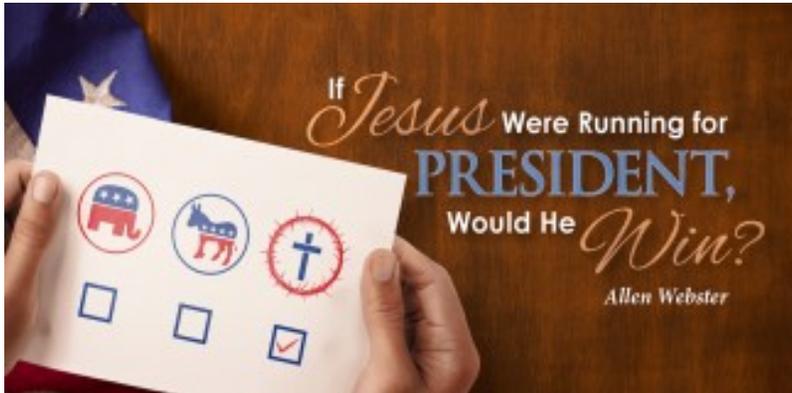


“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



Isaiah 53:2 “...he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST of Genesee County

### February 24 2019

#### Schedule of Services

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

Website: [www.coc-gc.org](http://www.coc-gc.org)

## Food closet: Paper Products

Ladies Bible Class February 26th (10 am)

### REQUESTED PRAYERS

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- Joyce Artibee-Jeannie’s sister—recovering at home
- Cindy Atkinson—health. (knee)
- Al Haskell - kidney problems.
- Marty Stearns and Joyce— flooded house in ice storm.
- Bud Gruno—Medilodge Nursing Home, Montrose with  
Lymphoma Brain Cancer
- Dan Goddard-serious health issues
- Joe Wilkerson-health
- Vivian Golwitzer-recovering
- Joan’s brother Hurley and Opal, sister Christena  
Apostolico in Ohio—health problems
- Chere’— Pryia Vannoy (daughter) and Adam Vannoy (son)
- Edith Taylor-Bill’s mother is getting better.
- Katherine Brooks - prayer
- Cody Cantrell-coma-Bill’s friend.
- Rachel Hall—health problems
- Cindy’s friends-Ireland Family, Wayne Hamilton, Kathy  
and Misty Davis, Jody Rynca-cancer, Marie Hall,  
Mitchell Larson and Walt and Ilene Davenport— health
- Betty requests prayers for Earlene Currier-health-Betty’s  
Aunt, Betty’s daughters: Donna, Carrie, Susan Wills,  
Debra, also, Lauren Weidner-grand-daughter.
- Ted Millwood—Grand Rapids Hospital Spectrum Health

### SERMONS

AM: Scenes at the Judgment PM: The Pearl of Great Price

## Scenes at the Judgment

### Matthew 25:31-46

1. A day of judgment is certain. Eccl. 12:13-14; Heb. 9:27; Acts 10:42
  2. It will be a great day for those that are ready.
  3. It will be an awful and terrible day for those not ready.
- A. It will be the greatest crowd ever assembled:**
1. We must all appear 2 Cor. 5:10.
  2. All who have ever lived will be there.
  3. You and your family will be there.
- B. The greatest judge will preside:**
1. It will happen quickly Rev. 22:12.
  2. The righteous judge will preside 2 Tim. 4:8.
  3. Each will receive justice.
- C. The greatest books will be opened.**
1. The books were opened Rev. 20:12.
  2. We will be judged by His word John 12:48
  3. Matt. 24:35; Heb. 11:6; Luke 3:3; Acts 2:38.
- D. It will be the greatest separation ever known.**
1. Matt. 25:31-46.
- E. The greatest verdict will be handed down.**
1. Matt. 25:46
  2. Come ye blessed Matt 25:34.
  3. Depart from me cursed Matt 25:41.
- F. Why do we want to go to heaven?**
1. Because of the horrors of hell Luke 12:5; Rev. 20:14-15; Rev. 21:8
  2. Because of glory of heaven Rev. 22:1-7; John 14:1-3
  3. Hear 2. Believe 3. Repent 4. Confess 5. Baptized

