

# 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.

**March 8, 2020**



Following Worship Service this Morning  
**All are invited!**

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## PRAYER LIST

Joe Wilkerson-health  
Al and Jeannie Haskell  
Marty and Joyce 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: Paper Products

## SERMONS

AM: Plowing In Hope

PM: Millennials and Generation Z

## All Law, No Love?

When contrasting the Old Testament with the New Testament, we often hear those in the religious world make statements such as: “The old law was concerned only about man’s actions, whereas the new law emphasizes the heart of man,” or “The Old Testament stressed rules and regulations; the New Testament is all about love,” or “The old law emphasized being pure on the outside; the new law is concerned about the inside.” Statements like these have caused many people to view the Old Testament, and perhaps even the “God of the Old Testament,” as cold, cruel, and unmerciful. But is that really how we should view the first 39 books of the Bible? Was the old law concerned only about the actions of man? Was it oblivious to such concepts as love, mercy, and kindness? Just how are we to understand the Old Testament?

The Old Testament contains numerous laws, and story after story of people breaking these laws and suffering the consequences (e.g., the book of Judges). However, the Bible declares that the Old Testament (and the “God of the Old Testament”) also placed great emphasis on the “heart” of man. Even before the Law of Moses ever was given, we learn that God judged both man’s thoughts and actions. Prior to the Flood He “saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,

and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5, emp. added). It was not only their actions that were evil, but also their thoughts. Once the Law of Moses was given, God revealed to the Israelites that He was still concerned with man’s inner self. Moses commanded them to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart” (Deuteronomy 6:5-6). A few hundred years later when David was about to be anointed King of Israel, the Lord told Samuel that He “does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7, emp. added). Then, approximately 700 years before the new law was given, the prophet Isaiah taught that actions apart from a sincere heart are worthless: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men” (Isaiah 29:13).

As one can see, the old law was not as cold and heartless as some theologians would have us believe. In fact, the apostle Paul summed up the Law of Moses with these words: “Love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law” [the law of Moses—EL]. For the

commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:8-10, emp. added).

And as if Paul’s summary were not enough, Jesus summed up the old law thusly: “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the prophets” (v.12, emp. added). Jesus explained that doing “to others what you would have them do to you” is a summary expression of all that the Old Testament required. The Master Teacher Himself let us know that the Old Law, although unable to take away the sins of man and make him perfect (i.e., Hebrews 10:1,11), was not the cold, cruel law that so many make it out to be. Rather, it was intended to prick both the heart and actions of man.

By Eric Lyons, 2009 Apologetics Press

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What’s Her Name? At church one morning, my friend Gwen was about to start her 4-year-olds’ Sunday school class when a little boy showed up without any identification. Gwen managed to get his first name but could not find out his last name. “Brian, what’s your daddy’s name?” she asked. “Daddy,” he replied. She tried again; “Brian, what’s your mommy’s name?” “Mommy,” he answered. Suddenly she realized exactly how she could get the answer she needed. “Brian, what does your daddy call your mommy?” His face lit up. With a grin and a deep voice, he replied, “Hey, Babe.”  
—Susan Boatright, Today’s Christian Woman

## Try a Little Tenderness

As a parent, do you ever feel like all you do is say “no” to your children? Do you feel guilty for seeming to correct all the time? I do! Sometimes I feel like a mean, grumpy old stick-in-the-mud. Maybe we expect children to act like mature adults and forget they are children. Children cannot be perfect but neither can we. Parents can use positive statements to gain a child’s cooperation. Children warm to such statements and find them reassuring. The reinforcing message is intentionally left general and given for no particular behavior. It is not because your child is good in soccer or gymnastics, but “Just because you are you.” Children rarely hear too much of this kind of affirmation from their parents.

For example: • Now you’ve got it! • You catch on fast! • Well done! • You’ve made great use of your ability! • I appreciate your helpfulness! • It’s great living with someone like you! • You’re on the right track! • Thanks for trying hard! • You really stick to your work! • Excellent! • You’re doing much better! • That’s your best ever! • Your helpfulness is appreciated! • Way to go! • How you’ve improved! • I am so pleased with your behavior! • Isn’t it nice to have the job done? • Wow, you used your time wisely! • Fantastic! • You really planned well! • Your cooperation is helpful! • I feel good about your improvement!

Constructive criticism is needed by our children, but we can get into the rut of being too negative. I think this is why Paul said, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).  
—“Warmest Fuzzies That Ever Wuz (Words that could change your child’s life!)” Dr. Roger Allen and Ron Rose. Christian Parenting: August, 1989.

## Have You Read the Book That Shaped America?

America's earliest settlers came in search of religious freedom, to escape religious persecution—which has again become an issue in modern times. A new arrival who joined the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1623 “blessed God for the opportunity of freedom and liberty to enjoy the ordinances of God in purity among His people.” The Bible shaped much of our culture and society. Classic literature echoes Scriptural themes. Art museums are filled with pictures inspired by Bible stories. The Bible's regulations—do not murder, commit adultery, steal, or give false testimony (Exodus 20)—form the basis of modern law. Its lessons—treat others as you wish to be treated and be a “good Samaritan”—guide behavior in civilized society. Early settlers founded colleges to train preachers, starting with Harvard in 1636. Nearly half (49 percent) of Americans strongly agree the Bible contains everything a person needs to know and live a meaningful life. More than half (51 percent) believe the Bible has too little influence on American society today. U.S. laws enforcing punishments for the assault and rape of women, murder, and the abuse of children comes directly from the Bible. Many of these laws are found in the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy. —House to House / Heart to Heart—Adapted from American Bible Society's State of the Bible as reported in the Washington Post.

Psalm 11:3 “If the foundations be destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?”

## 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)