

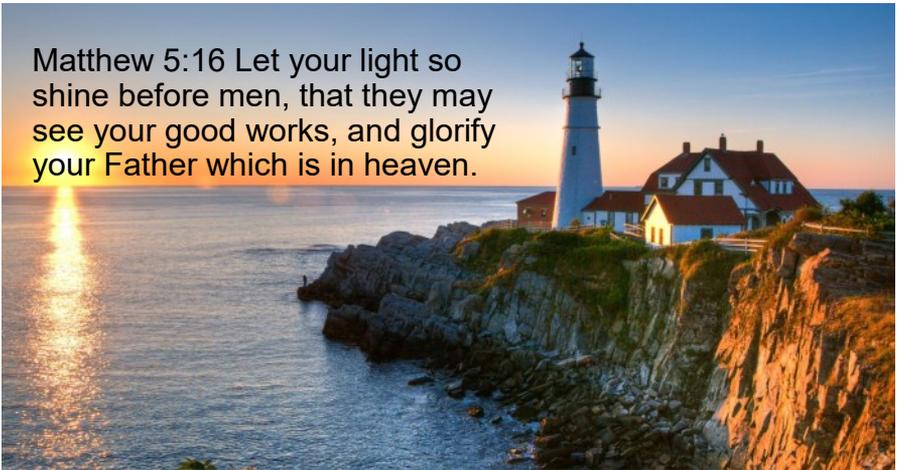
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
of Genesee County  
5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

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.

**November 15, 2020**

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



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Marty (health) and Joyce Stearns-Request prayers for Gracie, Austin and Tracy Clark. Dale and Sue Gregory. Mason and family. Pray for Pat Crain & George Taylor Joan's brother Hurley and Opal, sister Christena Apostolico in Ohio—she had taken a fall—and Joan's daughter Donna.

Bill Alldaffer—mother Edith Taylor-home

Cindy Atkinson—health. (knee & B/P), friends needing prayer—Ireland Family, Wayne Hamilton, Kathy, Ilene Davenport, Marie Hall, Jackie & Rachel Hall—health problems

Betty requests prayers for Earlene Currier, Betty's daughters: Donna, Debra and Carrie. Daughter Susan. Lauren Weidner-granddaughter, Joyce Harrison.

Chere' - request prayers for Priya, Adam, Shalini and Daniel. Marilyn Moffitt—health and family

Al and Jeannie Haskell—Health

Michael and Vivian Golwitzer—health

Phyllis request prayers for Donnie and Becky Bateman—they have COVID-19

**Pray for everyone that has tested positive with COVID-19 and practice Cleaning, Disinfection, and Hand Hygiene. We have provided mask, hand sanitizer and gloves. Please be safe.**

**Food closet: Mask, gloves, sanitizer**

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**SERMONS**

**AM: Four All's of God's Word**

**PM: Working for the Lord**

## Who Is At The Controls?

If life is a flight through time, who is in the cockpit? If life is a joyride, who is behind the wheel? If life is a voyage, who is at the helm? Decisions determine direction (Joshua 24:15). Direction determines destiny (Matthew 7:13–14). Will we ascend or descend at the judgment? It depends on who makes our decisions. *ME Invictus* is commonly quoted by valedictorians at high school graduations across America. It sums up the philosophy of many youth as they begin their adult lives. It was written by William Ernest Henley, an early humanist who was crippled since his childhood in Gloucester, England. His “Master-of-my-fate-captain-of-mysoul” philosophy was only a little ahead of its time. Out of the night that covers me, Black as the Pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable soul. In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeoning of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed. . . . It matters not how strait the gate. How charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul. Frank Sinatra’s song “I Did It My Way” is often requested at funerals.

