

## *Our Story . . .*

*Our journey as a church began in 1902 when a couple began seeking God for a church after moving to Flint. In 1904 the hall was rented in downtown Flint and the Flint Relief Mission was begun. From 1905-1913 the mission grew and continued to minister from the corner of 2nd and Saginaw Streets.*

*With the growth of Flint so came the growth of the church. In 1913 a new church was built at 730 E. Hamilton Ave. And as many continued to come to Flint to find work in the shops, many joined the church.*

*In 1956 under God's leading, a new church was built on the corner of DuPont and Gracelawn Ave. It was soon to become the "lighthouse" on the corner.*

*In 1973, once again under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, a new church was built at our current location 1327 N. Elms Rd, and Faith Missionary Church continued to see God bless and grow the kingdom.*

*Our journey began in 1904 as the Flint Relief Mission and continues today as Faith Missionary Church. Our hope and prayer is as you have worshipped with us today that you may desire to join us on the journey of helping others find Jesus.*

## *Prayer Concerns*

**Steve Hittle**, pray for healing as he has a new liver.

**Martha Hillman**, continue to pray for healing.

**Bob Hazzard**, pray for protection and safety as he is recovering from a recent fall.

**Shelby Sherman**, pray for strength as she has finished her radiation treatment.

**Judy Helms**, pray for her as she begins aggressive radiation treatments soon.

**Janice Casewell**, sister of Steve Horton, pray for her as she recovers from open heart surgery.

**Cheryl Cortese**, daughter of Shelby Sherman, pray for her as she receives radiation treatment for a cancerous spot on her ribs.

**Aiden Owens**, age 6, pray for him as he has a cancerous inoperable tumor in his brain.

**Phyllis Scales**, friend of Schimpf's, pray for her as she has stomach cancer.

**Mel Altom**, pray for him as he regains strength after completing radiation treatment.

**Brenda Mann**, wife of World Partners Director Rev. Dave Mann, continue to pray for her as she seems to be responding to new treatments.

**Greg Hocky**, neighbor of Don & Deb, pray for him as he has terminal cancer.

**Jennifer**, friend of Sandy Swartwood, pray for her as she has stomach cancer.

**Isabell**, 11 year old cousin of Lynda Stanfill, pray for her as she has many health issues.

**Curt**, son of Shelby Sherman, pray for him as he receives treatments for heart/health issues.

**Rachel**, co-worker of Laura Burt, pray for her as she has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

**Chris**, mother of Russ White, pray for her as she has cancer.

**Pray for those with physical concerns:** Diana Harris, Don Myers, Marvin Prime, Jeni Edwards, Emma Hobson, Arlene Cory, Mary Holicki, Lydia LaClair, Wally Branson, Onalee Herriman, Glenda Watts, Dale Jackson, Paulette Chandnois, and Sandy Yurk

# *Welcome*

*Who We  
Are . . .*

*Followers  
of Jesus  
who*

*Multiply  
disciples  
while*

*Caring for  
others*



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# Thank You for Worshipping with Us

Order of Service

December 29, 2019

Opening ..... “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Prayer

Announcements

Congregational Greeting

Pastor’s Pals

*Children up through 5th grade are invited to go to Kid’s Worship.*

Offertory

Praise & Worship ..... “Lord Reign In Me”  
“10,000 Reasons”

Time of Prayer

Sermon ..... Pastor Brent Kriesch  
“Where Does Your Help Come From?”  
I Samuel 7:2-17

Closing ..... “Give Us Clean Hands”

Benediction

# Sermon Notes

## “WHERE DOES YOUR HELP COME FROM?” 1 Samuel 7:2-17

**Big Idea!** The greatest cure for the anxious heart is a good memory.

### 1. 1 Samuel 7:2-6

The ark remained at Kiriath Jearim a long time—twenty years in all. Then all the people of Israel turned back to the LORD.<sup>3</sup> So Samuel said to all the Israelites, “If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.”<sup>4</sup> So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.<sup>5</sup> Then Samuel said, “Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the LORD for you.”<sup>6</sup> When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the LORD. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, “We have sinned against the LORD.” Now Samuel was serving as leader of Israel at Mizpah.

### 2. 1 Samuel 7:7-11

When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines.<sup>8</sup> They said to Samuel, “Do not stop crying out to the LORD our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines.”<sup>9</sup> Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. He cried out to the LORD on Israel’s behalf, and the LORD answered him.<sup>10</sup> While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the LORD thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites.<sup>11</sup> The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar.

### 3. 1 Samuel 7:12-14

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far the LORD has helped us.”<sup>13</sup> So the Philistines were subdued and they stopped invading Israel’s territory. Throughout Samuel’s lifetime, the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines.<sup>14</sup> The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to Israel, and Israel delivered the neighboring territory from the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

### 4. 1 Samuel 7:15-17

Samuel continued as Israel’s leader all the days of his life.<sup>16</sup> From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places.<sup>17</sup> But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also held court for Israel. And he built an altar there to the LORD.

**No Matter how you started, seek to finish well.**