

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

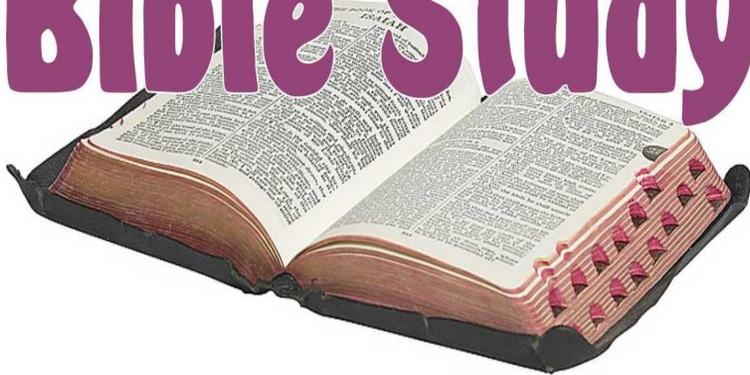
5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

## 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 29, 2020**

# Bible Study



Website: [www.coc-gc.org](http://www.coc-gc.org)

## PRAYER LIST

Joe Wilkerson-health  
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  
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,  
Marie Hall—health. Friend Jackie is in need of prayers.  
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  
Jeff Stevens—health-getting better  
Betty—she asked for our prayers by cell phone and is the  
mother of Abron Andrews—a co-worker of Mike G.  
Chere' - pray for Priya, she is waiting on tests,  
Daniel, her son who has 2 co-workers in the hospital  
with Pneumonia and prayers are requested  
John and Linda Schafer-wife Linda is having serious  
health problems and in need of prayer  
Patricia Stebbins—Gary's mom. Pay for Lisa and Gary.

**Food closet: Anything right now**

## SERMONS

**AM: Things About the church of Christ that  
Surprise People**

## Influence of Jesus

Service tonight is canceled and Wednesday Bible Class is canceled.

Mask and gloves have been provided in the foyer. Please use caution and be safe.

Communion has been prepared where taking a piece of bread can be taken without touching other pieces of bread. If you wish to break the bread do it in your lap and throw the left over away.

Thank you for your faithfulness to worship in spirit and in truth.

Historian Philip Schaff described Jesus' power in the following way:

“Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander the Great, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and learning, he shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined; without the eloquence of school, he spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, he set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times.”

Roman governor Pliny the Younger in a letter to Emperor Trajan wrote that true Christians would refuse to deny Christ or worship the image of the Emperor even when threatened with torture and death. He said their fault was only that they met “on a fixed day before dawn and sang responsively a hymn to Christ as to a god, and to bind themselves . . . not to commit fraud,...

...theft, or adultery, not to falsify their trust, nor to refuse to return a trust when called upon to do so." This behavior so baffled the governor that he wrote the Emperor to get instructions for dealing with the Christians.

The steadfastness of Christians and their influence for Christ throughout the ages is summed up by Paul, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22–23).

## **"Our God has shown us His glory and His greatness" Deuteronomy 5:24**

By House to House Heart to Heart

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### **Eternal Life—A Promise**

Scriptures should not be arrayed against each other. One should have insight enough into the Scriptures to know there are no contradictions. If the Lord did not give us a perfect revelation, then we have no guide in religion. Oftentimes preachers make unbelievers. For instance, one preacher will proclaim that the Book teaches we have eternal life right now and cannot lose it. Another will stoutly deny it and say we have eternal life in the world to come. Each reads from the Bible, and the poor listener cannot tell which is right; hence, he sometimes goes into unbelief. Who can blame him?...

...A few of the passages that refer to having eternal life now include the following: "He who believes in Me has everlasting life" (John 6:47); "He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life" (5:24); "He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die" (11:25–26).

There are other Scriptures that seem to teach the opposite. Mark 10:30 states that those who have made sacrifices for His sake will receive "a hundredfold now in this time . . . and in the age to come, eternal life." Paul wrote of the "hope of eternal life" (Titus 1:2). One cannot hope for that which he actually has (Romans 8:24).

What is the explanation? Should we pit these statements against each other? It is more reasonable to pursue a reasonable solution. This may be done, for John himself, who wrote the former passages, makes both sets of statements easily understood with this Scripture: "This is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life" (1 John 2:25). The Holy Spirit guided his writing and made his meaning clear.

There are two ways of having anything—in promise and in actuality. We first have our spouses by promise, then by actuality. We now have eternal life by promise. Paul had it "in hope," and when we get to the city of God we will have it actually. All discrepancies disappear.

When Jesus said, "He who believes in Me has everlasting life," it is, of course, the truth. We have it in promises. When Jesus said, "In the age to come, eternal life," He spoke of its actual possession....

...One additional thought: If one has eternal life in promise, then there is a possibility of being cut off from that promise by unrighteous living. Let us then take heed lest we fall (1 Corinthians 10:12). —W. Claude Hall

**“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” John 17:3**

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### **Things Students Will Not Learn in School**

1. Life is not fair. Get used to it.
2. If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.
3. The real world will not care as much about your self-esteem as your school does. This may come as a shock.
4. You will not make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You will not be a vice president, and you may even have to wear a uniform that does not have a designer label.
5. Flipping hamburgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for flipping burgers. They called it opportunity.
6. It is not your parents' fault if you mess up.
7. Before you were born your parents were not boring. They got that way paying bills.
8. Life is not divided into semesters. You do not get summers off, and you do not get a summer break.
9. Vaping does not make you look cool.
10. Your school may be “outcome-based,” but life isn't.—

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## **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)