

CHURCH OF CHRIST

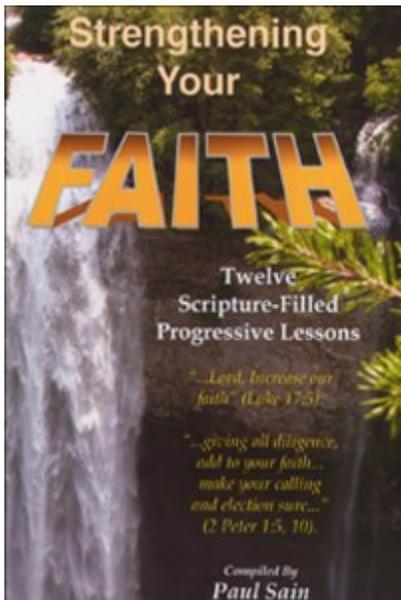
of Genesee County

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.

August 9, 2020



Bible Study...
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**Twelve lessons
filled with Scripture
on the Bible, Ages,
Church, Worship,
Godly Living,
Questions, etc.**

Website: www.coc-gc.org

Marty and Joyce Stearns.

Gracie and Tracy Clark.

Cindy Dobbs—heroine in the fight against COVID-19 as a healthcare worker. Pray for her often.

P Joan's brother Hurley—is doing better and Opal, sister Christena Apostolico in Ohio—health, and Donna

R Bill Alldaffer—encouragement

A 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.

Y 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

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Jeff Stevens—health

Chere' - request prayers for Priya and Daniel

L John and Linda Schafer-wife Linda is in need of prayer

I Rachel Hall—health problems

Dale and Sue Gregory—health

Pat Crain—hospital with pneumonia and liver problems

Emily Galantis –need of prayers

Charley and Cherry Brewer—lost grand-son (16 years old)

Michael and Vivian Golwitzer—health

Marilyn Moffitt—health and family

Food closet: Mask/gloves

SERMONS

AM: Blessed are they that Hunger and Thirst Matt. 5:6

PM: Blessed are the Merciful Matt. 5:7

It Is Not What You Have

A king suffered a terribly painful sickness. His advisor told him that the only cure was to locate a contented man and ask for his shirt to wear night and day. Immediately messengers were sent through the kingdom to look for such a man and bring back his shirt. Months passed; finally all the messengers returned empty-handed. The king was exasperated. "Do you mean to tell me there is not even a single man in all my realm who is content?" A messenger replied, "We found only one such man in all your realm." "Why did you not bring his shirt?" "Master, the man had no shirt."

Dr. Dale Robbins writes, "I used to think people complained because they had a lot of problems. But I have come to realize that they have problems because they complain. Complaining does not change anything or make situations better. It amplifies frustration, spreads discontent and discord, and can invoke an invitation for the devil to cause havoc with our lives."

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless" (Philippians 2:14–15). —Anonymous

A Father's Toolbox

Back on the farm, I remember that when something broke down, my father would get out his toolbox and make the repairs. As a child, I was always fascinated by his toolbox and its contents. It seemed my father could fix almost anything with the tools inside. From the beginning, God has designated husbands/fathers as the leaders of the home. Fathers have a great responsibility in making sure the whole family goes the right direction in the name of the Lord. The Christian father needs to have his spiritual toolbox at the ready. Some of the tools he needs include the following: Adjustable wrench: Fathers must be able to adapt to any situation that arises. Carpenter's pencil: Fathers must be able to draw the boundaries for the family so that all can clearly see them. Level: Fathers must be fair and keep a level head in all circumstances. Pliers: Fathers must be able to hold everything together, even when everybody else may be losing their grip. Hammer: Fathers must be effective in driving home important truths. Utility knife: Fathers must be able to cleanly separate and remove undesirable things and influences so that they do not harm the family. Screwdriver: Fathers must keep turning their families in the right direction to keep them secure. Tape measure:

Fathers must be measuring and monitoring the family's resources, priorities, and use of time. Duct tape: Fathers must be ready to apply a "quick fix" to problems so that they do not get out of hand, holding them in check until a permanent solution is found. Extension cord: Fathers must plug into the proper power source (prayer, Scripture) and distribute energy to every family member. Fathers are important, and they must use the proper tools and take the time to build and mend the family into a strong structure for the Lord. —Edd Sterchi, Campbellsville, Kentucky (via Watertown, Tennessee, Church of Christ)

**Fathers, do not provoke your children
to wrath, but bring them up in the
training and admonition of the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4**

**Our roof on the church building has
been repaired. It was finished on
Saturday by Aaron's Roofing.**

If Christ Be Not Raised . . .

If Christ did not rise from the dead, He is not divine (Romans 1:4). If He is not divine, His death did not take away the Old Covenant any more than the death of a mere man would have (Hebrews 10:9–10; Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:13–16). But because He is divine, He took away the Old (2 Corinthians 3:6–18; Romans 7:1–7; Galatians 4:21–31) and ratified the New (Hebrews 8:6–13; 9:11–17). It was the sixth hour (high noon), and darkness prevailed until the ninth hour (three o'clock in the afternoon). The earth quaked; the veil of the temple was rent; the soldiers near the cross cried, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54). The tombs of the dead split. Amid the darkness of Calvary, the sinless Son of God, dying for the sinful soul of man, bowed His stately head and said, "It is finished"—and died! (John 19:30). There the grandest drama ever enacted was completed. It began in Eden with the fallen pair and ended in the horrors and tragedies of Calvary. There the remedial system was finished, the scheme of human redemption affected, and the Law, having been fulfilled, ended. The United States was once under the Articles of Confederation, but now it is under the Constitution. The Supreme Court of the United States is not to decide whether a law is authorized by the Articles of Confederation; instead the Court is to determine whether it is authorized by the Constitution. Before the cross of Christ, God's people were under the authority of the Old Covenant, but today they are under the authority of the New Covenant.

In this dispensation, they are not to go to the Old Covenant in an attempt to learn what to do to be saved and how to worship God acceptably; they are to go to the New Covenant to learn those things. If Christ did not rise from the dead, God could not have given “Him to be head over all things to the church.” Please consider the following: “Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all” (Ephesians 1:20–23). If Jesus did not rise from the dead, neither shall we. He says, “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death” (Revelation 1:18). He has the key that will unlock every grave. —Anonymous

A YOUTH'S PERSPECTIVE

Checking out of the grocery store, I noticed that the bag boy was eyeing my two adopted children curiously. They often draw scrutiny, since my son's a blond Russian, while my daughter has shiny black Haitian skin. The boy continued staring as he carried our groceries to the car. Finally, he asked. “Those your kids?” “Yes, they are!” I answered proudly. “They adopted?” he asked. “Yes,” I replied. “I thought so,” he concluded. “I figured you're too old to have kids that small.”

“A merry heart doeth good” (Proverbs 17:22).



2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.