

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



Ephesians 2:19-22

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

**August 4, 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  
 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,  
 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. Had another stroke  
 Ana Psychar—Angela’s sister  
 Joyce Harrison—colon caner.

## SERMONS

**AM: God’s Carpenters**

**PM: Our Duty To Others**

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**Food closet: Canned Meat**

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**Ladies Day: August 13 and 27, 2019 10:00 am**

## **Feelings Follow Facts**

**Humans are emotional creatures. We love and hate. We hope and hurt. We dread and rejoice. We cry when we are sad, as well as when we are happy. We shout when we are angry, and we shout when we are thrilled. I have one son who not only smiles when he is happy, he even smiles (seemingly uncontrollably) when he is in trouble (which I have yet to understand). The roller coaster of emotions that occasionally overcomes us can wear us out one day and energize us the next. Like any human, Christians are emotional people. We are emotional because we are human, but we also are stirred with emotions because we are servants of Jesus Christ.**

**Christians are called to be spiritual people (Galatians 6:1). We are “partakers of... spiritual things” (Romans 15:27). We are to “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). We must “worship the Father in spirit” (John 4:23-24). We are building a**

**“spiritual house...to offer up spiritual sacrifices” (1 Peter 2:5). Such spirituality leads us to feel an array of emotions: reverence for the Creator, compassion for the lost, hatred of evil, anticipation of the Lord’s return, etc. Sadly, however, many who call themselves followers of Christ think of Christianity simply as a “feel-good religion.” The mindset among many is, “Feelings first, knowledge later” (if ever). Like the prophets of Baal, they cry out with great emotion and leap around in hysteria (1 Kings 18:20-40). Like the Pharisees, they pray and do charitable deeds to be seen of men (Matthew 6:1-8). Like Cain, they make unacceptable offerings, rather than sacrifices “by faith” (Genesis 4:4-5; Hebrews 11:4; cf. Romans 10:17). The cornerstone of Christianity for such people is emotion rather than Christ (Ephesians 2:20), feelings rather than facts. They think they can be “spiritual” without knowing the Spirit-revealed Truth (John 16:13).**

**If Scripture teaches anything, it teaches that a faithful Christian's feelings follow the digestion of biblical facts. Unlike Israel who had "a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge" (Romans 10:2), our enthusiasm for the Lord is to be rooted in the knowledge of God's Word. Prior to becoming Christians, our hearts can be properly "pricked" only after we have heard the Gospel (Acts 2:14-37). We can be saved after we have "come to the knowledge of the Truth" (1 Timothy 2:4) and "receive with meekness the implanted word" (James 1:21). We can be cleansed and comforted after "taking heed" according to God's Word (Psalm 119:9,50-52). We can go on our way rejoicing after receiving the Word (Acts 8:26-39). We can praise God "with uprightness of heart" after learning God's righteous judgments (Psalm 119:7). We can worship in spirit after learning the truth**

**(John 4:24; 17:17). We can be spiritual after taking hold of "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17) and learning "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16-6:1).**

**Are we to worship God fervently? Certainly. Are we to be "zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14)? Definitely. Should the soul-saving message of Jesus Christ stir our souls intensely? Indeed. But, Christianity has never been rooted in raw human emotions. Spirituality is not equivalent to excitement. Faith is not a mere feeling. Christianity is grounded in God's Word. Our salvation, spirituality, worship, work, and overall faithfulness to God are dependent on knowing God's will. Remember, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).**

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## **SUNDAY 8/4/2019**

### **Morning Worship:**

Announcements: Al Haskell

Song Leader: Marty Stearns

Opening Prayer: Marty Stearns

Lord's Supper: Lead: Al Haskell

Assist: Bill Alldaffer, Michael Golwitzer

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Closing Prayer: Al Haskell

### **Bible Class:**

Song Lead: Bill Alldaffer

Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

Opening Prayer: Al Haskell

### **Evening Worship:**

Announcements: Marty Stearns

Song Leader: Al Haskell

Opening Prayer: Al Haskell

Preaching: Michael Golwitzer

Lord's Supper: Marty Stearns

Closing Prayer: Michael Golwitzer

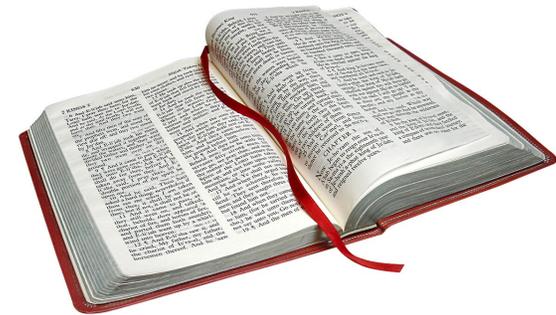
## **WEDNESDAY 8/7/2019**

Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer

Opening Prayer: Marty Stearns

Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer

Closing Prayer: Al Haskell



**Philippians 1:27 “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel”**