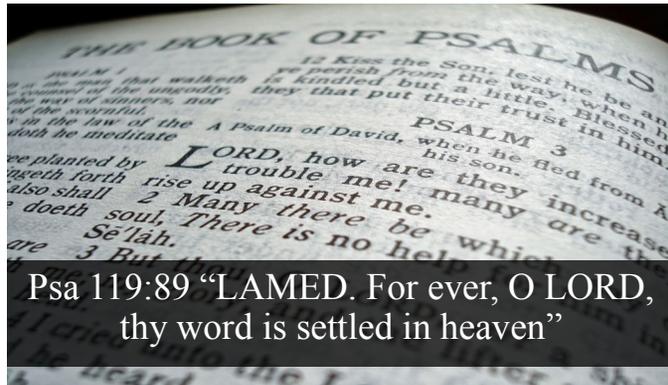


“...strengthen thy brethren”

Luke 22:32



CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

December 8, 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— health
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
Wendy’s Mom—health
Joyce Artibee—knee replacement

Philippians 4:6 “Be careful for nothing; but in every
thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known unto God.”

Food closet: Paper Products

Ladies Bible Class December 10, 2019
(the 24th is cancelled due to holiday)

SERMON

AM: Thy Word Is Settled In Heaven

PM: First Love Lost

God's Love as Seen in the Old Testament

One of the most common attributes that people know about God is His love. The love of God is a wonderful topic and the Bible tells us that God is love (1 John 4:8). God shows His love in many different ways and it makes for an interesting study to look at the love of God. So, the question then becomes where to look for the love of God, I suggest looking at the beginning.

In the very first book of the Bible (the book of Genesis) and in the very first chapter one can read about the creation account. One can read Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." This lets us know that God created everything that you and I see. If one were to continue reading here in Genesis, they would see that God spoke these things into existence. He made things such as the sun, moon, stars, trees, seas, rivers, animals; and on the 6th day of creation God made man. Now man is different than all of the other things God created because man has a soul (Genesis 1:26-27). Man also has the ability choose, or free will. One can see the idea of free will

and choice when Joshua told the children of Israel that they needed to choose "And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15). So, where do we see the love of God in this situation? To truly see it one must understand some things about God and man. One, God knows everything (1 John 3:20). Two, man sinned and required a perfect sacrifice to be with God (Hebrews 10:1-18). Three, that perfect sacrifice had to be the Lamb of God the Lamb without spot or blemish (John 3:16-17). The love of God is seen in the fact that God knew man would sin and the death of His only begotten Son was the only thing that could reconcile man back to God. Knowing all this God still created you and I. That is true love "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). Keep this fact in mind the next time you read the creation account in Genesis 1.

The next place to consider the love of God comes from the period of the Judges. This time period of the children of Israel can be summed up by one verse "When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel." (Judges 2:10). The Lord would do something great for the people and save them then the people would forget Him and His works. When the people did this, they would find themselves in trouble in sometime of captivity. Despite all this and the amount of times this happened God showed His love by saving the people.

One can also see the love of God displayed during the time of the prophets. This might be a time when some would say that the love of God was absent. During this time the message of the prophets was simply repent or perish. Most of the prophets would prophecy about the destruction that would come to the people if things did not change but God loved the people and was willing to stop the destruction if the people would repent. Notice what was recorded by the prophet Jonah “So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. (Jonah 3:5,10).

It is important to remember that the love of God is clearly seen in the Old Testament toward man. However, it is important to remember that just because God loves man doesn't mean He won't punish man. By Zachary Hall

An Unwanted Mansion

The state of Idaho has discovered that it is easier to take a mansion than it is to give it back, reports John Miller.

The hilltop mansion was built by J. R. Simplot, potato magnate who became a billionaire by building a corporation that supplied McDonald's with

its golden French fries. Simplot, who died in 2008 at age 99, gave the mansion to the state of Idaho in 2004. The mansion was given to the state to serve as a residence for the governor of Idaho. But the current governor doesn't want to live in it.

The majority of people recommended returning it to the Simplot family, but the family doesn't want it.

Meanwhile, the state of Idaho is spending thousands of dollars to maintain the empty mansion. Imagine—an unwanted mansion!

There is a “mansion” that is infinitely better than the Simplot mansion, one that everyone should want to inherit, not only because of its beauty but also because of the One who has made it possible for each of us to inherit it.

Jesus Christ, God's Son, once comforted His troubled disciples with these words: “In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2).

Do you want your mansion? —David Sargeant

SUNDAY 12/1/2019

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: Al Haskell

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 12/4/2019

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

