

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

**January 22, 2017**

**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  
Marty Stearns - health problems  
Al Haskell—waiting for kidney donor  
Chuck Smith—heart, Sciatic  
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  
Dale and Sue Gregory-encouragement  
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: WHAT WILL YOUR ANSWER BE? Job 31:14

PM: WALKING THROUGH DARKNESS WITH GOD Job 29:1-3

## Ladies Bible Class

Every second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.  
The next class is February 14th.

### 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

## **GOD IS NOT PERFECT???**

On my way home the other day, I was listening to the radio in my car and they were talking about an event to remember the holocaust. The reporter was talking to a Jewish person concerning this and asked if he believed in God. The man responded that he did. The reporter then asked him how God could allow the holocaust to happen.

The person's response began with "God is not perfect". Immediately, I saw two problems in the discussion. One is the reporter who wanted to blame the holocaust on God, that God did not stop this evil from happening. The second problem is to think that God is not perfect, and implying that God is unable to stop such evils or that God is weak just like we are as humans. When I think about the first problem, it illustrated to me how much people really do not understand why sin exists. For some reason, they seem to want to blame God or deny his existence. They fail to understand that we have been created

as creatures able to make choices. In the Garden of Eden, when God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree, he gave them a choice. They could either choose to obey God or to disobey God. Joshua told Israel to choose whom they would serve (Josh. 24:15). Sin entered the world because man made the wrong choice and sin remains in the world because man continues to make the wrong choices (Rom. 5:12). Evils such as the holocaust happen because there are evil men in this world who choose to not serve God. The second part of the problem is very critical. How could anyone dare to say "God is not perfect"? Jesus said there is none good but God (Matt. 19:17). God cannot lie (Heb. 6:18) and he cannot deny himself (2 Tim. 2:13). God cannot do evil (Jas. 1:13). Everything about God is perfect. Then, why does God allow evil to exist in the world? Why does he not put a stop to the evil? Since we have been created to choose, we must be allowed to choose. Trials, tribulation, and temptations build strength in us and increase our faith (Jas. 1:2,3). God does not desire that we sin and has given us everything we need to make the right choices – we have his word to guide us. If we choose to obey God, we will be rewarded eternally (Rev. 22:14). God has the power to stop evil and will one day. When he does, there will be no more world upon which to live (2 Pet. 3:9ff). At this time, judgment will be levied on all mankind (Matt. 25:31-46) and every person will either be lost eternally or saved eternally – Hell or Heaven will be ours. Because we make choices, we need to prepare ourselves for an eternity with God (2 Pet. 3:11,14). By doing this, we will also make the world a better place for everyone (Eph. 4:31,32). By Charles Coats, January 26, 2014