

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.

June 28, 2020



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Marty and Joyce Stearns.
Gracie, Tracy and Austin Clark.
Cindy Dobbs—heroine in the fight against COVID-19 as a healthcare worker. Pray for her often.
Joan's brother Hurley (had heart surgery this past week) and Opal, sister Christena Apostolico in Ohio—health problems, and Donna
Bill Alldaffer—encouragement
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
Jeff Stevens—health
Chere' - request prayers for Priya and Daniel
John and Linda Schafer-wife Linda is in need of prayer
Rachel Hall—health problems

Food closet: Soup

SERMONS

AM: Peter – Think Before You Leap

PM: “He beheld the city, and wept over it” Luke 19:41

The Anchor of the Soul

No one who knows what can happen at sea would go to sea in a vessel that carried no anchor, even if it were the greatest and most modern ocean liner afloat. Circumstances might arise when the hope of the ship and all her company would depend, not on the captain or the crew, the engines, the compass, or the steering gear, but on the anchor. When all else fails, there is hope in the anchor. Come with me, and pass into that silent and forgotten world of the Roman catacombs, where the early Christians buried their dead. Follow the flickering candle, descend the steps cut out of the soil, and find yourself in one of the almost innumerable narrow passages which undermine the Roman Campagna for miles in every direction. On either side of these narrow passages are the niches into which the bodies of the dead were pushed. On the stone which nearly two millennia ago sealed the bodies, we read in Latin and Greek their names and the sentiments of faith inscribed with the point of the trowel upon the mortar.

Among the inscriptions are: "Alexander is not dead, but lives above the stars"; "To dear Serichas, sweetest son, mayest thou live in the Holy Spirit"; "Victoria, in peace and Christ"; "Gordian, the courier from Gaul, strangled for the faith. Rests in peace." We come to a chamber where services for the dead were held. Inscribed on the walls and ceilings are scenes from the Bible. Among the most frequent are Noah and the ark, Jonah and the big fish, the sacrifice of Isaac, and Christ the Good Shepherd, with the lamb in His arms. There are also ancient symbols of Christianity—the cock, reminiscent of Peter's fall, admonishing believers to watch and pray; the phoenix, as a symbol of the resurrection of the body; the vine, the symbol of the believer's union with Christ; the palm branch, the symbol of the Christian's victory through faith which overcomes the world; the fish, because the first three letters of the Greek word for fish formed an acrostic for Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and one of the favorite symbols, the anchor, the symbol of hope. There were times when the anchor was the last resource for the storm-tossed sailor. Christians took this ancient symbol as their own. — Author unknown

Hebrews 6:19 *"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;"*

The Most Difficult Command

On July 2, 1893, the celebrated Restoration leader J. W. McGarvey delivered an address in Louisville, Kentucky. It was simply titled “Repentance.”

If God were giving special miraculous gifts, McGarvey said he would not ask for the gift of healing, prophecy, or tongues. Rather, he would ask for the power, above everything else, to cause men to repent.

He continued this marvelous discourse by saying, “The greatest obstacle to the salvation of men is the obstinacy of the human will.” He pointed out that, comparatively speaking, it is not all that difficult to persuade multitudes of the divine nature of Jesus of Nazareth. An honest consideration of the evidence is tremendously compelling.

Nor is it a rigorous task to lead folks to be immersed in water for the forgiveness of their sins, once they are convinced they are lost and without the hope of eternal life apart from obedience to Christ.

Men want Christianity without conversion and forgiveness without forsaking. When there is authentic penitence, salvation is possible. —Wayne Jackson

Now That’s Optimism

A man approached a little league baseball game one afternoon. He asked a boy in the dugout what the score was. The boy responded, “Eighteen to nothing—we’re behind.” “Boy,” said the spectator, “I’ll bet you’re discouraged.” “Why should I be discouraged?” replied the little boy. “We haven’t even gotten up to bat yet!” —Author Unknown

Psalm 16:9 *“Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.”*

Lamentations 3:22-25 *“It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.*

25 *The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.*

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 *“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”*

Hebrews 5:9 *“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”*

1 Peter 4:17 *“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”*

McGarvey forcefully emphasized that the most difficult obstacle in the path to genuine conversion “is to induce them to repent.”

People do not change their minds or lives very easily. Since repentance involves both, it is challenging. Further, repentance implies a person is on the wrong path and none of us wants to admit we are wrong.

Luke 13:3 *“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”*



Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.