

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

December 18, 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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Tracy Clark—for voice to improve

Bob Elder-tests for cancer

Todd Penoyer—recovering from surgery

Marty Stearns - health problems

Al Haskell—waiting for kidney donor

Chuck Smith—heart, Sciatic

Phyllis Bateman —recovering from fall

George Taylor and family members —requested prayer

Lauren Weidner-encouragement

McKenna Schummer-Jeannie's cousin-cancer (10 yrs old)

Connie Dobbs-Cindy's Sister

Jody Rynca-cancer-Cindy's friend

Tom Corbin —Cher'e -relative-in hospital with cancer

Ireland Family—health problems-Cindy's friends

Wayne Hamilton-health problems-Cindy's friend

Donna Duford-health problems-Betty's daughter

Susan Wills-encouragement-Betty's daughter

Debra Crewse-surgery-Betty's daughter

Earlene Currier-Betty's aunt—health

Patty Lewis-Chuck's daughter—recovering from surgery

Delores McIntosh—Cancer—Mike's Sister

Marie Hall-recovering from hip surgery

Dan and Nancy Goddard-preacher and friend

Kathy and Misty Davis-health problems-Cindy's friends

Carol Tobkin-cancer and receiving chemo treatments

Don Cross-Cher'e -uncle-cancer/chemo

Edith Taylor-Bill's mother

Cody Cantrell-coma-Bill's friend.

Rachel Hall—health problems

Sermons:

AM: Obedient, Humble Committed

PM: Joseph's story

Ladies Bible Class

Every second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.
The next class is January 10th.

December 30 – Quarterly Seminar with Bruce Harris CHURCH OF CHRIST 340 North Summit, Webberville, MI. Bruce Harris will deliver two lessons, one at 7:00 pm and one at 8:00 pm.

Church of Christ of Genesee County

Worship Service	Bible Classes
House to House / Heart to Heart	Tracts and DVDs
Internet Telecast of Sermons	Evangelism / Gospel Meetings
Online Academy of Biblical Studies	Mission Work / Food Closet

7 Reasons Why We'll be in Worship on Christmas Day

It happens every few years. Christmas day falls on a Sunday.. Amazingly (and tragically) there are churches that cancel all services on that day or move services to a weeknight. Other congregations decide to only have one worship service or to move the time of services, but they are still meeting on the Lord's Day to worship the Lord. Still, a lot of families decide that "since it's Christmas" they do not have to attend services on that day. After all, it's a day for family and traditions and it only comes once each year. So, many people will stay at home while the church meets. However, barring illness or some other unforeseen event, our little family will be in worship on Sunday, December 25. And here are 7 reasons why.

1. Worship is Commanded by the Almighty. Our Lord does not make worship something to be chosen by His followers. Hebrews 10:25 makes it clear that we are not to willfully forsake being together for worship. This is not a suggestion, and it does not have caveats for special holidays.

2. God is More Important than any Holiday. If I am going to say that "God is first in my life," then there is no holiday that can take His place. There is no holiday that should be able to keep me away from worshipping my Lord.

3. Our Family Will be Together. I am amazed at how many people stay home from worship on Christmas so their family will be together. Our little family will still be together, just dressed up and in a church pew; not in pajamas in front of a fireplace.

4. Our Children Need to Learn Priorities. "Well, since it's Christmas, we'll stay home." In the mind of children, that translates to, "What you want to do is more important than the commands of God." He is first, and this is a glorious opportunity to teach that.

5. I Want to Encourage Every Christian Who Attends. How discouraging would it be to go to worship and see that a large percentage of your Christian family did not think enough of you to come and encourage you? We are uplifted and encouraged when we attend worship together, and I want to encourage those who make the effort.

6. We are to Obey Our Elders. Elders have no right to cancel Lord's Day worship altogether, or to move it to another day of the week (that's another article for another time). Many are making the decision to only have one service or to move the time to best accommodate family traditions. They are not making an ungodly decision, so I am commanded to obey them and to let them rule with joy (Hebrews 13:7; 13:17).

7. There's Nowhere Else I Want My Family to Be Every Sunday! Whatever date is on the calendar, I want my little family loading in our car and going together to worship God. There are times when one or more of us has been sick and we have not gotten to worship together. I can't stand it! Each and every Lord's Day, I want my family to know the joy and the high privilege it is to join hands and hearts together as we worship. Every Lord's Day, we should do that with all our enthusiasm...including December 25. by Adam Faughn