

**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 8, 2020**



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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  
John and Linda Schafer-Linda under hospice care  
Al and Jeannie Haskell—Health  
Michael and Vivian Golwitzer—health

## **Food closet: Paper Products**

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### **SERMONS**

**AM: The Value of Persistency**

**PM: God has Work for You to Do**

# No Neutrality

Pilate could wash his hands, but he could not wash Jesus' blood off his conscience. We cannot be neutral about Christ. We are either for or against Him. There is no middle ground. Jesus said: "He who is not with Me is against Me" (Matthew 12:30).

Jesus is God's spokesman to man today: God has "in these last days spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:1–2).

He is the only mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5).

He is our perfect example. Christ left "us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth'" (1 Peter 2:21–22).

He is man's only Savior (Matthew 1:21). When a man like that stands before you, you do not just pass Him off with a shrug of the shoulders. You have to make a decision—a decision that affects the soul,

judgment, and eternity. Jesus said: “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).

Someday this will be reversed. Jesus now stands before us, and we have the right to decide what we will do with Him. The day will come when we will stand before Him, and He will decide what to do with us: “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Do unto Christ today as you would have Him do unto you in the last great day.

—Anonymous

“Choose for yourselves this day” Joshua 24:15



# The Hottest Spice

Currently, the hottest pepper is officially the Carolina Reaper, cultivated by “Smokin” Ed Currie in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The official 2017 Guinness World Record heat level was 1,641,183 Scoville Heat Units (SHU). Is your good influence detectable in a crowd? Jesus spoke of influence in the Sermon on the Mount: “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor . . . It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out” (Matthew 5:13–14).

We are God’s “spice” to influence His world for good. There are two ways that we may influence others: by words and by deeds. People are more affected by what they see than what they hear. What do they see in your life and mine? Do they see devotion to Christ shown by our being at Bible study and worship? Do they see someone truly striving to live like Christ, or do they see someone who is indifferent and compromising? Will God say to us on that final day, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” or will He say, “Depart from Me”? (Matthew 25:21, 41).

—Adapted from Kenneth Davis

# Religious Freedom

Speaking to the Constitutional Convention on June 28, 1787, Benjamin Franklin spoke these words: “I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an entire empire can rise without His aid?”

God said: “Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number” (Jeremiah 2:32). We live in an age when more and more voices are being heard on every side in an effort to silence God—to quiet Him and make Him irrelevant to America’s public life. Far from following the advice of today’s civil libertarians, our founding fathers on many occasions publicly called upon their nation to fall down on bended knees and give thanks to Almighty God. In America we have been the undeserving recipients of God’s most bountiful hand. Let us not become guilty of a most grievous sin—the sin of ingratitude. James wrote: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17).

Every generation is obligated to learn from the past mistakes of others. In a real sense, the former generations will weigh in on the outcome of their successors. Jesus said, “Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you” (Luke 10:13–14). Religious freedom, while we still have it, is a privilege that so many people have not yet really learned to appreciate. For the person who is not a Christian, it is a squandered blessing. Some wrongly conclude that religious freedom is the freedom not to become a Christian. Technically, that’s true. But the fact is, the principle of religious freedom is unnecessary if you do not want to become a Christian. You can be a slave and not become a Christian. Religious freedom really shines, however, when such freedom allows you to become a Christian and to become free of the bondage of sin and death (Romans 8:2). That is the true spirit of religious freedom. Is that kind of freedom really working for you?

—Howell Ferguson, Bells, Tennessee

## 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