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<p>13505 19 Mile Road          Sterling Heights, MI 48313</p> <p>Phone: 586.731.2290          Fax: 586.731.4586</p>	
<p><b><u>Big Changes on the World Wide Web</u></b></p> <p>There will be some changes to the digital distribution of the bulletin. Instead of being sent via e-mail, the bulletin will be made available to view on our brand new website. There will be more details to come when the updated site comes online.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="100 540 504 755">  </div> <div data-bbox="514 475 949 706"> <p><b><u>Gospel Minute</u></b></p> <p>We now have the <b><i>Gospel Minute</i></b> weekly publication available in the track rack in the foyer. Be sure to grab a copy!</p> </div> </div>	
<p><b><u>Emergency Information</u></b></p> <p>As a safety measure, the elders have decided to collect emergency contact information for all those willing to participate. It will consist of filling out a card with the name and phone numbers of those you would want contacted in the case of a medical emergency. A copy of the form will be available in the office. Completed forms can be turned in to an elder or deacon.</p>	
	<p>Did you miss seeing someone today?          I'm sure someone missed seeing you. Why not go the extra mile? You can make a difference! You could call, stop by and visit, or drop a note and let someone know that you care and that they were missed.</p>
<p><b><u>We're on the Web!</u></b></p> <p>Visit us at <a href="http://www.uticachurchofchrist.com">www.uticachurchofchrist.com</a></p>	
<p><b>If you have any information for the bulletin, please e-mail Joseph Cracchiolo at <a href="mailto:josephcracchiolo@yahoo.com">josephcracchiolo@yahoo.com</a>.</b></p>	

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<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">    </div> <p align="center"><b><i>Read a chapter, brother!          Read a chapter!</i></b></p>		
	<p align="center"><b><u>Special Announcement</u></b></p> <p align="center">There will be <b><u>NO</u></b> Sunday Evening Worship Service tonight.</p>	
<p align="center"><b><u>Service Schedule</u></b></p> <p><u>Sunday Morning:</u>          Bible Class 9:00 am          Worship Service 10:00 am</p> <p><u>Sunday Evening:</u>          Worship Service 5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday Evening:</u>          Bible Class 7:30 pm</p>		

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<p><b><u>Our Minister:</u></b>  <b>Bryant Reynolds</b>  Home Phone: 586.445.2521  Cell Phone: 586.214.3243  Office Hours:  Tuesday thru Friday  10am-2pm</p>	<p><b><u>What must I do to be saved?</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Hear</u></b>  “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Rom. 10:17</p> <p><b><u>Believe</u></b>  “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Acts 16:31</p> <p><b><u>Repent</u></b>  “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” Acts 3:19</p> <p><b><u>Confess</u></b>  “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Rom. 10:10</p> <p><b><u>Be Baptized</u></b>  “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38</p> <p><b><u>Walk Faithfully</u></b>  “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”  Revelation 2:10</p>	
<p>Welcome, visitors!</p> <p>If you are visiting with us today, you're a welcomed guest. Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card so we can have an accurate record of your visit.</p> <p>Thank you for worshipping with us!</p>		
<p><b><u>Our Church Elders:</u></b></p> <p><b>Bob Brown</b> 586.792.4232  <b>Vince Cracchiolo</b> 586.739.0655  <b>Keith Edwards</b> 586.243.0585</p> <p><b><u>Our Deacons:</u></b></p> <p><b>Chris Timberlake</b> 586.286.3719  <b>Matthew Brown</b> 586.218.7818</p>	<p><b><u>Communion Preparation</u></b></p> <p>Communion this month is being prepared by:</p> <p><b>Lisa Rhodes</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Youth Director:</b>  <b>Joseph Cracchiolo</b>  586.719.7600</p>	

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<p><b><u>In Our Prayers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Bob Shantry is in need of prayers for his health as he recovers.</li> <li>▶ Bill Anderton is undergoing physical therapy.</li> <li>▶ Tina Sola is recovering from neck surgery.</li> <li>▶ Della Thompson fell and strained her back.</li> <li>▶ Tanasia Reynold's sister is having complications with her pregnancy, and would like prayers for life in general.</li> <li>▶ A friend of Kris Reynolds is battling Leukemia.</li> <li>▶ Jimmy Neisler Jr. recently suffered a heart attack.</li> <li>▶ Taylor Hobbs. 17 year old cousin of Terry Brown, is experiencing seizures and stroke-like symptoms.</li> </ul>		
<p><b><u>Continuing health issues:</u></b></p> <p>Rick MacDonald (multiple sclerosis), Cathy Freeman (dementia), The Horans (general), Jerianne LeBree (cancer), Susan Belasco (cancer), Mary Kay Ellis (multiple sclerosis), Della Thompson (general), Sarah Bridges (general), Oweda Carter (general), Jenni Jackson (cancer), Vito Malleti (cancer), Marge Hines (stroke), Ken Seagraves (general), Aiden (Bob Shantry's grandson, autism), Don Galat (heart), Charlie Casango's sister (heart), Dave Rhodes (Keith Edwards brother-in-law, cancer), Mac Garrett (kidney), Sandy Humiston's father (general), Paul Sturgis (kidney), Dennis Hogan (recovery), Kaylin Roskey (newborn with complications), Dave Humiston's niece (seizures), Sean Lovelace (melanoma), John Walters (stroke), Jewel England (Hospice), John Walters Sr. (general), Violet Bostwick (cancer), Bob Shantry (general), Bill Anderton (general)</p> <p><b><u>In the Military:</u></b></p> <p>Please pray for Amara Timberlake, Jayson Madill, Jerome Boyd, Shannon Black, and all of our armed forces.</p> <p><b><u>Travelers:</u></b></p> <p>-Chris Timberlake is in Florida.</p>		

