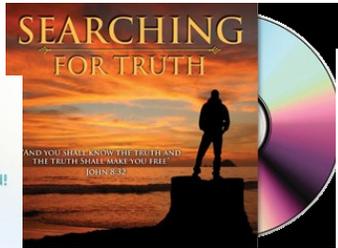


“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

July 7, 2019

Schedule of Services

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| 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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PRAYER LIST

Joe Wilkerson-health
 Al Haskell - kidney problems.
 Marty Stearns- health
 Betty Crewse—health
 Cindy Dobbs-health
 Dan Goddard-serious health issues
 Joan’s brother Hurley and Opal, sister Christena
 Apostolico in Ohio—health problems, Donna
 Chere’— Pryia Vannoy (daughter) and Adam Vannoy (son),
 Daniel Vannoy—health
 Bill Alldaffer—Edith Taylor- Bill’s mother, Cody Cantrell-coma,
 Tim Asbury—Medical Rehab
 Rachel Hall—health problems
 Cindy Atkinson—health. (knee), Cindy’s friends-Ireland
 Family, Wayne Hamilton, Kathy, 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
 Sue Lusk—Jeannie’s cousin in rehab.
 Ana Psychar—Angela’s sister

SERMONS

AM: Ten Lies We Tell Ourselves

PM: A God Who Delights In Mercy

Food closet: Canned Meats

Ladies Bible Class: July 9, 2019 10:00 am

“I Didn't Want To Offend Them”

“Then came His disciples, and said unto Him, 'Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?'" (Matthew 15:12)

It seems that more and more people are getting offended by more and more things today. News story after news story tells how one group of people are offended by the words or actions of another group of people and are demanding an apology. It has gotten so bad that people are abstaining from saying and doing certain things, just so they don't offend others.

Sadly, this kind of mentality has started to seep into the church. Some are afraid of speaking what the Bible clearly teaches, because they are afraid they might offend someone. That fear of offending others keeps them silent about many important issues, which will cost someone their soul. They believe they can still declare “...all the counsel of God...” (Acts 20:27) and not offend a single person.

The truth is we will offend people when we speak the truth. In the verse above, Jesus offended the Pharisees by exposing their hypocrisy.

Did Jesus go after the Pharisees and apologize for offending them?

Did Jesus promise never to offend them again? No.

He told His apostles, “Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.” (Matthew 15:14). They had made their choice not to follow Him, but to follow their own ways. Jesus knew they needed the truth. He wasn't going to stop preaching about certain things in order to not offend them. He was going to preach the truth, and if it offended them, then it offended them. His concern was for their souls, not their feelings.

The same cannot be said for some today. For some, feelings are more important than souls. They will not mention the truth about homosexuality, marriage/divorce/remarriage, denominations, etc..., because it will offend people, even though their souls are lost. To many, it's more loving to avoid those topics and keep people happy than to teach what the Bible says and risk offending them. Their goal isn't that the complete truth is preached, but that people aren't offended.

We should never intentionally offend people. The Bible tells us that what we say should always be “...with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man..” (Colossians 4:6). However, we should never intentionally avoid something in the Bible in order to not offend people. We must speak all of the truth to everyone, realizing that it will offend some. Our concern should be the same as Christ's – for their soul, not their feelings.

By Philip Steele

Joanne Howe From Nun to Priest

The story of Joanne Howe is truly amazing to those of us who love and appreciate New Testament Christianity. I can remember before I ever attended preaching school, which was over 25 years ago, being familiar with sister Howe and her book, *A Change of Habit: The Autobiography of a Former Catholic Nun*. This remarkable lady, because of her sincerity and honesty, left Catholicism and obeyed the simple gospel of Jesus Christ in 1972. Sister Howe grew up in a Catholic family and for 19 years served as a nun among the Sisters of St. Joseph in Baden, Pennsylvania. Having been steeped in Catholic doctrine from her childhood, once she became a New Testament Christian she served as a valuable instrument in the Lord's hand to lead other Catholics out of religious error. I met sister Howe just once in my life. It was in Pottsville, Pennsylvania in 1996 when 3 gospel preachers met 3 Catholic priests in debate. Sister Howe was not only present for the debate, but also set up her own display booth which provided information concerning her conversion and other material that exposed Catholic doctrine. It was a joy to share a meal with her one day and listen to her tell her story. She was highly intelligent and also very witty. She also made an impression upon me when she stated her primary goal in life was personal holiness. In addition to her biography, she wrote, *From Nun to Priest*, based upon the biblical teaching that every Christian is a priest before God (1 Pet. 2:5; Rev. 1:6). Sister Joanne Howe passed from this life February 4, 2016 at the age of 80. Even though she has

now gone on to her reward it is my prayer that through her writings, through her many ladies days she held across the country, and through the many she taught in personal Bible studies, her message will still resonate with those seeking the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 2:10).

Barry Grider, The Forest Hill News, March 15, 2016

Ladies Day

July 20, 2019 10:00 am — 2:00 pm

Rachel Dugger



Ladies only—join the singing, Bible Study and lunch. Rachel is from Shady Valley Tennessee. Educator and wonderful teacher. She will deliver two lessons.

See Jeannie Haskell for details. 810-750-3438

Come for a wonderful time of fellowship!

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SUNDAY 7/7/2019

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Al Haskell

Song Leader: Marty Stearns

Opening Prayer: Al Haskell

Lord's Supper: Lead: Michael Golwitzer

Assist: Bill Alldaffer, Al Haskell

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns

Bible Class:

Song Lead: Bill Alldaffer

Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

Opening Prayer: Michael Golwitzer

Evening Worship:

Announcements: Marty Stearns

Song Leader: Al Haskell

Opening Prayer: Al Haskell

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Lord's Supper: Marty Stearns

Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns

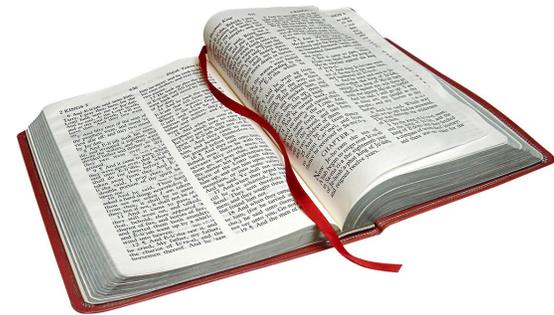
WEDNESDAY 7/10/2019

Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer

Opening Prayer: Al Haskell

Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns



Galatians 1:10 "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."