

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.

October 25, 2020



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Marty (health) and Joyce Stearns-Request prayers for Gracie 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 and negative for COVID-19

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 husband Alan, son Evan and fiancé have tested negative for COVID-19 and back to work. Lauren Weidner-grand-daughter, Joyce Harrison, Aunt Peggy Gunter-in need of prayers.

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

John and Linda Schafer-wife Linda is in need of prayer Al and Jeannie Haskell—Health

Michael and Vivian Golwitzer—health , Mike II (son) has tested positive for COVID-19

Penoyer family—Todd, Caitlin and Cassidy

Food closet: Toothpaste, Shampoo and Soap

SERMONS

AM: Are You Sowing Matthew 13:3

PM: Silence Is Golden

Jesus Surprises People

“For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him” (Isaiah 53:2).

It was expected that the Son of God should make a public entry with pomp and observation. But instead He grew up before God, not before men. He grew as a tender plant, silently and insensibly, and without any show. He rose as a tender plant, which one would have thought might easily have been crushed or frost-bitten. The contempt in which Christ was held by the Jews because of the “averageness” of His appearance is foreshadowed in Isaiah 53.

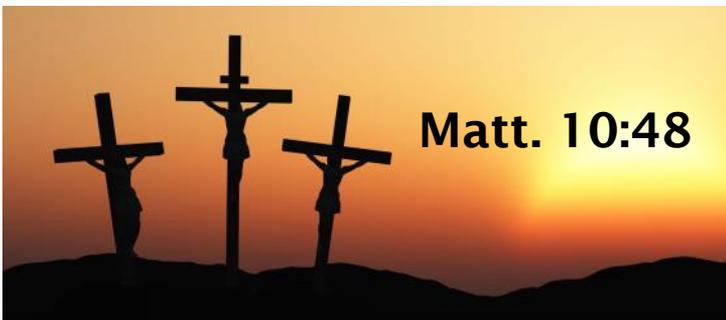
There was His low condition to which He submitted in becoming man (Philippians 2:5–8). He abased and emptied Himself. The entry He made into the world and the character He wore in it were in no way agreeable to the ideas which the Jews had formed of the Messiah; they were quite the

reverse. It was expected that His extraction should be great and noble. He was to be the son of David, of a family that had a “name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth” (2 Samuel 7:9). But Jesus sprang out of this illustrious family when it was reduced. Joseph, who was His supposed father, was but a poor carpenter, perhaps a shop-carpenter, and most of His friends were fishermen. This is what is meant in Isaiah by “a root out of dry ground.” He was born of a despicable family in Galilee; of a family which, like a dry and desert ground, nothing green (great) was expected; in a city of such small repute that it was thought no good thing could come out of it (John 1:46).

It was expected that He should have some uncommon beauty in His face and person, which should charm the eye, attract the heart, and raise the expectations of all who saw Him. When Moses was born, he was beautiful (Exodus 2:2); David was good-looking (1 Samuel 16:12); but our Lord Jesus had nothing of that to recommend Him. It is not

that He was deformed or misshapen, but His appearance was nothing extraordinary, which one might have expected to find in an incarnate deity. It was expected that He should live a pleasant life and have full enjoyment of all the delights of the sons of men. To the contrary, He was “a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3). It was not only His last scene that was tragic, but His whole life was in large measure miserable—He was unsettled and had nowhere to lay His head (Matthew 8:20), lived on alms, was opposed and menaced, and “endured such hostility from sinners against Himself” (Hebrews 12:3). We never read that He laughed out loud, but we know that He wept (e.g., John 11:35). Grief was His intimate acquaintance, for He acquainted Himself with others’ grievances and sympathized with them. In His transfiguration He talked about His own decease, and in His triumph He wept over Jerusalem.

—Author Unknown



THE LORD'S CHURCH IS DISTINCTIVE

The overwhelming trend in religion today is toward ecumenism. Worldwide, politically correct culture pressures all religions to come together in unity of faith. Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Shintoists, Mormons, and Jews are all asked to find a primitive common denominator that will allow them to become one. No one is to say the other is wrong and should change. Each has his own "truth" and it matters not if each contradicts. Roget's Thesaurus gives these synonyms for ecumenism: "broadness, looseness, imprecision, inexactness." While the religious impetus is toward inexactness, truth is fixed, unalterable, and unchangeable. Truth is everlasting and cannot be altered to fit a changing world (Matthew 15:9, 13-14; Ephesians 4:4-6; Hebrews 10:25; James 4:4). We must not add to or subtract from God's Word (Revelation 20:12; 22:18-19). This means we will not fit in with culture, so we can expect rejection and even persecution. "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). "You will be hated by all [men] for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved" (Mark 13:13). —Unknown

"I am the way, the truth, the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

I'M GONNA . . .

"I'm gonna convert somebody someday!"

Three things are wrong with this statement.

"Gonna is not in the dictionary.

"Somebody" is not in the phone book.

"Someday" is not on the calendar.

Glad Tidings of Good Things

SEVEN GREAT OBJECTIVES OF LOVE

Love for God (1 John 4:7–8).

Love for Christ (1 Peter 1:8).

Love for God's commands (1 John 5:3).

Love for the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

Love for brethren (1 John 3:14, 23; 4:11).

Love for souls (1 Peter 4:8).

Love for His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8).—

Stauffer, Give Ye Them to Eat Sermon Outlines

LOVE CAKE FOR MOTHER

1 Can of obedience

3 Pounds of affection

1 Pint of neatness

Assorted holiday and birthday surprises

1 Box of running errands

1 Bag of get up when I should

1 Bottle of keep sunny all day long

1 Container of pure thanksgiving

Mix well, bake in a hearty warm oven, and serve to Mother every day in large slices. —Unknown

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