

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

**April 9, 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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**Freda Potter**-passed away yesterday. (Phyllis sister)

**Josephine Potter**—mother of Michael Potter

**Michael Potter**-cancer and other health issues

**Joyce and Marty Stearns**-health problems

**Pryia Vannoy**—tests

**Vivian Golwitzer**—recovering from surgery

**Al Haskell**—waiting for kidney donor

**Chuck Smith**—heart, Sciatic

**Lauren Weidner**-encouragement

**Bob Elder**-health

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

**Jody Rynca**-cancer-Cindy's friend

**Patty Lewis**-Chuck's daughter—recovering from surgery

**Delores McIntosh**—passed away—Mike's Sister

**Marie Hall**-recovering from hip surgery

**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

**Pat Crain**—Marty & Joyce's friend-taken a fall

**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**-health-Betty's daughter

**Earlene Currier**-Betty's aunt—health

### Sermons:

**AM: The Pearl of Great Price**

**PM: Barnabas**

## Instrumental Music in Worship?

For centuries preachers, theologians, professors, conventions, and synods have looked for the use of instrumental music in New Testament worship. But with all of their search of the Scriptures, they have not found even one indication of its use by Christ, the apostles, or the early church of Christ. With this thought before us, perhaps our readers will want to ask their preacher for Christ's authority to use instrumental music in worship. Surely, if instrumental music is being used in the religion of which you are a member, there must be some Scriptural justification for its use. If a reference to its use is found in the New Testament, you would be our friend to call it to our attention, since we have not been able to locate it. Faithful Christians want to speak and act only as "the oracles of God" (I Pet. 4:11), and this question is of great interest to all who want to worship God "in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24). According to this verse, we must worship God, with the proper disposition, and in complete harmony with the Truth, in order to please our Heavenly Father (Heb. 11:6). Except we worship in this manner, our worship is vain (Matt. 15:9). Sometimes it is ignorant worship, as Paul spoke of on Mars Hill (Acts 17:22-25). But we can know our practice in worship is acceptable to God when we do "all things" by the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17; Matt. 28:18). It is the sin of presumption to think that we have equal authority with Christ and can do what we please in worship. Where many religionists would not think of adding some additional emblem to the Lord's table, because the Lord has commanded the use of unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine, still they seem to think nothing of adding an instrument of music to the worship God has commanded, which is singing. Singing is a specific kind of music. It is "singing" which the

## Ladies Bible Class

The next class is April 11th at 10:00 am.

### 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	Apologetics Press
Seek the Old Paths	World Video Bible School
Gospel Broadcasting Network	The Spiritual Sword

## Fellowship Dinner and Men's Business Meeting

May 14, 217 following worship service

Lord commands, not playing on an instrument. The verses that concern music in the Lord's church can easily be reviewed: Ephesians 5:19, speak in song, make melody in the heart; Colossians 3:16, teach in song, admonish in song; I Corinthians 14:15, sing with the spirit and understanding; Hebrews 2:12, praise God in singing; Hebrews 13:15, our lips giving praise. TO DO MORE IN WORSHIP IS NOT ONLY VAIN WORSHIP, IT IS SIN, BECAUSE IT TRANSGRESSES GOD'S WILL (I Jn. 3:4). Would it not appear to the thinking of all of our readers that any practice not authorized in the Scriptures goes beyond what is written and, therefore, does not meet God's approval (I Cor. 4:6). To be restored to God's favor, one must repent and abandon all wrong practices (Acts 8:22; II Jn. 1:9-11). By Gary Colley