

“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



January 1, 2020—Wednesday

Meet early for dinner (3:30)

with Bible Study to follow. (6:00)

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

**December 29, 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](http://www.coc-gc.org)

## PRAYER LIST

Joe Wilkerson-health  
Al Haskell - kidneys  
Jeannie Haskell - cold  
Marty and Joyce Stearns— Florida  
Gracie and Austin Clark—health.  
Dan Goddard-serious health issues  
Cindy Dobbs—health  
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—out of hospital and home now  
Todd and Wendy—mother’s health

Opportunities of a new year and Lord willing valuable  
souls saved for Jesus Christ.

## Food closet: Pasta and Rice

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Ladies Bible Class January 14 and 28, 2020 (10 am)

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### SERMONS

AM: Paul, Under Indictment

PM: Looking At The Thorns

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## It Is No Laughing Matter

This is a phrase used by people who try to impress upon us the fact that some things are to be taken seriously. Oh yes, we have the Johnny Carsons who make a joke of drinking and divorce. To them, it is just a laughing matter. There are still the echoes of those who would call evil good (Isa. 5:20). Let us be aware that this thing called sin is no laughing matter. Solomon said, "fools mock at sin" (Prov. 14:9). That means they were laughing about it in his day also.

### I. ITS CLASSIFICATION

How is sin seen by men? Isn't it called small or large? But that would depend upon man's judgment. It is said to be something done only once so therefore men think it is not very serious. Or, men often compare one sin with another and, in so doing, dilute the danger of sin. How is sin seen by God? It is seen as transgression (I John 3:4). This means one has gone out of bounds. It is called unrighteousness (I John 5:17). This means it is without righteousness.

### II. ITS CHARACTER

One can see its character by seeing what it will do. Sin will delude the sinner, for there is a deceptive aspect to it (Heb. 3:13). Wasn't that true in Eden? Wasn't this what Paul feared for those in Corinth (II Cor. 11:3)? Not only will sin deceive, it will also dull one's sensibilities. One can become hardened by sin. Yes, in fact, a person can reach the point where he or she is past feeling (Eph. 4:18). Look at the unfeeling crowd that put the Son of God to death. Sin has a way of demanding things of us. It will make a slave of you and me. Isn't that what Paul had in mind (Rom. 6:12)? Herein he says, "let not sin reign in your mortal body." If we allow sin to reign, it will demand more and more of us until we are its complete slave. This is easily seen in the habits that control so many.

### III. ITS COST

You can believe there is a price to pay for sinning. There is a payday coming (Rom. 6:23). What will it cost? What will it take from you? It will take away innocence. There was a time that Adam and Even were innocent before God. However, sin took that away and replaced it with guilt. It will also take one's inheritance. Listen to Paul, For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God (Eph. 5:5). Sin would, in this case, forfeit what one could have otherwise. Think of Esau. Wasn't that true in his case? Sin will take away one's good influence. Lot would surely learn this lesson the hard way in the city of Sodom. Yes, there is a price to pay, and it will cost us more than we really wanted to pay in lost innocence, lost inheritance, and lost influence. It shouldn't be hard to see that sin is really "no laughing matter."

It Is No Laughing Matter by Winfred Clark

## **Korean House to House / Heart to Heart (HTH)**

It is great to hear the progress of the brethren to have an HTH publication in the Korean Language. The men of the congregation decided to get involved in this evangelistic effort and the congregation supported the effort—only God knows how much good can come from this work. We are commanded Mark 16:15 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” We do this through our website and now HTH. Below is a statement by Brother Chung that indicates the interest and progress of the work”

*“As for the HTH Korean, it was marvelous. As of Dec. 26th KST, I have received the order of 4,750 copies from five congregations, even though we are still under the process of design checking. Korean brothers have told me they are willing to pay for the cost I have spent for the initial issue design. They are also ready to pay for the translation and design works for the Korean issue #2 (2019-10 issue). Bro. Shin is our translator for the next issue, any my daughter Christine is the part-time designer.” Myungsup Chung*

Many challenges presented in this translation of HTH into Korean. The latest challenge has been the size

of the Korean letters. To make the letters larger it means re-writing the articles that fit nicely in the English HTH. The brethren in Korea are working on the problem. The rules on mailing publications in Korea are different than the US. Those problems are being resolved and an exception has been requested from the post office of Korea. Exception is to allow content on the last page that has the address and return address. In the US it's half a page in Korea they require the entire page. Have addresses only and no content. As you can see from brother Myungsup Chung's comment we are overcoming the challenges and soon Korean speaking people around the world will have House to House / Heart to Heart. A note to Matt Wallin of HTH, from brother Chung, said:

*“When an English text is translated into Korean language in an honorific form, the amount is increased naturally. Plus, many Korean brothers now expect shorter articles with the same content with the English HTH. I know this is an uncommon request for a Korean edition of an English magazine, and I'm aware of the fact that what I have mentioned in this mail can be very rude suggestions. But, would you just let me know if this approach is possible? If it's against your policy, we can move on to the next step of proofreading, checking the best solution for page 8.” Myungsup Chung*

Thank you for deciding to help with this work, continue to pray that precious souls may be saved. Listen to Paul as he says, *“Finally, brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with You”* (II Thess. 3:1).

## SUNDAY 12/29/2019

### Morning Worship:

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

### Bible Class:

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

### Evening Worship:

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

## WEDNESDAY 1/5/2030

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

