

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

## September 6, 2015



## Fellowship Meal

Following morning worship service



Congregational Meeting following Fellowship Meal

### 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. |
|                | Fellowship Dinner      | 12:30 p.m. |
|                | Congregational Meeting | 1:30 p.m.  |
|                | Sunday                 | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Bible Study... | Sunday                 | 10:00 a.m. |
|                | Wednesday              | 6:00 p.m.  |

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### Sermons:

AM— WHAT IS THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE?

PM— Pictures of Faith

**Congregational Meeting following fellowship dinner today.**

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

**Marty Stearns**—McLaren Hospital Room 913 Bed #1 (Marty went in Friday to emergency room due to kidney problems)

**Kim Penoyer**-Home now! (Pray for Babbette to have strength during this time with Kim and father having health problems.) Babbette's Father, **Claude Knoblauch**, is recovering from surgery.

**Al Haskell**—kidney problems

**Charlene Steele**—injuries

**Jacob Jobe**—stroke

**Earlene Currier**-health

**Misty Davis**—health problems

**Pat Crain**—health

**Russ Bateman**-health

**Donna Duford**—Betty's daughter.

**Lauren Weidner**-encouragement

**LeAnn Morgan Duke**-Preacher Kerry Duke's wife has a blood disease

**Wyatt Duford**

**Stan Bozich**

**Janet Davis**—health

**Edith Taylor**

**Pam Bentz**—cancer

**Ronnie Morgan**— health

**Scott Bateman**—cancer

**Dale and Sue Gregory**

**Chuck Smith**—heart & Sciatic



Jeannie Haskel - Thank you for the work on the bulletin board. It looks great, has an excellent scriptural message and is very colorful and whimsical. Again, Thank you.

## ***TAKE A STAND***

“...and having done all, to stand” (Eph. 6:13). These words should motivate us to evaluate the kind of people we are. Too many people wish to be left alone and not have to stand for or against anything. When pressed, they choose a neutral ground not willing to be held to one position or the other.

Sometimes, when we are in a discussion with a person who cannot seem to make up his mind about something, we finally just look at them and say “Would you make up your mind? Just tell me where you stand on this issue?” We want people to make up their minds as to what they believe and then stand up for what they believe.

As Christians, we should not have any problem standing for the truth. We should boldly proclaim the message (Acts 4:29) and be set for the defense of the gospel (Phil. 1:17). We are instructed, yea commanded, to be no longer tossed to and from with every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:15).

Two statements in 1 Cor. 16:13 help us to understand our responsibility in this matter. First, we see “stand fast in the faith”. This is a statement that teaches us to never waver, always holding firmly to the word of God. The second statement is “quit you like men”, that is, to act like men. Mature individuals take a stand. They are not like children who are still trying to understand who they are. They have grown in Christ (2 Pet. 3:18) to a solid faith in God.

In Gal. 5:1, Paul teaches the brethren to stand fast. He teaches them to not go back to the things they had left. Sadly, by verse 7, he has to chastise them because they had fallen away from God (see also verse 4). Today, far too many Christians have gone the way of the Galatians and have failed to take a firm stand with Christ and have fallen back into the world.

When we think of our own lives today, are we willing to make a stand even when it is unpopular or will cause us great grief? How many Christians today will oppose sin in every form even if it is their children who are involved in the sin? How many Christians will take a stand against their friends?

In the end, when we stand before the Judgment Seat, how shallow our reasoning will sound when we have to give an answer as to why we did not stand faithful to God in all things in all situations with all people!

by Charles Coats

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## **Museum Bibles**

**The Bible is not** a museum piece to be admired at a distance and dusted now and again. It is a treasure to be polished. It is a tool to be used. It is a light to be shined. It is a mirror to be viewed. It is a sword to be sharpened. It is a food to be digested. The poet worded it this way: “These hath God married, and no man shall part, dust on the Bible, and drought in the heart.”

It is best to have a specific time each day. Many find it easier to study in the morning (cf. Psalm 88:13; Mark 1:35). God’s mercies “are new every morning” (Lamentations 3:23). Some like to study on their lunch hour (Psalm 55:17; Acts 10:9). Others are night owls who focus best at night while it is quiet (Psalm 119:148). Experiment with different times to see what works best for you. The most important thing is not to own a “museum Bible.”

**“O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.” Psalm 119:97**