

**MATTHEW 5:43-48**

1. You have heard it said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." **VS. 43**

**LEVITICUS 19:18**

In the context of this passage this is a person you have had difficult dealings with  
You may have hated them, whether in retaliation or in your own sinfulness

2. Jesus holds us to a higher standard : **VS. 44**

1. Love your enemies . **VS. 46**

**MATTHEW 5:10-12**

Since you are blessed when you are persecuted for righteousness sake, then you are already filled with the attitude that is necessary to bless them that curse you.

3. Do good to them that hate you.

4. Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.  
Jesus shared a story of how to bless, do good, and pray for those to whom we are adversarial.

**LUKE 10:25-37**

Why do all this?

**THAT VS. 45**

3. Live like a child of Your Father in Heaven.

**MAT 5:16**

**HOW**

- 4. God makes the sun to rise on the evil and good, sends rain to the evil & good.
- 5. If you only love and salute those you like, how are you any different than the lost ?
- 6. Be perfect .

**To be perfect is to be completely salty.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BUSINESS MEETING** - Today following the morning service.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS SPEAKER** - February 25th at 11am. Learn more about the growing concerns of human trafficking in our country and our home town. Beverages & Snacks will be provided. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Cheryl at 269-353-8133.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Upward Closing Ceremony - March 25th at 5pm We are in need of Greeters, Parking Lot Attendants, and Pizza Distributors. If you are willing and able to assist your help would be appreciated. Please sign up in the Welcome Center. If additional information is needed please see or call Pastor Carl cell 313-320-4121.

**HOME PLATE** June 8 - Join the Detroit Tigers for this year's annual Home Plate. This event includes several athletes speaking about their careers in sports and their faith in Jesus Christ. An on the field baseball clinic will be held by the Detroit Tigers and is available to all those attending Home Plate. You won't want to miss the testimony's, food, on field clinic and baseball game between the Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins. We will be taking the church bus, the bus is limited to the first forty people who sign up. The cost is \$39 per person. Sign up in the Welcome Center or see Brian Cooper if you have additional questions.

**LAC ANNUAL MOTHER, DAUGHTER & FRIENDS TEA** - May 4th from 11:00am-1:30pm. We are looking for table hosts to set a theme and invite others within the church to join them. Once the table hosts & themes have been decided we will post sign-up sheets for others to join in the fun that day. It is a FREE event. We just ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. We will have music and a special speaker this year. If you have never been to one you will not want to miss this opportunity of fellowship it is great fun!. Table Hostess Sign Up sheet in the Welcome Center.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - Resumes March 5th from 1pm-2:30pm in the Welcome Center. We will be continuing to study the "52" women of the Bible. We look forward to seeing everyone who can make it!

**COMMITTEES** - (FINANCE, MISSIONS, EDUCATION & MAINTENANCE) In April when the new fiscal year begins we will once again look at our four Committees and their current members. If you would like to be on a committee, continue to serve on a committee or be removed from a committee you have served on this past year, please see a Deacon or Pastor to make them aware of your choice.

**BRONSON COMMONS SCHEDULE FOR 2019** - We need volunteers to sign up to provide a service and music to seniors that are residents at Bronson Commons in Mattawan. The dates for our church to provide services are March 10, May 19, September 1 and December 1. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry please sign up in the Welcome Center.

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP** - Sunday 5:30pm-7pm at the home of Jim and Amanda Deters at 7585 Northport Avenue in Kalamazoo. Any questions or if you need directions please contact Jim Deters directly on his cell 269-330-8883.

**WEDNESDAY DINNER** - French Dip Sandwiches with Au Jus, Chips, Salad & Birthday Cake. Don't forget to sign up.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** - Monday at 6:30pm for ages 16 +  
**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** - Every Tuesday 8:30am at McDonald's on 9th Street.

**FOOD PANTRY** - Help others in need. See Krista Asher or Lynn Anderson.

**VISIT** www.12thstreetbaptist.net for events and updated information. For Members only. Anniversary, birthdays, pictures and business meeting notes on line using the Password: 12thStreet (case sensitive).

**WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

AWANA..... 6P-7:30P  
BIBLE & PRAYER MEETING ..... 6P-7:30P  
CHOIR PRACTICE..... 7:30P-8:30P

**SUNDAY EVENING EVENTS**

SMALL GROUPS INFO IN WELCOME CENTER  
YOUTH GROUP..... 5P-6:30P  
YOUNG ADULT GROUP..... 5P-6:30P  
SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MORE INFO

**NURSERY**

24 TAMI S, JESSICA W, CAYLA S  
3 ANDREA BARBRE, LEAH STOUT  
10 ADAM, DAGEY W, CAYLA STOUT  
17 KRISTA ASHER, NATE THOMPSON

**LAST WEEK**

TITHES & OFFERINGS ..... \$5,384.90  
BENEVOLENCE-CARPENTRY ..... 200.00  
CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS ..... 1.00  
COFFEE DONUTS FELLOWSHIP ..... 16.00  
TOTAL..... \$5,601.90