

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Bible Class* 10:00 am
Bible Study 7:00 pm

*September through May

Please contact Kendra Walker @ 708-829-2081 or via email at kendrabw@aol.com with prayer requests or announcements.

There is also a **Suggestion Box** on the wall in the foyer to directly contact the elders or the minister, Robert Webster.

OUR WEEKLY RECORD

Sunday AM Bible Class	74
Sunday Attendance	156
Contribution	\$2,919.00
Budget	\$2,860.00

Transportation to Sunday morning worship service can be provided for those in need. Also, for those who are unable to attend services, **communion** can be shared. Please call John Davis at 708-748-5413 to make arrangements. To receive a **Bible study by mail**, call Robert Webster at 708-331-2615 or email him at robster67@gmail.com for more information.

SERMON NOTES

February 2, 2014

Reflections of...



the Church of Christ
in South Holland

Welcome, visitors...



We are grateful to have you join us in worship today. If there is any way that we can be of help, please use the visitor's card to let us know. To learn more about churches of Christ and some of the work done here, please take a look at our website. Thank you for visiting with us today!

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

- **HEAR...**the Gospel of Christ. Rom 1:16; 10:17
- **BELIEVE...**in Jesus. John 8:24
- **REPENT...**of your sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19; 17:30
- **CONFESS...**your faith in Jesus Christ. Matt 10:32; Rom 10:9-10
- **BE BAPTIZED...**for the forgiveness of sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16

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EFFICIENCY, THE DETERMINING FACTOR! - R. Webster

Never before has there been a generation that has been made more aware of energy efficiency than the present one. The cost of a vehicle is heavily factored into its fuel efficiency. In 1975 one could get between 10 to 15 mpg on the average car, today that number is over 30 mpg. The same level of energy efficiency can be said of TVs, computers, light bulbs etc.

“Efficient” as an adj. means *“performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort...”* Dictionary.com.

Likewise, Shouldn't we, as Christians, take a closer look at how efficient we are on our spiritual journey? Our attempt to serve God, while at the same time allowing sin to reside in our lives, is a waste of time and energy. That is not accepted nor tolerated by the Lord. How devastated we will be on that day to hear Jesus say, *“...depart from me, I never knew you...”* Matt. 7:23. This would mean that the years we spent as *“Christians”* were unproductive because our lives were riddled with inefficiencies that we did not seek to address.

The proverbial saying *“a stitch in time saves nine,”* can also mean that the little things that we do that are contrary to God's Word, must be dealt with quickly before they blossom into larger, more difficult to manage issues. I declare to you that when sin is left unattended it will mushroom into bigger problems. That was the simple, yet sober message that Paul conveyed to the Corinthian church in I Cor. 5. They had been tolerating and appearing apathetic to the brother who was living with his father's wife. He said, *“In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ...deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh that his spirit may be saved...”* (I Cor. 5:4-5). It was vital that the problem be dealt with quickly and efficiently because *“...a little leaven leavens the whole lump”* (I Cor. 5:6). Certainly then, sin left unattended by the church leaves it inefficient and opens the door for others to do the same.

Every disciple of Christ must do constant tuning of his spiritual life or else his steps of progress will be nullified by retrograde steps of inefficiencies. So the writer of Hebrews says *“...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us”* (Heb. 12:1). The success of this race is dependent on how willing we are to lay aside those weights that hold us back. Let's ensure that we are not ensnared by inefficiencies, resulting in the loss of our souls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new **church directory** is available from Peter on the front pew after services.

There will be a **kids' party** Friday, February 7 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. There is a sign-up list on the ledge in the foyer. Also, Laura needs some of the teens to help out that evening.

On Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 am, **cookies will be packed up and shipped** to all our college kids, local and away, and our military personnel. Please give the addresses to Laura Pratt by today. Any ladies that are able to make cookies and/or help Laura package them can sign the list on the ledge.

There is a list on the ledge for **ladies to sign for committees** they'd like to serve on. The elders will be meeting with the ladies sometime next month.

The **elders will be meeting** this coming Wednesday evening after Bible class. Any suggestions can be placed in the Suggestion Box.

For members age 55 and older, the **Sweethearts' Banquet** will be held here on Saturday, February 22, at noon. Adam and Connie Burke are hosting the dinner along with the teens. Please see the ledge for a sign up list to attend. There is also a sign up list for help with food preparation.

Please remember to **silence or turn off your cell phones** during worship.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Kris Strickland, Larry Thompson's daughter, and Bruce Cartwright's parents.**

Continue to remember **Shults-Lewis Children's Home, our college kids, our missionaries, and our military personnel.**

Anyone who would like to have a **prayer request mentioned** in the bulletin, please call or email Kendra Walker. (cell 708-829-2081 / email: KendraBW@aol.com)

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK...

Birthdays...

Feb 3 - Jean Hoekstra