

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

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.

January 12, 2020



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PRAYER LIST

Joe Wilkerson—health
Al Haskell - kidneys
Marty Stearns— had a successful surgery.
Gracie and Austin Clark—health.
Dan Goddard—passed away—funeral will be next Saturday
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—brother, 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

Food closet: Paper Products

Ladies Bible Class for January 14 and 28 (10 am)

SERMONS

AM: When the Son of man shall come in his glory

PM: A God Who Delights In Mercy

When I Find Time

The most valuable commodity you'll ever have in this world is TIME.

It is a commodity of equal amounts: 168 hours each week. We waste time, and kill time; we say that time flies, we're short on time, I wish I had more time, it's time to go, take all the time you need, and we're running out of time. We even start a story with, "Once upon a time . . ."

Today, time is important. Why? Because time on this earth is running out. We are drawing closer to when time on earth will be no more. Are you ready? Paul was in Caesarea on trial when he encountered Felix and Drusilla. Their religious discussion was about one of the most important in scripture; they discussed judgment in relation to TIME (Acts 24:24-25). Felix was afraid, but he waited for a convenient time. Paul quoted Isaiah 49:8 when he wrote to the Corinthians; he wanted to give them a sense of urgency (2 Corinthians 6:2). God has an acceptable time for us to work with His grace. God has a day of salvation that will not last forever. Thus, the window of opportunity in regard to salvation will not always be open; it will one day close.

We must devote our time to the pursuit of righteousness. Paul addressed Felix and Drusilla about

the need for moral purity. We must pursue righteousness in our homes: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1) and in our hearts: "These will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:46). We will have righteousness in heaven: "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13).

We must dedicate our time to the practice of self-control. We practice self-control with our temper. Many people struggle with a quick or fiery temper. Although society often encourages people to express themselves and not hold back, God's Word teaches that giving in to one's temper is a sin (cf. James 1:19: swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger). We practice self-control with our tongue. Is there someone you know who seems to be religious but just can't keep his tongue under control? (cf. James 1:26). We practice self-control with our treasures (Matthew 6:19-21). Let us never forget that earthly treasure is temporary and fading, but heavenly treasure is secure.

We must determine the time necessary to prepare for judgment to come. Paul stresses eternal accountability before God. Judgment is coming and all will stand before the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:10). Notice Luke 16:19-31. The rich man learned many lessons after death, but it was too late. Felix responded two ways: first, he trembled; second, he postponed obeying the gospel. We can only hope that sometime in the future, Felix did find the time to do what was most important – obeying Jesus; however, on this occasion, he failed miserably. Let this never be said of us.

Felix neglected so many wonderful opportunities to be saved; he neglected them to remain lost. Let that never be said of us! Hebrews 2:3 asks, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" —Mark N. Posey

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Too Many to Count

One day Abraham Lincoln summoned to the White House a surgeon in the Army of the Cumberland from the state of Ohio. The major assumed that he was to be commended for some exceptional work.

During the conversation, Mr. Lincoln asked the major about his widowed mother. "She is doing fine," he responded.

"How do you know," asked Lincoln?

"You haven't written her. But she has written me. She thinks that you are dead, and she is asking that a special effort be made to return your body."

At that point, the Commander and Chief placed a pen in the young doctor's hand and ordered him to write a letter letting his mother know that he was alive and well.

Oh, the blessings that we take for granted. Oh, the wretchedness of ingratitude. It was Shakespeare who worded it more appropriately than ever we could. He wrote: "Blow, blow, thou winter wind./Thou art not so unkind/As man's ingratitude."

Thank God for His marvelous providence in granting manifold blessings to the ungrateful many! Try this simple math project: start counting your blessings one by one for just two days. You will be surprised what God is doing in your life. Are you ready to receive? Are you ready to count? If so, then be ready to rejoice.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things" (Psalm 103:1–5).

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God's Friend, Abraham
OBEYED and OVERCAME

We have no doubt about the fact of Abraham's friendship with God. This is a stated fact by James. And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God (James 2:23). So this is confirmed, and we would do well to see how such a person would conduct himself.

HE OBEYED

This is made known by the Hebrew writer, By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went (Heb. 11:8). But this fact is also noted again. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran (Gen. 12:4). These passages, with others that could be stated, will support the affirmation that God's friend did indeed obey. This good man would help us learn something of the nature of obedience and its importance. We need to learn this very vital lesson.

He obeyed promptly. You will note the record says, "when he was called to go out...he went out" (Heb. 11:8). One does not find any delay nor are there excuses given as to why he should not go. He had the command of God and that was reason enough to move with dispatch. He obeyed humbly. A person has to be impressed with the deep humility of this great and good man. His humility comes through time after time in the record of his life, but perhaps, at one point more than in others. You will remember his great prayer for Sodom. In this prayer Abraham will allow us to look into his heart and see his own estimate of himself before God. Note what he will have to say, And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes (Gen. 18:27). There is no arrogance or human pride. He obeyed trustfully. One will remember that he "went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11:8). He would truly "trust and obey." For him there would be no other way.

HE OVERCAME

We need not think this man's life was without problems. Yes, he followed the will of God into the land, but there were matters that would have to be overcome. **He overcame deficiencies.** One does not have to read very much of the record to see that God's friend had some serious deficiencies. These appear when he comes into the land of Canaan and a famine occurs in the land (Gen. 12:10). His response to such was not an evidence of his great faith for there is no evidence that he was told to leave the land. In spite of this fact he will go down to the land of Egypt. Such was not a journey by faith, but by human wisdom. **He overcame discord.** Both he and Lot would possess large herds. It is at this time strife and discord arose. But note what was done when strife arose between the herdsmen of the two men. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left (Gen. 13:8-9). They were not to see themselves as enemies. **He overcame dangers.** Genesis 14. When Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, and pursued them unto Dan. (Gen. 14:14-16). We can see that he really meant it when he said, "we be brethren." He shows that he is willing to put his life on the line. By Winfred Clark

God's Plan for Saving Man

Divine Love: John 3:16

God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9

Holy Spirit's Word: Romans 1:16

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16

Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37

Christian's Work: James 2:24

Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24

Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10