

CHURCH OF CHRIST

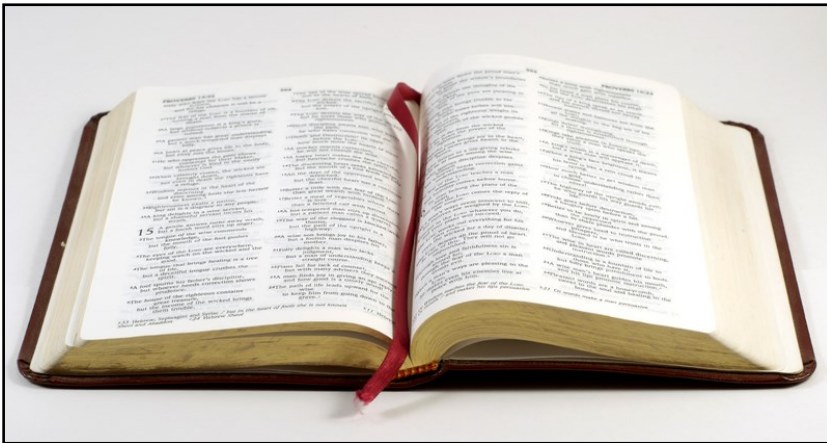
of Genesee County

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.

January 5, 2020



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PRAYER LIST

Joe Wilkerson-health
Al Haskell - kidneys
Marty Stearns— had a successful surgery.
Gracie and Austin Clark—health.
Dan Goddard-passed away-funeral will be next Saturday
Cindy Dobbs—health
Joan's brother Hurley and Opal, sister Christena
Apostolico in Ohio—health problems, and Donna
Chere'— Pryia and Adam Vannoy—health.
Bill Alldaffer—Edith Taylor- Bill's mother, Cody Cantrell-
coma, Tim Asbury—Medical Rehab
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, 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
Todd and Wendy—mother's health

Food closet: Canned Goods

Ladies Bible Class for January 14 and 28 (10 am)

SERMONS

AM: Into Our Hands...

PM: "thou art an holy people"

Every Good Work

It was always and without ceasing that Paul prayed for the Colossian Church to be fruitful in every good work as they increased in the knowledge of God. Spiritual fruitfulness can be both inward and personal or outward and overt. The inward and personal type is described at the Fifth of Galatians, where Paul said the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. The more outward and overt variety of spiritual fruit includes the productive branches of the proverbial vine described by the Savior at the Fifteenth of John. The spiritual light of these is shown as that fruit is borne, and God is glorified by those who are fruitful in every good work.

Pray Without Ceasing

At the Sixth of Ephesians, Paul the apostle tells us that the whole armor of God is necessary to stand against the wiles of the devil. He goes on to describe six items that complete this armor. Even so, those taking the whole armor are further admonished to pray always; not only for self, but for all saints. It appears that the armor cannot be adequately wielded without petitioning the One Who provides it and doing so on behalf of all those who use it. Paul did not ask anyone to do anything he did not do himself. At Colossians One, he told the Church there that he prayed always for them and did not cease to do so. For ourselves and for all the family of God, our responsibility is to pray without ceasing.

by David Hayes Prophater

WHERE HAPPINESS IS

Whenever I am disappointed with my spot in my life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother told me that he had set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what Mom," he shouted, and then he said those words that will remain with me: "I've been chosen to clap and cheer!"

Life may not be the party that you were expecting, but you can still clap and cheer. Remember, some folks did not wake up today; you did. Find your purpose for living and learn to smile while pursuing your goal.

Your health may not be that great, but God built you with a storm in mind— weather the storms! Quality of life is not always greatness of health, but it is "what you have left" that matters.

Finally, do not allow your lack of wealth to destroy the things you have left. Grandma always said, "There is plenty of cheese in a mousetrap, but you will never see a happy mouse there."

"A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word spoken in due season, how good it is" (Proverbs 15:23).

—Glenn Hitchcock

10 Guidelines for the New Year IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH . . .

GOD: Be prayerful. Remember dependence and helplessness in your relationship with God are prerequisites for spiritual health. How about a thorough spiritual check-up this year? (2 Corinthians 13:5).

OTHERS: Be helpful. Make a commitment to show love and encouragement to someone everyday (Romans 14:19-22). Challenge yourself to be kind and helpful especially to those who least expect it (Ephesians 4:32).

YOUR MIND: Read and think about something noble and creative every day (Philippians 4:8). Start the day with the Bible. Let the words of life fill your heart and mind before anything else gets to them!

FEELINGS: Express them with love and honesty. Whether fear, guilt, grief, rage, shame, or anxiety, express your feelings to God, self, and a trusted friend (Proverbs 27:5; 1 Peter 3:7).

ACTIONS: Be generous. Without thought of reward or praise be extravagant in your giving to others (2 Corinthians 9:7). Give freely of your love, time, money, spirit, creativity, encouragement, and praise. Don't be stingy with the most important and powerful gifts in your possession, let your actions reflect the startling love of God!

SUCSESSES: Be thankful (Colossians 3:15). Most if not all of our successes are the result of God's grace not our cleverness or hard work. Count your blessings regularly.

TROUBLES: Be trustful. For some mysterious reason, many times, God has chosen to make us mature through trials and hardships (Hebrews 12:6-10). Look for the hand of God in every circumstance and trust His guidance in the highs and lows of life.

HEART: Be careful (Proverbs 23:7). Focus your love on the Father and Savior who reside within you. Be careful what you allow to creep in to this sacred space which belongs to God.

WORSHIP: Be still (Psalm 46:10). Expressing your love and adoration to God isn't reserved for Sundays only. Don't get too busy throughout the week to make continual offerings of praise to God. Jesus is Lord of every day!

SIN: Be repentant. Don't let any sin harden your heart or break the connection between you and God. Confess your sins to the Father every day (1 John 1:6-10). Claim His promises that forgive you and make you pure and clean by the Blood of Jesus!
—Dean Fitch

Psalm 65:9-13 “Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.”

PUNCHING HOLES IN THE DARKNESS

A young boy with his face to the window watched with fascination as an old lamplighter came down the street. One by one he was lighting the old-fashioned gas street lamps. Excited, the young boy called out to his grandmother, “Nana! Nana! Come quickly. There is a man outside who is punching holes in the darkness!”

At its most simple, the responsibility of Christians is to punch holes in the darkness of this world. Without the righteousness and morality that God has instilled, there is no other way to truly break up the darkness in this life. We can't do this by our own light, but we can reflect the light of Jesus by living right.

Jesus said it clearly, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:14–16).

We've heard these words before; now let's live them. The world isn't getting any brighter. Let's punch holes in the darkness. —Brent Petrillo, Denver, Colorado—Read Luke 18:1



Luke 2:8-14 “And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”