

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.

February 16, 2020



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PRAYER LIST

Joe Wilkerson-health
Al Haskell - kidneys
Marty Stearns
Gracie, Tracy and Austin Clark.
Cindy Dobbs—health
Joan's brother Hurley and Opal, sister Christena
Apostolico in Ohio—health problems, and Donna
Chere'— Pryia and Adam Vannoy
Bill Alldaffer—encouragement
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 in Geneses Hospital out ICU,
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—blood clots
Joyce Artibee—health—Jeannie's sister
Jeff Stevens—health
Yolanda Burnett-health

Food closet: Canned Fruits / Jello

SERMONS

AM: Help in Time of Need

PM: Understanding The Three Dispensations

We are grateful that you are spending time with us today!

Churches of Christ believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God (2 Tim. 3:16,17). Therefore, we insist upon Bible authority for everything we teach and practice (Col. 3:17).

We believe that we ought to teach what people in the first century were taught, believe what they were taught to believe, and do what they were taught to do.

We believe that we can be Christians only, just like they were then, nothing more and nothing less. We believe that we can be members of the church which Jesus built (Mt. 16:18) and for which He died (Acts 20:28), without being a member of any man-made institution.

We do not claim to be a perfect church, but we strive to be a church that is sound in doctrine, active in good works, and united in the bond of peace.

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If It's Just a Good Book, Then It's Not God's Book

Some time ago, I read an article by a college professor who stated that “the best thing that could happen to the New Testament has happened to it.... Within the University, at least, the Bible has become simply another ‘great book.’” Many in the world today consider the Bible to be a “good book” containing moral teachings written by noble men, yet reject the idea that the Bible was “given by inspiration of God” (2 Timothy 3:16). Many college professors today teach that the Bible simply is a “good book” that is no more inspired than Homer’s *Odyssey* or Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*. It is the mere result of natural genius characteristic of men of unusual ability.

Common sense, however, compels the honest person to reject such illogical notions. If the Bible is a “great book,” but not inspired of God, it makes either liars or lunatics of the biblical writers, who claimed the Holy Spirit as the ultimate source of their writings. The honest person surely will admit that the Bible—a book that has been studied and examined more than any other book in human history—definitely is not a product of insane men. Its unity, fulfilled prophecy, historical accuracy, and scientific foreknowledge testify to an intelligent source. Thus, the Bible was written either by the honest or the dishonest. Logically, no other choices exist.

Moses either lied or was truthful when he recorded: “And God spoke all these words, saying: ‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me’” (Exodus 20:1-3, emp. added). Moses claimed such inspiration literally hundreds of times. Was he a liar, or did he tell the truth? In the New Testament, Peter wrote that “prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21, emp. added). Did Peter tell the truth, or was he lying? This same question can be asked of all the writers of the Bible who claimed inspiration. To say that the Bible is simply a “great book” written by “good men” makes liars of the biblical writers who repeatedly claimed that God was the ultimate source of their documents (cf. 2 Samuel 23:2; Acts 1:16). The Bible is either a product of God or a product of liars. There are no other options. If these men were liars, then they “insanely” pronounced their own destruction, for they claimed that lying was wrong and that all impenitent liars would burn in hell (cf. Exodus 20:16; Colossians 3:9; Revelation 21:8). If these men were liars, it leaves as inexplicable the mystery of why modern man, with all his accumulated learning, has not been able to produce a comparable book to make the Bible obsolete. Finally, if these men were compulsive liars who filled an alleged historical work with thousands of lies, pray tell, why do so many unbelievers still call it a “great book”? Non-Christians who profess an admiration for the Bible should consider the foolishness of their position. By Eric Lyons

Life Is A Vapor

“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14).

In 1994, Wilmington, North Carolina lost her most distinguished citizen. Born in Bamberg, South Carolina, Suzy Brunson was 123 years old when she passed from this life. Bill Clinton was president on the day of her death. Ulysses S. Grant was president on the day of her birth!

She was seventy when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. She preceded Bell’s telephone (1875), the automobile (1895), and Marconi’s radio (1896). Among her descendants are ten great-great grandchildren! She lived in fourteen different decades, for nearly 1500 months, outlasting three husbands. She achieved a remarkable age, but she died. Mrs. Brunson serves as yet another reminder of the brevity of life. While she lived longer than many of us will, 123 years is nothing compared with eternity!

When I was a boy, I would go visit my great-aunt who lived next door. She made tea the old-fashioned way. Her tea kettle was nearly always on the stove, and I would hear it whistle and watch the steam rise from it. Just like the steam rising from that boiling tea kettle,

James said our life is like a vapor that is quickly gone. The brevity of life is a truth which everybody believes, and yet how many really act as if they believe it. We are often made conscious of the brevity of the lives of others, but we persuade ourselves that our time is not quite so limited as theirs. "All men think all men mortal but themselves."

Death is more expected when it comes to someone of advanced age in the wintertime of life, but what if it occurs in the springtime of youth? As I ate breakfast at our local restaurant called the Roundhouse the other day, I noticed on the wall an old metal Cracker Jack advertisement. As I looked at the sailor boy, it reminded me of the story behind it. When Cracker Jack creator Frederick Rueckheim decided to put a logo on the product's package in the early 1900s, he modeled it after his own beloved grandson Robert, who often wore a sailor suit. But just as the first packages bearing the sailor boy rolled off the assembly line, Robert got pneumonia and died. Today little Robert's tombstone in Chicago bears the Cracker Jack logo he inspired. Little did Mr. Rueckheim know when he put little Robert's likeness on his Cracker Jack boxes that his grandson's life would be only as vapor that appeared for a little time and then vanished away.

In Psalm 39:4 David wrote, "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am." How we need to be reminded of that!

Since life is a vapor and time is valuable, with whom, young or old, should you spend some time today? — Mike McDaniel

God's Plan of Salvation

How to be saved

Hear the Word of God (Rom. 10:17)

Believe (have faith) that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (John 3:16; John 8:24; John 1:1)

Repent of your sins (2 Pet. 3:9; Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38)

Confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

Be baptized (immersed) for the remission of your sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21)