## Bear One Another's Burdens, or Just Bear Your Own?

How do Galatians 6 verses two and five harmonize? According to the apostle Paul, Christians are to “[b]ear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). However, only three verses later, he writes: “For every man shall bear his own burden” (6:5). Skeptic Steve Wells, author of the popular Skeptic’s Annotated Bible, categorizes Galatians 6:2 and 6:5 as contradictory verses (see Wells, 2015). Bible critic Dennis McKinsey comments on these verses, saying, “Gal. 6:2 says that we should bear one another’s burdens to fulfill the law of Christ, while three verses later we are told that everyone should bear his own burden. So who is to bear our burdens?... One can’t help but ask why people would be obligated to aid the poor if every man is supposed to bear his own burden” (1995, pp. 86, 430). So are Christians to “bear one another’s burdens,” or is the child of God to “bear his own burden”?

First of all, though skeptics generally seem rather unconcerned for the original language in which the Scriptures were written, oftentimes consulting the Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek gives the reader a better understanding of the text (see, for example, Lyons, 2009). In Galatians 6:2 and 6:5, though the same English word [“burden(s)”] is used in the King James translation, the fact is, different Greek words were used in the original manuscripts. In verse 2, “burdens” is translated from *baros*, meaning “weight,” or figuratively, an “experience of someth[ing] that is particularly oppressive” (Danker, 2000, p. 167). In verse 5, “burden” is from *fortion*, meaning “that which constitutes a load for transport,” or “that which is carried and constitutes a

burden” (Danker, p. 1064, emp. added). Many modern versions have attempted to show readers the difference in the two words by translating *baros* as “burden(s)” in 6:2 and *fortion* as “load” in 6:5 (NKJV, NASB, ESV). Though further explanation to the alleged conundrum is still necessary, noting the difference in the Greek should cause skeptics to reconsider their KJV-based accusations.

Second, Galatians 6:2 and 6:5 do not represent an either/or command. If it is possible for the Christian both to (1) bear his own burden/load, while at the same time (2) help bear another’s burden, then both commands must be followed, without assuming that one command must be obeyed to the exclusion of the other. Consider how the Bible writers condemned laziness (Proverbs 6:6-11; 10:5; 21:25). Paul even went so far as to say, “If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread” (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, emp. added). At the same time, the child of God is to give to the poor (Proverbs 28:27; Luke 3:11). Paul instructed the penitent thief to “...but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” (Ephesians 4:28). Are we to work to take care of our families and ourselves? Yes. Are we to help others who are genuinely in need (i.e., who have burdens that they are unable to bear alone)? Yes. Should lazy busybodies expect to receive physical help from Christians? Not necessarily. (They should “work in quietness and eat their own bread.” If anyone is capable of working, yet willfully

chooses laziness instead, “neither shall he eat.”) In short, the Christian takes his personal responsibilities seriously (he “bears his own”). At the same time, for those whose burdens of life are more than they can carry, the Christian joyfully comes to their aid to provide them various kinds of physical and spiritual assistance.

There are some responsibilities that no one can carry for us. No one can become a Christian for someone else. No one can worship for another. And no one will be able to “appear before the judgment seat of Christ” for someone else. Rather, “each one” will receive “the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10, emp. added). Therefore, “Let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another” (Galatians 6:4). Just as a soldier is expected to carry his own “load” in battle, the servant of Christ the King recognizes his individual responsibilities to the Lord. At the same time, as soldiers assist fallen comrades on the battlefield in hopes of saving their lives, dedicated servants of Christ look to “bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). by Eric Lyons

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## SUNDAY 2/24/2019

### Morning Worship:

Announcements: Michael Golwitzer

Song Leader: Al Haskel

Opening Prayer: Al Haskel

Lord's Supper: Lead: Todd Penoyer

Assist: Bill Alldaffer, Michael Golwitzer

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Closing Prayer: Todd Penoyer

### Bible Class:

Song Lead: Bill Alldaffer

Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

Opening Prayer: Al Haskel

### Evening Worship:

Announcements: Todd Penoyer

Song Leader: Al Haskel

Opening Prayer: Al Haskel

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Lord's Supper: Michael Golwitzer

Closing Prayer: Todd Penoyer

## WEDNESDAY 2/27/2019

Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer

Opening Prayer: Todd Penoyer

Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

