

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST
of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

May 22, 2016

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.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

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Preacher: Michael Golwitzer (810) 771-4627

Sermons:

AM: CHRIST IS THE ANSWER John 6:66-69; 14:1-6

PM: WHY? Haggai 1:9

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- Tracy Clark-recovery from surgery
- Patty Lewis-Chuck's daughter—cancer-health issues
- Gloria Dobbs-hip surgery
- Ann Walker-faithfulness
- Earlene Currier-Betty's aunt—health
- Cher'e Vannoy-family in need of prayers
- Don Cross-Chere's uncle-cancer/chemo
- Edith Taylor-Bill's mother-broken wrist in cast
- Misty Davis—health problems
- Lauren Weidner-encouragement
- Marty Stearns - health problems
- Pam Bentz—cancer-Joyce & Marty's friends
- Pat Crain—health
- Al Haskell—waiting for kidney donor
- Chuck Smith—heart, Sciatic & fell
- Donna Duford—Betty's daughter
- Bill Alldaffer—health
- Charlene Steele—injuries
- Rachel Hall—health problems
- Lee Skaggs—Mike's cousin—cancer
- Jody Rynca-cancer-Cindy's friend
- Susan Wills-encouragement-Betty's daughter
- Ireland Family—health problems-Cindy's friends
- Tim Wright-hit by a car
- Cody Cantrell-coma-Bill's friend
- Phyllis Bateman-for comfort during this time.

Christianity Without Denominationalism?

Can you have a church without it being a denomination? Yes! By following the Gospel pattern Jesus and His apostles taught, we can duplicate today the dynamic church found in the Book of Acts. The world had never heard of a denomination at that time.

A little investigation into the New Testament shows that the First Century churches were nothing like today's monstrous man-originated denominations. When Jesus promised, "...I will build my church..." (Matthew 16:13-18), He did not have in mind a group divided into small parts, teaching different doctrines and opposing each other. We know this because He prayed that all His followers would be "one" (John 17:20,21) and added all those saved to one church (Acts 2:47). He sent the Holy Spirit to further instruct that there would be "one body" (Ephesians 4:4), and reprimanded those who introduced divisive doctrines and practices (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Jesus proclaimed, "I am the way, the truth and the life..." (John 14:6). When we follow Jesus by imitating His love and obeying His commandments, there is no need for membership in any religious group founded and directed by mere men. What is the Lord's way? Jesus taught lost sinners to:

* Hear and believe His Gospel (John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17).

* Repent from all sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).

* Confess Him before others (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10).

* Be baptized in water for forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 10:48; 1 Peter 3:21; John 3:5; Titus 3:5).

Those who became disciples were simply called "Christians" (Isaiah 62:2; Acts 11:26). They were neither "ites," "ics," not "its," nor "Brand A, B, and C" Christians. They were added to the Lord's body, His church (Acts 2:40-47), and no one "voted on their membership." Such practices are foreign to the New Testament.

The New Testament church has no organization on earth larger than local congregations. Each was led by elders, served by deacons, preachers, and teachers. There was no governing body to hand down doctrine or to take dues. Jesus is "...the head of his body, the

church..." (Ephesians 1:22,23; Colossians 1:18). The headquarters of the Lord's church are in Heaven, where He resides at God's right hand (1 Peter 3:22), not in Rome, Constantinople, Jerusalem, Salt Lake City, Nashville, Memphis, nor Cleveland, Tennessee.

The churches of Christ have no creed but Christ, and no guidebook but the Bible. We plead for unity based on conformity to identical teaching. This unity is not simply an agreement to disagree, but a genuine willingness to "...speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11). We seek to "speak where the Bible speaks, to be silent where it is silent; to do Bible things in the Bible way, and to call Bible things by Bible names."

SUNDAY May 22, 2016

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

WEDNESDAY May 25, 2016

Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer
Opening Prayer: Marty Stearns Closing Prayer: Al Haskel

SUNDAY May 29, 2016

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

WEDNESDAY June 1, 2016

Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer
Opening Prayer: Chuck Smith Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns