

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.

May 24, 2020



Psalm 135:13 Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.

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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
 Joe Wilkerson-health
 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-getting better
 Chere’ - request prayers for Priya and Daniel
 John and Linda Schafer-wife Linda is having serious health problems and in need of prayer
 Gary and Lisa Stebbins—Pray for Lisa and Gary.
 Rachel Hall—health problems

Food closet: Anything right now

SERMONS

AM: God Hath Spoken Heb. 1:1-3

A Week of Good Thoughts

Suppose we start this very day To live our lives in a different way;
Suppose we vowed and constantly tried To help those in trouble on life's
wayside. If we showed by our deeds a hint of His love, Wouldn't earth
be a bit more like heaven above?

On Monday:

Look for a smile today, and return it with one of your own.
Give someone faith and hope; it's such a beautiful loan.

On Tuesday:

Gather a thought that's kind, one that's sincere and deep.
Be sure to pass it along, for such are too precious to keep.

On Wednesday:

Forget yesterday's sorrows, mistakes, sadness, and pain.
Lift your heart with hope as flowers to sun and rain.

On Thursday:

Offer a word of comfort and prayer to help someone in need.
A little thoughtful gift, some flowers, or a smile makes us all rich indeed.

On Friday:

You shall not pass this way again, so do any good you can do.
Don't put it off till tomorrow, or the chance may be lost for you.

On Saturday:

Today will soon be a memory, so don't let it come to an end,
Without a smile, a song, or just a word from a friend.

On Sunday:

Don't let worry and care depress you or brush your joy away,
But arise and give thanks to God above for His love and another "blest
day."

"Let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not
only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." Philippians
2:3-4

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The Hand of the Lord

One of the thoughts we find most comforting is summed up in that song
which has the phrase, "He's got the whole world in His hands." Each verse
then talks about how He has "you and me brother" and "you and me sister"
and "the little bitty babies" in His hands. The very concept that we are cra-
dled in the hands of God brings peace to our soul. The phrase, "the hand of
the Lord," is found thirty nine times in the Bible. It is most frequently used to
describe those times when God moved in judgment against the wicked. The
writer of the letter to the Hebrews said, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the
hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). On the other hand, it is wonderful to
envison our calling out to God and see His almighty arms reach down from
heaven and His tender hands to hold us. It is true that "He's got you and me
in the hollow of His hand." The people in Isaiah's day failed to realize that sin
can destroy this situation. They had prayed to God and could see no evi-
dence that He was helping them. The prophet explained the reason for this.
"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear
heavy that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your
God; and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not
hear" (Isa. 59:1-2). If sin had not been in their lives, His face would have
been turned toward them and His hands extended toward them. Jesus de-
scribed the wonderful blessing of being in the hand of God. "My Father, who
has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them
out of My Father's hand" (John 10:29). We may choose to turn against God,
but there is no man on earth and no demon from hell who can snatch us from
His hand. "He's got you and me in the hollow of His hand." God holds us in
His hand. Have you ever considered how great His hand is? How does His
hand compare with the hands of others? How great is His hand? To see this,
consider that the diameter of the entire universe is thought to be over 93 bil-
lion light years. (A light year is the distance light travels in one year). The
universe is 5,500,000,000,000,000,000,000 miles wide! Now look at Isai-
ah's description of this in relationship to the size of the hand of God. God has
"...measured heaven with a span" (Isa. 40:12). The span of a man's hand is
the distance between his thumb and his little finger when fully extended.
God's hand fully extended is larger than our universe. How wonderful it is to
know that it is this hand that holds us. "He's got you and me brother, you and
me sister, in the hollow of His hand." Dan Jenkins, The Forest Hill News

One Code of Morality

The social turbulence of the 1960s created a revolution in societal mores among the baby boomer generation. The stated philosophy of “do your own thing” literally has “gone to seed” in American society. The result is that many Americans live their lives and make their day-to-day moral decisions on the basis of a hodge-podge of values drawn from a variety of sources. Situation ethics is the order of the day, and the average person simply acts on his feelings and personal opinions. Morality is now individualistic—with each person formulating his own belief system and then measuring his behavior against that subjective, personal, moral framework. Concomitant with the development of this circumstance is the corresponding sentiment that no one should “judge” anyone else’s beliefs or actions, and everyone should be “tolerant” of the diversity of viewpoints that permeate society. When such a state of affairs holds sway, one should not be surprised to encounter jurors who are lenient with a woman who murdered her husband in cold blood. One should not be surprised when millions of law-breaking, illegal immigrants are tolerated and even excused. One should not be surprised that repeat offenders who rape, maim, and murder are allowed to circumvent the criminal justice system and perpetuate their atrocities on innocent citizens.

The Founding Fathers of the American Republic would be deeply saddened to see the extent to which our

civilization has slumped from its original high moral ground. In a letter from Paris dated August 28, 1789, Thomas Jefferson wrote to James Madison: “I know but one code of morality for men whether acting singly or collectively” (1789). He was simply expressing the widespread view of the Founders as well as the populace of the United States at the time. Indeed, he merely articulated biblical reality, in which moral value, good, and evil, are defined by the Creator in His Word, the Bible. By that Word and by that standard, every human being’s life will one day be measured. In the words of Jesus Christ: “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48). Indeed, the day is coming when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe (2 Thesalonians 1:7-10). By Dave Miller

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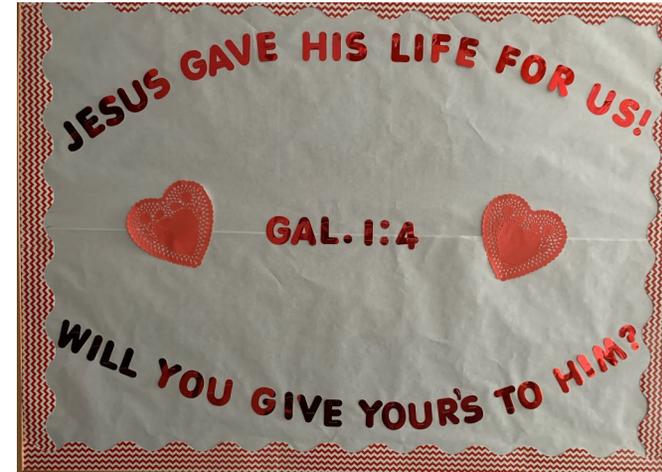
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How to Live a Happy Life

1. Serve others (Galatians 5:13).
2. Throw out nonessential numbers. These include age, weight, and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
3. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
4. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, or whatever interests you. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop."
5. Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young, that is all you can afford. When they are in college, that is all you can afford. When you are on retirement, that is all you can afford!
6. Laugh often, long, and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. Laugh so much that you can be tracked in a store by the noise.
7. Tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with you your entire life is you. Be alive while you are alive—do not put out a mailbox on the highway of death and just wait in residence for your mail.
8. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, or hobbies. Your home is your refuge.
9. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
10. Do not take guilt trips. Go to the mall, the next county, or a foreign country, but do not go to a "guilt country."
11. At every opportunity, tell the people you love that you do love them.
12. Worship God faithfully (John 4:24).

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11

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Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: