

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 9, 2020



Website: www.coc-gc.org

PRAYER

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—health.
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—In Genesys Hospital and is scheduled for
gallbladder surgery on Monday. He is in room 2167-A
Yolanda Burnett—in McLaren Hospital room #669

LIST

Food closet: Paper Products

SERMONS

AM: Moving Forward 2020

PM: John the Baptist

THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING

Its source is God (Acts 2:39; Hebrews 3:1)

It is characterized by a humble, willing-to-learn attitude (1 Corinthians 1:26–29)

The sacred calling is by means of the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14)

Its design is for a holy, worthy life (1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 4:1)

Its direction is upward (Philippians 3:14)
Its sphere of operation is “in Christ” (Philippians 3:14)

The ultimate hope is in a single destiny—heaven (Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 1:5)
by Wayne Jackson

ARE YOU SOWING?

Matthew 13:3 “And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow”

WHAT—Precious seed (Psalm 126:6).

HOW—In tears (Psalm 126:6).

WHEN to Sow—Morning, evening, and always (Ecclesiastes 11:6).

WHERE—Beside all waters (Isaiah 32:20)

Conclusion: Galatians 6:7—what we sow is what we reap.
We must sow the right seed—the Word of God (Luke 8:11).

“THEY ARE BETTER OFF”

We live in a world filled with pain, anguish, heartache, and disease. Many people are in terrible pain and suffering on a daily basis. Pain medication is prescribed and medical treatment is performed, but many times such efforts do little for one's misery and pain. The burden of suffering can reach the point where one loses the desire to live. When one, whose body has been ravaged by disease and pain, finally slips from this life, it is not uncommon to hear some person seeking to offer words of comfort say, “They are better off.” Are people really “better off” when they exit this life? It depends! Just because some well-meaning person says, “They are now better off because they are not in pain and suffering anymore,” does not make the statement true. Brethren who have been faithful members of the Lord's church and who “die in the Lord” (Rev. 14:13) are indeed “better off” when the struggles of this life have ended. But what is the condition of people who have chosen to “know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess. 1:8)? The non-comforting answer according to God is, they “shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power” (2 Thess. 1:9). Even sadder is the fact that many brethren who should know better often times seek to extend false comfort to families who have lost loved ones. Do some members of the Lord's church no longer believe

in hell or everlasting torment and punishment for the disobedient and wicked? Do some members believe that if one is basically a good person that God will overlook his lack of obedience and the sins in this life? Do some members actually believe that pain and suffering in this world is worse than the torments of an eternal hell? A member of the Lord's church needs to exercise great caution to not teach error or offer false hope and comfort to those who have lost loved ones outside of Christ. We must understand what the Bible teaches about being saved. Salvation is IN Christ, not OUT of Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). One is not "in" Christ who has not obeyed the Gospel. A person must hear God's Word (Rom. 10:14,17); repent of sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30), confess Christ as God's only begotten Son (Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37), and be baptized (immersed) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21). Water baptism puts one into Christ (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27). One who has not obeyed the Gospel plan of salvation is not in Christ, as he has not put on Christ. The Bible clearly teaches, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27). One who has chosen to not "put on Christ" is obviously outside of Christ and lost in their sins! The Scriptures clearly teach one must obey the Gospel to have forgiveness of sins. Luke records this information regarding Saul of Tarsus who had become a believer in the Lord: "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). It is impossible for one to be saved in his sins as "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). The Gospel thus must be obeyed for a

person to have hope of that which is "far better" (Phil. 1:23). We must also understand what the Bible teaches about hell. Jesus warned, "fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). He also taught: "if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched" (Mark. 9:43). There is no peace or rest in hell. "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night" (Rev. 14:11). There is never a moment of relief from the suffering and pain of hell. "And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:24). There is not one shred of hope in hell. "When a wicked man dieth, [his] expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust [men] perisheth" (Prov. 11:7). Our Lord clearly states that on the Day of Judgment many will go away into everlasting punishment (Matt. 7:13-14; 25:46). The most excruciating suffering in this life cannot come close to the pain and anguish of eternal hell. Hell is described as a place of darkness (Matt. 25:30), constant and everlasting torment (Rev. 14:10-11), and a lake burning with fire and brimstone (Rev. 21:8). Let us teach people (as opportunity

permits) about the salvation of their souls and warn them of eternal hell. God in His goodness has always set before people “the way of life and the way of death” (Jer. 21:8).

May we never be guilty of leaving the false hope with families that a loved one who has died outside of Christ is now “better off.” Such a comment (no matter how good the intention) could not be farther from the truth!

By Marvin L. Weir

SENTENCE SERMONS

“Tactics is knowing what to do when there is something to do; strategy is knowing what to do when there is nothing to do.” — Savielly Tartakower

Life is not about finding yourself; it is about creating yourself.—Ed Catmull, Creativity Inc

If you do not heal from what hurt you, you will bleed on people who did not cut you. —Ed Catmull, Creativity Inc

Companies do not become great by thinking they are exceptional but by understanding the ways that they are not exceptional. —Ed Catmull, Creativity Inc

The best thing to do with the Bible is to know it in the head, stow it in the heart, sow it in the world, and show it in the life. Glad Tidings of Good Things (Oct. 4, 2018)



Mark 8:34 *“And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”*