

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



Luke 22:19-20 “give thanks”

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

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November 24, 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

Cindy Dobbs—health issues
Austin and Grace Clark—health
Joe Wilkerson-health
Al Haskell - kidneys
Marty Stearns– good checkup for heart now waiting on kidney doctor
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 health and Adam Vannoy.
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—physical therapy at home, 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
Garrison—waiting on ultrasound results
Wendy’s Mom—health

Mark 11:17 “And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves”

Food closet: Canned Meats

Ladies Bible Class for November canceled

SERMON

AM: The Benefits of a Small Church

PM: Living The Focused Life

Our Court-Appointed Attorney

He Is the Propitiation for Our Sins.

Jesus mediates, presenting His atonement for us. Lawyers in court frequently deny allegations brought against their clients. If they admit the charge, then they try to justify it. They plea ignorance, accident, or self-defense. Christ does not enter a plea of innocence for sinners. He does not appeal to justice. He never reflects negatively on the law or the Lawgiver. He offers no excuse.

So, what does Jesus do? He openly acknowledges His client's sin without giving mitigating circumstances. He commends the law, admits the court's claims against His law-breaker, and confesses the accused's guilt.

Yet He still obtains a discharge from the bar for the client. How? He pleads that the penalty has been pre-paid. He has already paid the price for this sin—every sin—at Calvary. God set Him forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood (Romans 3:25). On the cross, God saw Jesus' soul's travail and was satisfied. There, Jesus bore our iniquities. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep

have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:5-6). "He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:11-12). "With His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption" (Hebrews 9:12-14).

Jesus is uniquely qualified. Christ's propitiatory sacrifice was . . .

- * necessary. God loved His Son too much to make Him suffer unnecessarily.
- * vicarious. He took our place, the just for the unjust.
- * sufficient. Therefore it is final (Hebrews 10:18).

With Christ as the propitiation for sin, the law is upheld, the sin punished, God's love is satisfied, and the sinner set free. God's wisdom thus deciphered an amazing solution to the problem man created. Christ is the

- * selected victim,
- * sacrifice offered,
- * sacrificing priest (Hebrews 2:17),
- * altar on which the sacrifice was offered, and
- * propitiation made for sin.

Propitiation was predicted in prophecy (Isaiah 53:6) and taught by the apostles (Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 4:10). Propitiation was prefigured in all the sacrifices of the Levitical system, but especially in the scapegoat ceremony when Aaron laid both hands "on the head of the live goat," and confessed over him "all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins,

putting them on the head of the goat,” and sent “it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man” (Leviticus 16:21).

Sins cry out for vengeance, but Christ’s blood cries louder for mercy. It speaks louder than Abel’s blood (Hebrews 12:24) that refused to be covered. Propitiation turns away wrath. Propitiation has no meaning unless God’s wrath is real. The anger of a dishonored Deity may be fierce, but the heart of a Father is never drained of love for His children. In this contest, the latter wins.

“Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us” (Romans 8:33-34).

And also for the Sins of the Whole World. Does man really require an advocate? Many today think they can go to heaven by their own way. There is no other way to go to Heaven except through the mediation of Jesus (John 14:6).

God is unapproachable. He “alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see” (1 Timothy 6:16). His perfect nature cannot be approached by sinful humanity.

It is commonly said in law courts that “he who appears as his own advocate has a fool for his client.” Yet this is the office which those who reject Christ try to fill for themselves. He who is arraigned at God’s bar is altogether unfit to plead his own case. He is mostly ignorant of

- * God’s law,
- * his own sin,
- * the ruin which sin brings, and
- * the holiness and justice of God.

Jesus Christ knows all of these things. He only can serve as mediator for obedient souls (Romans 6:17; Hebrews 5:9; Revelation 2:10). Paul wrote, “You who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Remember, Jesus is not our Mediator, Intercessor, or Advocate if we do not believe He is God’s Son, have not repented of sins, and have not been immersed in water for forgiveness (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). Jesus is not our Mediator, Intercessor, and Advocate if we are unfaithful Christians (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9). Unbelievers have no advocate; unfaithful ones have forsaken theirs. God’s court-appointed Advocate can be rejected. Propitiation does not save, but it makes it possible.

More personally, have you retained Him? By your own consent, have you made Him your Advocate? The fee He requires is your heart.

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SUNDAY 11/24/2019

Morning Worship:

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

Bible Class:

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

Evening Worship:

Announcements: Al Haskell
Song Leader: Marty Stearns
Opening Prayer: Al Haskell
Preaching: Michael Golwitzer
Lord's Supper: Marty Stearns
Closing Prayer: Todd Penoyer

WEDNESDAY 11/27/2019

Song Leader: Bill Alldaffer
Opening Prayer: Todd Penoyer
Bible Teacher: Michael Golwitzer
Closing Prayer: Al Haskell

In Everything Give Thanks

On November 24, Americans will once again celebrate a national day of thanksgiving. It is a day set aside to give thanks unto God for our great heritage and the many blessings He bestows upon us. For many, Thanksgiving is simply a day off from work. It is a time to overeat, enjoy parades and ball games, and visit friends and relatives. However, for the child of God, every day is truly Thanksgiving Day. Paul admonished, In everything give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18). For what does the child of God give thanks?

Give thanks for God's goodness and mercy (1 Chronicles 16:34).
Give thanks for God's holiness (Psalm 30:4).
Give thanks for God's creation (Psalm 75:1).
Give thanks for God's deeds (Psalm 105:1).
Give thanks for God's righteous judgment (Psalm 119:62).
Give thanks for our food (Matthew 15:36).
Give thanks for the body and blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28).
Give thanks for the victory found in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57).
Give thanks for the care and compassion of others (2 Corinthians 8:16).
Give thanks for God's unspeakable gift – Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 9:15).
Give thanks for our brethren (Ephesians 1:16).
Give thanks for all things (Ephesians 5:20).
Give thanks for the church (Colossians 1:12-13).
Give thanks for all men (1 Timothy 2:1).
Give thanks for civil authorities (1 Timothy 2:2).
Give thanks for the hope of heaven (Revelation 11:16-17).

Surely we can think of countless other blessings for which we should give thanks. These are just a few of those mentioned in the Holy Scriptures. As His children, let us begin today thanking God for His many favors.– Barry M. Grider