**Visitation and Encouragement**

As is known through our prayer list and announcements, several members of our congregation are facing serious long term health issues that have prevented them from being able to attend worship services. If you are able volunteer to bring the Lord's Supper to these brothers and sisters please see Matthew Brown. The more we have volunteer, the more we can serve, and it does well for those being served to visit with different members, and see how many people love and care about them.

**Holiday Schedule**

For the next few weeks there will be **NO** Sunday Evening Worship Service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Bible Class and Morning Service will be conducted as regularly scheduled.

**Volunteers Wanted**

The church of Christ Jail Ministry meets twice weekly at the Utica church, from 9 a.m. to noon or so on Tuesdays and Fridays, to grade and mail Bible Study lessons. The latest Quarterly Report of our activities is available in the foyer and covers all of last year. In addition to the mailed Bible studies program, we are part of the Macomb County Jail Ministry teams that hold Sunday evening Bible services at the Jail.

If you have an interest, it's a great way to help others learn the Bible (and for you to learn more, too). If you have an hour or two to spare, join Tony and Sandy at the Church to assist in keeping the lessons flowing. If you have questions call Tony at 586.306-7002.

**Upcoming Events**

Sign-up sheets are always being added to the back bulletin board. There are plenty of exciting things to sign up for, so be sure to check it out!

**Food Pantry**

As we all know in these difficult economic times there is a great need for grocery items. Our food pantry is fully stocked at this time and is available to anyone who has need of it, so please feel free to let us know if it would be a help to you or anyone else in need.

**Youth Corner**

If you are a parent or young person and there are any youth activities that you would like to suggest, or are willing to assist with, please contact our youth director, Joseph Cracchiolo, at 586-719-7600.

**Celebrate Good Times!****December**

Birthdays- Vince Cracchiolo (Jan 2nd)  
Dave Humiston (Jan 5th)  
Kay Louthan (Jan 13th)  
Don McElhaney (Jan 28th)  
Lisa Edwards (Jan 28th)

If you would like a birthday or anniversary included in the calendar, be sure to fill out one of the forms or tell Megan Cracchiolo.

***From Bryant's Desk*****Foundations are Sometimes Destroyed Quickly**

"And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. Then Samson said, 'Let me die with the Philistines.' He strained with all his might; and the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So those he killed at his death were more than those he had killed during his life" (Judges 16:29-30).

The structure described here was undoubtedly, a great one. The great number of Philistines that sat and were entertained in it certainly did not expect it to come down. The people certainly did not expect that this day to go as it did, but with the strength of God, the pillars were pushed from their place and all changed. Suddenly, for all those present, "life" as they knew it was gone.

Of course, this story teaches many lessons concerning faithfulness toward God and the importance of choosing the spiritual over the carnal. What we also see in the final moments of this sometimes wavering judge of Israel's life, is how quickly things change. The Philistines expected the walls of the house to hold. In the same way, there are things that men tend to rely on, but can come down in a moment.

There are things that exist around us, though perishable; yet we never give a moments thought to their end. That is why wisdom reminds us to be vigilant in all things. This life is such that, no thing is worthy of our constant trust. Only

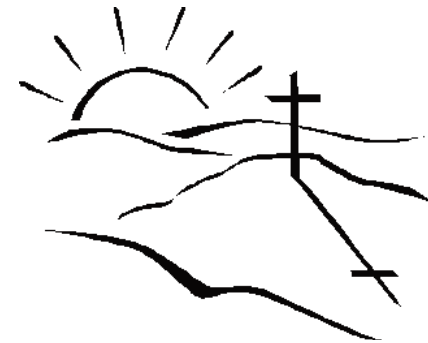
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our God and His ways are immutable. We should never be overwhelmed nor found off guard at life's rapid changes.

In the same way, however; because of Our Great God no seemingly immovable thing in our lives will remain. This is of course, we trust in the One who is able to change the unchangeable.

-Bryant Reynolds

**Daytime Bible Study**

Are you interested in a daytime Bible Study? Do you know someone who is? Please let Keith Edwards know if you are, what day you suggest, and topics you would be interested in studying

