

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

Sermons:

AM-Careless Soul
PM-Built by the Master

Prayer List

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

September 13, 2015

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

Pray for our Gospel Meeting with Ted Thrasher—
Oct. 18-21, 2015 (Start inviting others and planning to attend the meeting)

Marty Stearns—kidney problems.	Kim Penoyer—health problems.
Al Haskell—kidney problems	Wyatt Duford
Charlene Steele—injuries	Stan Bozich
Jacob Jobe—stroke	Janet Davis—health
Earlene Currier-health	Edith Taylor
Misty Davis—health problems	Pam Bentz—cancer
Pat Crain—health	Ronnie Morgan—health
Russ Bateman-health	Scott Bateman—cancer
Donna Duford—Betty's daughter.	Dale and Sue Gregory
Lauren Weidner-encouragement	Chuck Smith—heart & Sciatic
LeAnn Morgan Duke-Preacher Kerry Duke's wife has a blood disease	

Take God's Advice...

Walk like Enoch...Worship like Abel...Work like Nehemiah...Weep like Jeremiah...Obey like Job...Lead like Moses...Pray like Daniel...Win like Paul...Live like Christ.

"A Drug Problem"

I had a "drug" problem when I was a young person and teenager:

I was "drug" to church on Sunday morning.

I was "drug" to church on Sunday night.

I was "drug" to church on Wednesday night.

I was "drug" to Sunday school every week.

I was "drug" to Vacation Bible School.

I was "drug" to the family altar to read the Bible and pray.

I was also "drug" to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.

Those "drugs" are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin. If our children had this kind of "drug" problem, wouldn't America certainly be a better place?

Facts and Feelings

In January 2006, in a mine in West Virginia, 12 miners were trapped following an explosion. The families of these men were gathered outside anxiously waiting while valiant rescue efforts were being made to reach them and get them out. Word then came from the officials that the men inside were alive. The families felt incredible joy and wonderful relief. They hugged, they smiled, they laughed and wept tears of joy! Then, some time later, another message was delivered. The first message had been in error. Of the 12 miners, 11 of them had died and the last one was in critical condition. Suddenly the joy was gone. In an instant, the emotion of joy changed to confusion, grief, and anguish. Our hearts ached for these families and the devastating experience they endured.

The painful experience of these families is an example of an important principle that we all need to understand. Sometimes, emotion is not a reflection of reality. The emotions they felt were based on the information that they were given from a source they trusted. In this case the

information was incorrect. The emotions of joy and relief they felt were exactly the same as if the information they were given was true. If the men had actually been alive, the feelings would have been no different at all. But when the truth was known, the way they had felt made no difference in the reality of what the circumstances actually were.

Many people make emotions the basis of their evaluation of spiritual truth. "I know it is right because of the way I feel." Some people have listened to the teaching and information given by others about how to get their lives right with God and have believed a trusted source. But many have been given incorrect or incomplete information and have, in reality, not done what the Bible teaches to do to have their sins washed away in the blood of Jesus. Some, when presented with the plain teaching of the Bible will say, "But I know God saved me because I felt such a great feeling of peace and joy." We must understand that sometimes emotion is not a reflection of reality. Our feelings are based on the information we are given by a source that we trust. But the only source that can be completely trusted is the truth of the word of God. Saul of Tarsus (who later changed his name to Paul) believed he was doing God's will by fighting against the Christians, and his feelings told him that he was right. He later said, "I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day" (Acts 23:1). But he found out that he was wrong. He had not believed the truth. His feelings made no difference in the fact that he was wrong.

If you have not studied the Bible for yourself and taken ALL of what God says about salvation, don't risk your soul on feelings that may be based on incorrect or incomplete information. Being in a right relationship with God brings wonderful feelings! There is "joy inexpressible and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8) and "peace that surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). Just be sure that your feelings of joy and peace are based on the fact that you have believed and obeyed God's will so that those feelings are based on the truth. If so, you really have something to feel good about! *Polishing the Pulpit*