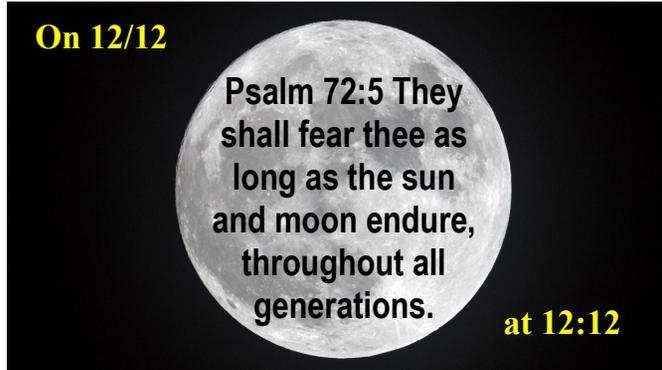


“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

December 15, 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.
Gracie and Austin Clark—health.
Dan Goddard-serious health issues
Cindy Dobbs—health
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—health, 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.
Todd and Wendy—mother's health

Food closet: Canned Goods

Ladies Bible Class for December—Canceled

SERMONS

AM: THE MAGNIFICENT CHRIST HIS ATTRIBUTES

PM: I AM RESOLVED!

What Did You Expect?

In contrasting the God of Israel with the pagan idols of old, the prophet Isaiah issued a challenge to those who believed in the potency of their pagan deities. Isaiah said this about the idols: “Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them.... Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods” (41:22-23). According to Isaiah, any deity that could consistently forecast the future would be recognized as a true God, while any unable to tell the future should be relegated to the rubbish pile of false religions. In order to prove that the God of Israel was the true God, Isaiah quoted this from the mouth of God: “I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done” (46:9-10). Truly, Isaiah’s God could tell the future. The fall of Babylon, the reign of Cyrus, and the coming Messiah are but a few of the more prominent examples found within the book of Isaiah itself. In fact, the writers of the New Testament quoted the book of Isaiah more often than any other book of the Old Testament. The first-century Jewish community respected the book of Isaiah as inspired and infallible.

\$86,000

I had a crazy uncle. He was rich. I liked him a lot. He was rather odd, but still I thought he was great. He had some unusual ideas. As president of a big bank, he could attend to his business anytime he wanted, so we often took hikes in the woods and picnics in the park; I was fascinated with his stories.

One day he got carried away. He had opened an account for me in his bank. It was all mine. Yet there was a strange condition. Every morning when the bank opened, he would deposit \$86,000 to my personal account. Every evening when the bank closed, he removed the money I had not used.

“Wow!” I thought, “This is great.”

Use it or lose it. How would I use all that money every day? He explained that he was not talking about dollars. We all have a bank that allots 86,000 seconds a day. At night, whatever is unused is marked off as lost. It cannot be recalled. It is lost forever. Time carries no balance. While yesterday is a canceled check, and tomorrow is but a promissory note, today is cash to spend. When you fail to use the day’s deposit, the loss is yours alone. You must live on today’s deposit. Killing time is slow suicide. Ben Franklin said, “Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.” When you arise each morning, jump up and shout, “I’m rich again.” When in the classroom, study. Use each moment to enrich the mind. When in competition, use moments to help the team win. When helping others (Galatians 6:10), think of the joy of serving and the beauty of hands that work.

Today is the tomorrow that you worried about yesterday. We are all rich—we just don’t always know it.

“Redeeming the time” (Ephesians 5:16).

Yet, the majority of first century Jews missed one of the main points of the book—that the coming Messiah would be not only a conquering king, but also a suffering servant.

Much of the time, people find what they want to find. During the time that Isaiah wrote his prophecy, the children of Israel suffered persecution from the surrounding nations. Years after Isaiah wrote, the nation of Israel fell into even greater troubles, even being led away into captivity by the Babylonians and being scattered throughout many different nations. During their various persecutions, they began to formulate a picture of the promised Messiah. The Coming One was He of whom it was spoken: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (Isaiah 9:6-7). From this prophecy, what else could one expect but a mighty, conquering Savior Who would carry the burden of the government on His own two shoulders; a sovereign Ruler the likes of David, Who would sit on the throne of a united, far-reaching kingdom? How Israel longed for such a Ruler Who would cast the burden of foreign bondage from their backs and lead them into a physical kingdom, victorious and everlasting!

However, Isaiah did not paint a one-sided picture of the Messiah. In fact, the entire chapter of Isaiah 53 details a suffering servant who would be “despised and rejected by men,

a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.” This suffering Messiah would be oppressed, afflicted, bruised, and stricken. At His death He would be counted among the wicked, led as a lamb to the slaughter. This picture of the Messiah was not of a conquering warrior, but rather of a beaten servant, carrying the sins of the world.

Of course, the pictures painted by the prophets were not mutually exclusive. The conquering power of the Messiah would result from His ability to bear the sins of the world through suffering and shame. But for most of the first-century Jews, a suffering Messiah was too much to bear. When Christ came from the despised Nazareth as a lowly carpenter’s son, He just wasn’t what they expected. They taunted Him to prove His power when they said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him” (Matthew 27:42). They failed to recognize the “time of their visitation” because they kept in mind only the prophecies that they liked—only those pictures that suited their fancy.

Let us learn a valuable lesson from those first-century Jews. What we expect from Christ is not always what we find. Christ’s Gospel was not one of health and wealth on this Earth. It was not one of moral laxity, or a half-hearted call to devotion. The Christ of the New Testament turned over moneychangers’ tables, set fathers against sons, cried out against divorce, and demanded undivided adoration. When we see something in the character of Christ that we did not expect to find, let us not join the majority of first-century Judaism in rejecting Christ and His Word based on a one-sided acceptance of the evidence. Instead, let us probe deeper for the full portrait of our Savior, based on all the evidence. Let us have the courage to go where that evidence takes us so that we can join the apostle Andrew in saying, “We have found the Messiah” (John 1:41).

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SUNDAY 11/17/2019

Morning Worship:

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

Bible Class:

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

Evening Worship:

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

WEDNESDAY 11/20/2019

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

