

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST
of Genesee County

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 for Gospel Meeting

Worship...	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
	Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study...	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Monday-Wednesday	6:30 p.m.

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Preacher: Michael Golwitzer (810) 771-4627

Sermons:

Morning: Letting God be in Control

Evening: Let's Go Shopping!

PRAYER LIST

Lauren Weidner-encouragement

Betty Crewse- facing surgery

Earlene Currier-health

Edith Taylor-Bill's mother

Misty Davis—health problems

Pam Bentz—cancer

Becky Brewer-health and encouragement

Pat Crain—health

Michael Golwitzer- kidney problems

Scott Bateman—cancer

Chuck Smith—heart & Sciatic

Donna Duford—Betty's daughter

Kim Penoyer—breathing problems

Randy Eckstorm- health

Chere' Vannoy

Bill Alldaffer—health

Al Haskell—kidney failure

Charlene Steele—injuries

Stan Bozich-Chuck's friend—health

Janet Davis—health

Phyllis Bateman-encouragement

And You Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Free

What is truth? Pilate wanted to know, or did he? People seek it today, or do they? If so many people are looking for truth, why do so many fail to find it? God is very clear regarding truth's attainability: "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7). Scripture is equally plain in revealing the worth of truth:

O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who ... speaks truth in his heart (Ps.15:2).

Behold, You do desire truth in the innermost being (Ps. 51:6). The sum of Your word is truth (Ps. 119:160).

Buy the truth and sell it not (Prov. 23:23).

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free (Jn. 8:32).

Sanctify them in truth, Your word is truth (Jn. 17:17).

Why then, considering its great value, is truth given more service in word than in deed? Talk is cheap; sacrificial seeking is costly. Words like, "Give me liberty or give me death" are easily spoken. History notes, however, that Thomas Payne did not rush out and join the Continental Army. Serving in a dangerous, seemingly lost cause was a much more difficult challenge. George Washington, though less dramatic of speech than Payne, put his life on the line. The talk-about-death line is much longer than is the face-death file.

Truth allows for no "polite" following interested in its virtues only if the cost is small. It is neither fashionable nor sophisticated. It has attracted far more rogues than

gentlemen (I Cor. 1:26-31; Lk. 18:9-14; Matt. 19:16-24). Truth takes followers on a road that requires a cross (Matt. 27:27-31; Lk. 9:23). It divides families (Matt. 10:34-37). Facing it can make brave men weak (Matt. 26:69-75). Truth is an uncompromising companion.

And yet, planted in the heart of a man or woman who values its worth, truth is comforting beyond our comprehension (Phil. 4:7). It frees when nothing else can (Jn. 8:32). It can look a fierce tyrant in the eye and not flinch (Dan. 3:13-18). Truth dares to be completely open and transparent, while those who merely talk about it hide in darkness (Jn. 18:19-21; 3:19-21). Truth can sleep with the lions (Dan. 6:16-22). It can cause us to stand and speak boldly while others keep their seats in silence (Acts 4:18-20; Josh. 24:14-15). Truth brings us into the very presence of God (Ps. 15:2).

In which line will we take our stand? With Jesus and the faithful? With Judas and the cowards? Only the truth frees. Only the truth prevails in time of storm. "Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We shall know by this that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before Him (I Jn. 3:18-19). PTP

SUNDAY 1/3/2016

Morning: Song Leader: Al Haskel Opening Prayer: Todd Penoyer
Lord's Supper: Lead: Al Haskel, Assist: Bill Alldaffer, Chuck Smith
Preaching: Michael Golwitzer Closing Prayer: Chuck Smith
Bible Class: Michael Golwitzer Bible Class Song Lead: Bill Alldaffer
Evening: Preaching: Michael Golwitzer Song Leader: Al Haskel
Opening Prayer: Al Haskel Lord's Supper: Todd Penoyer
Closing Prayer: Chuck Smith

WEDNESDAY 12/9/2015

Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer