfully wear this name. If it were a proper NAME, the only man who ever wore it said, "He [Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn. 3:30). When we have all come to the end of our earthly journey, it will certainly matter whether our NAME is written in the book of life (Phil. 4:3; Rev. 20:15; 21:17). Obviously, dear friends, NAMES do have meaning and significance! Before you can wear the Lord's NAME you must have the "marriage ceremony" by hearing, faith, repentance, confession, and baptism into Christ. It is not one of the plans or ways to heaven, but the only way, if an individual wants to go with Christ to the Father (Jn. 14:6). Peter wrote by inspiration, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). NAMES have always had meaning in the Bible. NAMES continue to have great significance daily in the world. Note some

special meanings of NAMES in the Bible. Eden (garden of delight) is where God placed Adam and Eve in the beginning. Adam (red earth) causes us to think of the beginning, where God created man from dust. Eve (life) brings to thought the mother of all living. Abraham (father of a multitude) causes us to think of the promise of salvation through his seed, Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:16; Acts 2:38-39; Gal. 3:26-29). ...Jesus (Saviour) brings to our thinking the Saviour of the world; Christ (Anointed of God); Lord (Ruler) as He presides over His church (Matt. 1:21; Lk. 24:47; Eph. 1:22-23). Today, the Lord's church is and should be known as it was in the first century. We should not speak of "MY CHURCH" or "YOUR CHURCH," since it does not belong to us. We did not work to build it, die to purchase it, nor are we able to promise to save it (Eph. 5:23). The NAME Christian (follower of Christ) is not meaningless. It was prophesied to be THE NEW NAME of God's people several hundred years before given (Isa. 62:2; 65:15). ...When Isaiah's prophecy was complete, about the kings seeing Jesus' glory and the Gentiles seeing His righteous plan, the new NAME "Christian" was given (Acts 11:26). Paul was not trying nor did he ever persuade others to become one of "the sect of the Nazarenes" (Acts 24:5). But he did persuade sinful men to become "Christians" (Acts 26:28; II Cor. 5:11). The apostle Peter said God's people were not to be ashamed of that NAME but were to glorify God in that NAME (I Pet. 4:16). When individual "Christians" are spoken of collectively in the Bible, it is "church of the Lord" (Acts 20:28), "the churches of Christ" (Rom. 16: 16), or "the church of God" (I Cor. 1:1). These are Scriptural designations of the collective body of Christ (Matt. 16:18). NAMES not found in the Bible, but chosen by men, divide religious people into warring sects. We should be satisfied to wear the Lord's NAME, without addition or subtraction. We can unite upon Scriptural designations if we are willing to follow the Bible. It seems all thinking people would agree that we should refuse to belong to any religious organization of which we cannot read one word in the Bible!

Gary Colley