

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

August 18, 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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PRAYER LIST

Joe Wilkerson-health
 Al Haskell - kidney problems.
 Marty Stearns- health
 Betty Crewse—health
 Cindy Dobbs-health
 Gracie Clark—health
 Dan Goddard-serious health issues
 Wayne Timmons-took a fall
 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,
 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 and Lauren Weidner-grand-daughter
 Ana Pyschar—Angela’s sister
 Joyce Harrison—colon caner—Betty’s cousin
 Marie Hall—Cindy’s sister in Genesis Hosp.—with blood clots
 Joyce Artibee—had operation Tuesday and now recovering

SERMONS

AM: Why Can’t They See It? Matthew 13:1-17

PM: The Four Biggest Fools In The Bible Luke 12:13-21

Food closet: Paper Products

Ladies Bible Class Tuesday Aug 27th (10 am)

What Does the Bible Say?

Through the Bible we know that all of mankind has sinned (Romans 3:23). A person must accept the reality of sin and must know that sin separates him from God (Isaiah 59:2). Secondly, the Bible tells us that God has provided a remedy for sins (John 3:16). Christ lived a sinless life (Hebrews 4:15) and suffered a cruel death on the cross where He sacrificed Himself for our sins (Hebrews 9:26). This sacrifice and the obedience produced by our faith in God's Word make it possible for us to be prepared for eternal life (James 2:24, 26). Thirdly, the Bible provides in its pages God's plan, or pattern, for our reconciliation to Him. God's desire is that we comply with His requirements so that our sins might be washed away (I Timothy 2:4). Notice the word "requirements." God does require something from us.

What Must I Do?

What exactly is required from each person in his preparation for eternal life? God in His Word clearly states that a person must hear the gospel message in order to be prepared for eternity (Romans 10:14-17). This requirement clearly shows that our preparation includes the acquisition of knowledge. Therefore, we must be actively involved in acquiring this knowledge (II Timothy 2:15), and those who possess this knowledge must be actively spreading it to others (Matthew 28:18-20). Upon hearing the gospel we must believe what God says (Hebrews 11:6). This is not a belief in part of God's Word, but rather a belief in the entirety of His will for man. We can not choose those parts which are appealing to us and set the other parts aside. As the Apostle Paul told the Ephesian Elders, "...I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27, ASV). The Bible contains warnings about adding to or taking away from its teachings (Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 22:18-19).

When we believe God's Word we must turn from our old life of sin. God will not take us "as we are" as some might teach, but rather requires us to determine to make those changes in our lives that will bring us into conformance to His Will (Luke 13:3). These changes may be difficult, but with the goal of eternal life in mind and with God's help, we can begin to make the necessary steps in our lives to be pleasing to God (Phillipians 3:13-14; 4:13).

Preparation for eternal life requires that we publicly confess that Jesus is the Son of God (Romans 10:9). We cannot be ashamed of Christ or His Gospel and be pleasing to Him (Romans 1:16; Matthew 10:32-33).

After we have done all of these things, we must be immersed in water to wash our sins away. Some teach that this is not necessary, but the Bible clearly states that it is very necessary (I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:1-6). When we hear the Gospel and obey it from the heart, God has promised that He will add us to the one church which belongs to Christ (Acts 2:47).

There is only one church to which we can belong and be a Christian. God's Word says that there is one body (Ephesians 4:4-5), and that one body is identified as the church (Colossians 1:18). Further, we see that Christ is its head and that the church, or the body, belongs to Him (Matthew 16:16-18). We must all be aware that a manmade organization claiming to be a church cannot save. The saved are in Christ's church, or the Body (Ephesians 1:3), and they are the only ones which can enjoy the spiritual blessings which are found only in Him.
One Must Continue to Live the Christian Life.

Becoming a Christian does not, however, complete our preparation for eternal life. God's plan requires that we, as His people, live according to His standard. That standard involves abstinence from sin (I Thessalonians 5:22). The Christian is called to a higher standard of life, one that glorifies God and leads to eternal life (Galatians 5:22-24).

This higher standard involves remaining in the Way. We, as Christians, are commanded to be faithful unto death in order to receive the eternal reward we are seeking (Revelation 2:10).

This encompasses living a faithful Christian life until we die. It also encompasses living faithfully even if it costs us our earthly life. Not only must we remain in the Way, but we must grow (II Peter 3:17-18), and we must teach others to be pleasing to God (Mark 16:15-16).

Are You Prepared?

Do you now know that this life is more than the accumulation of material goods, seeking pleasure, and growing old? If you have come to this conclusion, have you done those things which God's Word tells us are required for us to be prepared for eternal life? If not, please do not delay. The Bible tells us that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night (I Thessalonians 5:1-2). If judgment day comes, or if we die before we act, it will simply be too late. We will be unprepared and lost.

Can We Know... The Preparation For Eternal Life?

by Larry Growns

A WORD FITLY SPOKEN

The first to apologize is the bravest.

The first to forgive is the strongest.

The first to forget is the happiest.

“The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those that speak it.”—George Orwell

COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world. If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world. If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than seventy-five percent of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top eight percent of the world's wealthy. If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, especially in the United States. If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not. If you can read this message you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.

Glad Tidings of Good Things (April 5, 2018)

SUNDAY 8/18/2019

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Michael Golwitzer
Song Leader: Marty Stearns
Opening Prayer: Al Haskell
Lord's Supper: Lead: Al Haskell
Assist: Bill Alldaffer, Marty Stearns
Preaching: Michael Golwitzer
Closing Prayer: Marty Stearns

Bible Class:

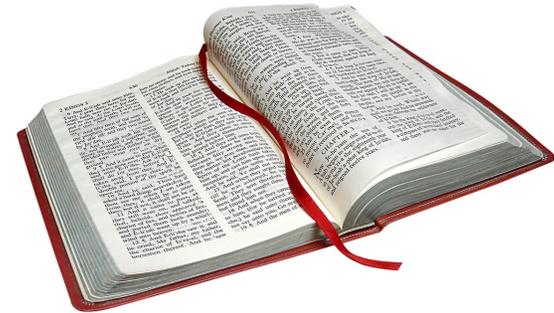
Song Lead: Bill Alldaffer
Teacher: Michael Golwitzer
Opening Prayer: Michael Golwitzer

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 8/21/2019

Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer
Opening Prayer: Marty Stearns
Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer
Closing Prayer: Al Haskell



2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.