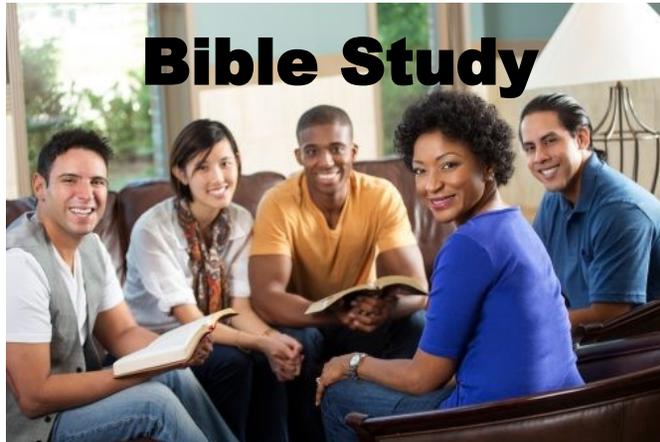


“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



CHURCH OF CHRIST
of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

November 10, 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

PRAYER LIST

Joe Wilkerson-health
Al Haskell - kidneys
Marty Stearns- had a successful surgery.
Dan Goddard-serious health issues
Wayne Timmons-health-remains weak
Joan's brother Hurley and Opal, sister Christena
Apostolico in Ohio—health problems, and Donna
Chere'— Pryia and Adam 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,
Charles Brewer—brother in Geneses Hospital out ICU,
Marie Hall—health
Betty requests prayers for Earlene Currier-health-Betty's
Aunt, Betty's daughters: Donna, Carrie, Susan Wills,
Debra and Lauren Weidner-grand-daughter
Joyce Harrison—Betty's cousin
Joyce Artibee—health—Jeannie's sister
Caitlyn Parks-Meade—family ask for cards of
encouragement be sent. Making improvement.
Stebbins family—Garrison—sick
Allen Gregory—recovering from heart attack
Todd and Wendy—mother's health

Food closet: Canned Vegetables

Ladies Bible Class November 12th and 26th (10 am)

SERMONS

AM: If Tomorrow Never Comes

PM: Jesus Closed the Book

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). ...Christianity has never been rooted in raw human emotions. ...Remember, “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).

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