

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



CHURCH OF CHRIST of Genesee County

April 28, 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.

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SERMONS

AM: Thoughts determine one's life.

PM: Three Questions with One Answer

REQUESTED PRAYERS

P R A Y E R L I S T

- Joe Wilkerson-health-hospice care
- Cindy Atkinson—health. (knee)
- Al Haskell - kidney problems.
- Marty Stearns- health.
- Dan Goddard-serious health issues
- Mike and Vivian Golwitzer-health
- 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
- Cody Cantrell-coma-Bill's friend-not doing well
- 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
- Tim Asbury—Medical Rehab
- Daniel Vannoy—health
- Kevin Ford—ALS

Food closet: Paper Products

Ladies Bible Class May 14th and 28nd (10 am)

Pray for Salvation?

Preachers sometimes invite listeners to pray something such as, “God, I am sorry I have sinned. Please forgive me and let Jesus come into my heart. Thank you for forgiving me and giving me eternal life. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.” The preacher then says, “Since you have asked Christ into your life, you are now His child, and your sins are forgiven.”

The problem, however, is that the promise of forgiveness is from a man, not God. God has never promised to respond to the sinner’s prayer. Prayer is a privilege for God’s people. James said, “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16). Peter quoted Psalm 34:15–16, saying, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil” (1 Peter 3:12).

Solomon warned, “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination” (Proverbs 28:9). The psalmist spoke of the dilemma of the sinner: “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear” (Psalm 66:18). But what about the prayers of the publican and the Pharisee? While the Pharisee prayed “with himself,” the publican, “standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’”

Jesus concluded, “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be

exalted” (Luke 18: 11, 13–14). This does not set the pattern for sinners coming to Christ, however, because both the Pharisee and the publican were already in a covenant relationship with God as part of His chosen people, the Jews. Both, despite their sins, had the right to pray to God.

What about Joel’s prophecy? He said, “And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls” (Joel 2:32).

To “call on the name of the Lord” means to make an appeal through obedience. Saul of Tarsus spent three days in prayer and fasting, but he did not receive salvation from the Lord until he called on the Lord through obedience. Ananias told him, “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). In his baptism, he called on the name of the Lord, and his sins were washed away. He would not have been saved if he had merely prayed the sinner’s prayer and had refused to obey the Lord’s command.

Jesus said, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:14). This is not a blanket promise to any person, but to those who follow Him and have the right to ask things in His name, by His authority. This promise is to the children of God. In the very next verse, He puts it simply: “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). The multitudes cried out at Pentecost, “What shall we do?” Peter did not respond, “Pray the sinner’s prayer,” but “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:37–38). We will be saved if we do what the believers of Pentecost did. —Bob Prichard

SERMONS TODAY

Thoughts determine one's life.

Text: Matthew 12:34-37 Philippians 4:1-4; 10-13

Thoughts determine who we serve. 1 Peter 2:16

Man must serve God, Fellowman and self.

- Pharaoh, "I have sinned..." (Exodus 10:16)
- Balaam, "I have sinned..." (Numbers 22:34)
- Saul, "I have sinned..." (1 Samuel 15:24)
- Judas, "I have sinned..." (Matthew 27:4)

Genesis 39:9 "...how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

Three Questions with One Answer

Text: Romans 8:31-37

- I. The first question, who can oppose us?
(Rom. 8:31,32)
- II. The second question, who can accuse us?
(Rom. 8:33,34)
- III. The third question, who can separate us?
(Rom. 8:35-37)

Three questions, "Who can oppose us?" "Who can accuse us?" "Who can separate us?" Do you know the answer to these questions?

Answer: _____

CRITICAL NABAL

Nabal is a good example of a negative, critical man. From him we learn negative people make things harder for others. Abigail tried to make up for Nabal's mistakes (1 Samuel 25:18) and was willing to take blame for him (25:24). People like Nabal hinder communication and isolate themselves (25:19); they cannot be defended even by those who love them. Nabal's own wife called him a scoundrel and accused him of folly. —Allen Webster

SENTENCE SERMONS

A little sin will add to your trouble, subtract from your energy, and multiply your difficulties.

A big fall begins with a little stumble.

Sin has two great powers; it reigns and it ruins.

Sin is not a toy; it is a tyrant.

Little sins add up to big trouble.

There is no sin so little as not to kindle an eternal fire.

Freedom is not the right to do as you will, but the power to do as you should. —Mark Posey

JUST AN ACCIDENT?

The distance of the earth from the sun, approximately 93,000,000 miles, is just right to sustain life. One hundred miles in either direction would be disastrous to human life.

The 23-1/2 degree tilt of the earth on its axis ensures seasonal changes, without which much of the earth would be desert.

The balance of oxygen (21 percent) and nitrogen (78 percent) in the air we breathe is perfect for supporting life.

An ozone layer in the atmosphere shelters our planet from deadly ultraviolet rays from the sun.

SUNDAY 4/28/2019

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Al Haskell

Song Leader: Al Haskell

Opening Prayer: Todd Penoyer

Lord's Supper: Lead: Marty Stearns

Assist: Bill Alldaffer, Todd Penoyer

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns

Bible Class:

Song Lead: Bill Alldaffer

Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

Opening Prayer: Todd Penoyer

Evening Worship:

Announcements: Todd Penoyer

Song Leader: Marty Stearns

Opening Prayer: Al Haskell

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Lord's Supper: Todd Penoyer

Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns

WEDNESDAY 5/1/2019

Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer

Opening Prayer: Marty Stearns

Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

