

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 4, 2020



“Feed my sheep” John 21:16-17

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Marty (health) and Joyce Stearns-Request prayers for Gracie and Tracy Clark. Dale and Sue Gregory Joan’s brother Hurley—is doing better and Opal, sister Christena Apostolico in Ohio—health, and Donna Bill Alldaffer—Request prayers for Edith Taylor-mother- she has been moved to Detroit and has COVID-19 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. 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 Chere’ - request prayers for Priya, Shalini and Daniel John and Linda Schafer-wife Linda is in need of prayer Rachel Hall—health problems Pat Crain—fell and broke her hip Michael and Vivian Golwitzer—health Marilyn Moffitt—health and family Mason and family George Taylor-to return to the Lord Wendy Penoyer-surgery on leg

Food closet: Canned Goods

SERMONS

AM: CHRIST IS THE ANSWER John 6:66-69; 14:1-6

PM: Pergamos Revelation 2:12-17

Ten Facts About the Church of Christ

We read of it in the New Testament (Romans 16:16).

It exalts Christ as the only head of the church (Ephesians 1:22).

It has no creed but Christ and binds no name on its members but the divine name, Christian (Acts 11:26).

It speaks where the Bible speaks and is silent where the Bible is silent (1 Peter 4:11).

It pleads for the unity of all believers in Christ (John 17:20–21; 1 Corinthians 1:10).

It is not a denomination, nor a group of denominations, but simply the body of Christ (Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18).

Its founder is Christ Himself (Matthew 16:18).

Its aim is to save souls by gospel preaching (Romans 1:16).

Its worship is patterned after the New Testament (John 4:24).

Context Is King

The meaning of any Scripture will be consistent with what comes before and after it. Words in the Bible, as in other literature, convey meaning according to rules of grammar. Since a sentence is the basic unit of intelligible discourse, and the paragraph is the framework for expressing a complete thought, the paragraph is the basic unit of Bible study.

First, read the entire paragraph to see a verse as a part of the whole thought. Some translations (ASV, NKJV, ESV) show paragraphs by indentation, verse numbers in bold print, and/or double space, while others use a symbol (§ in KJV) to show paragraphs.

Second, determine how words are being used. Bible words should be taken in their normal sense unless the author is using a figure of speech. For example, Revelation is written in figurative language (Revelation 1:1), so when it talks of dragons, serpents, harps, and stars falling to the earth, these represent ideas beyond the literal.

Third, determine general or specific application. If an explanation is specific to a single person, then it does not apply to people today. Paul commanded Timothy to bring the cloak, books, and parchments he had left at Troas (2 Timothy 4:13). Obviously, this was not a general command that requires all Christians to

journey to Rome with warm garments and study materials. Three types of commands directly intended for today include the following:

Universal commands (Matthew 5:19, 22, 28, 31–32; 19:4–9; John 3:16; 4:14; 8:34; Romans 10:13; Galatians 5:4; 1 John 2:2; 3:4, 15; 4:15);

Instruction to the church (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15–16; 1 Corinthians 14:35; 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 3:15);

Commands given to groups to which we belong (Ephesians 5:22–33; 6:1–3; 1 Timothy 2:8–12; Titus 2:1–10; James 3:1; 1 Peter 3:1–7; 5:1–3).

Practice careful examination to avoid taking verses out of context. To quote out of context is to remove a passage from its surroundings in a way that distorts its meaning.

D. A. Carson is often quoted for this famous statement: “A text without a context is a pretext for a proof text.” (Carson attributed the quote to his father, Tom.) Man is ever prone to this. One rabbi is said to have satirized his rival by saying, “When Rabbi Eliezer expounds, he begins by saying, ‘Scripture, be silent, while I am interpreting.’” If we twist verses to fit theories instead of adjusting beliefs to fit Scripture, we facilitate our own destruction (2 Peter 3:15–16).

Start a study of the Bible today. It is the most important book. — Allen Webster

HATED BUT LOVED

America’s most famous architect, the late Frank Lloyd Wright, designed some unusual buildings. Among them is Fallingwater, a house built in the mid-1930s over a waterfall in southwest Pennsylvania. Stretching out over a thirty-foot waterfall, the structure creates the illusion that it is not built on solid ground. When it was completed, the house was an instant hit with the public, and today is a popular National Historic Landmark.

On a university campus in Florida stands another of Wright’s creations: a library with an extremely low ceiling—so low that if you are six feet tall and not careful, you’ll bump your head. An architecture student once asked why Wright had designed such a building. Said her professor bluntly that it was “because he hated tall people.”

In Jesus’ time, “tax collectors” appeared high on everyone’s “most hated” list. The Jews were an oppressed people, living under the Roman military occupation.

They regarded their assessments more as forced tribute to the emperor than as funds collected to defray expenses for governmental services. The despised tax collectors were those Jews who had bought their offices from the Roman authority. The Roman oppressor simply assessed the tax collector a fixed amount for his territory. He, in turn, had the job of raising the money—with enough left over to make it a profitable business for himself. This was, in effect, a license to practice greed and injustice. The more taxes collected, the higher the tax collector's profits. Gangster methods of collection were not uncommon. For these reasons, a tax collector was regarded not only as an extortionist, but as a traitorous person who had “sold out” to the Roman oppressors.

Jesus met Zacchaeus, the regional tax collector. He was determined to get close to Jesus “to see what kind of man” He was. But when Jesus arrives, Zacchaeus, being a short man (who would fit nicely in that Frank Lloyd Wright building), cannot see over the crowd. He climbs a tree.

Read Luke 19 to see Jesus' love for the unlovely and take heart.

Glad Tidings of Good Things (February 21, 2019)

Psalm 111:3

**“His work is honourable
and glorious: and his
righteousness endureth
for ever.”**