From the beginning of adult life to the end of it, many say, “I make my own choices—nobody tells me what to do.” A choice is to allow Christ to rule life. He stands knocking at the door of every heart (Revelation 3:20), but He will never force entry (cf. Luke 24:28–29). He drafts no soldiers, and presents no subpoenas for His mediatorship (Matthew 22:37; 2 Cor. 5:14). One who comes to Jesus must renounce all (Revelation 12:11), take up his cross, and follow as closely as he can in the Master’s steps (Luke 14:26–27; 1 Peter 2:21–22). The choice is difficult, but it is never regretted (2 Corinthians 7:10). His truth sets us free (John 8:32); His life is abundant (John 10:10); His rule is not burdensome (1 John 5:3). Joshua gave God his life (Joshua 24:15) and was never disappointed. Paul gave Christ his heart and never looked back (Acts 9; 2 Timothy 4:6–8; cf. Luke 9:62). The truth is, “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other” (Luke 16:13). Who is at your controls?



## The Plain Truth about Money

Small children are often fascinated with money because it is shiny and small enough to go into their mouths. Eventually they reach a time when they learn that money has the power to buy things. That is a new reason for them to like money. In their teen years, their thinking can be dominated by a desire to possess money to impress others or to buy things that dad and mom will not buy for them. As adults . . . well, suffice it to say that a lot of adults are fond of money. Money in and of itself possesses no moral qualities. It is neither righteous nor unrighteous. It is an inanimate object, a means or tool that can be traded for something else. It is one's attitude toward money that adds an element of morality. Consider the following six truthful statements about money. May they serve as a reminder and warning. Money cannot buy love. Back in the 1960s, the Beatles sang, "I don't care too much for money, 'cause money can't buy me love." It was true then; it is true now. Money may impress and attract folks to a money-possessing person, but money does not buy genuine love. Money does not grow on trees. How many times did our parents tell us that when we wanted something we could not afford? Because it is true that we cannot get money by snapping our fingers, we need to be good stewards with the funds that God has placed in our hands (cf. 1 Corinthians 4:2). Paul wrote, "Owe no one anything" (Romans 13:8). Christians ought not to get themselves into debt that they cannot pay. Money is not the root of all evil, but the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10). The love of money is covetousness, and covetousness is idolatry (Colossians 3:5).

A love affair with riches has ruined friendships, marriages, and even congregations. Money cannot save a soul. Money can be used to support preaching (2 Corinthians 11:8–9). It can be an instrument to edify the faithful, but it cannot save. Money will not accompany us when we leave this world. Regardless of how much one has, money stays behind—we cannot take it with us. “We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out” (1 Timothy 6:7). Money is not success, and success is not possessing money. Oh, if we could only help folks to see this! Some rich people will go to hell. Some poor folks will go to heaven. One’s eternal destiny is not determined by financial status. Listen to what the Lord told Joshua about success: “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” (Joshua 1:8). That is true success. Let each resolve to accept these truths about money, and beware of “the deceitfulness of riches” (Mark 4:19). —Roger D. Campbell

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## Life

(Selected Verses)

Life! we’ve been long together,  
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;  
’Tis hard to part when friends are dear;  
Perhaps ’t will cost a sigh, a tear;

Then steal away, give little warning,  
Choose thine own time;  
Say not Good night, but in some brighter clime  
Bid me Good morning.

Anna L. Barbaud

## Sometime We'll Understand

Not now, but in the coming years,  
It may be in the better land,  
We'll read the meaning of our tears,  
And there, sometime, we'll understand.

We'll catch the broken thread again,  
And finish what we here began;  
Heav'n will the mysteries explain,  
And then, ah then, we'll understand.

We'll know why clouds instead of sun  
Were over many a cherished plan;  
Why song has ceased when scarce begun;  
'Tis there, sometime, we'll understand.

Why what we long for most of all,  
Eludes so oft our eager hand;  
Why hopes are crushed and castles fall,  
Up there, sometime, we'll understand.

God knows the way,  
He holds the key,  
He guides us with unerring hand;  
Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see;  
Yes, there, up there, we'll understand.

Then trust in God through all the days;  
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand;  
Though dark thy way,  
still sing and praise, Sometime,  
sometime we'll understand.

## God's Plan for Saving Man

Divine Love: John 3:16

God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9

Holy Spirit's Word: Romans 1:16

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16

Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37

Christian's Work: James 2:24

Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24

Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10