

## 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](mailto: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	68
Sunday Attendance	172
Contribution	\$3,289.00
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](mailto:robster67@gmail.com) for more information.

## SERMON NOTES

February 23, 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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Wed 1-4pm Fri 10am-2pm

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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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE THREAT OF RE-ENSLAVEMENT *(R. Webster)*

As the US (and many other parts of the world) celebrates black history in the month of February, one can easily recall one of the most famous speeches ever given. It was on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC, back in 1963, that the noted civil rights leader Martin L. King Jr. gave his *"I have a dream"* speech, which he ended with the words: *"...free at last, thank God, Almighty, we are free at last."* His message of freedom centered on civil liberties, fairness and justice for all which still resonates with people on a global scale.

The value of freedom is best felt by those who were once denied it. Since we, as servants of Christ, were all slaves to unrighteousness, the experience of freedom should be something to treasure which gives us reason to also rejoice that we too are free at last. In Romans 6:17 Paul says that it is by obeying *"that form of doctrine"* that we gained our deliverance from sin. Our spiritual freedom involves the Lord Jesus Christ. He Himself taught that when the Son makes people free, they are really free (John 8:36). This freedom comes when we believe in Him and obey His gospel (8:32). In fact, only Jesus can break the chains of sin and set people free.

There is however, an ever clear and present danger that children of God should be aware of - re-enslavement! In II Pet. 2, Peter talks about false teachers and the consequences of those who turn away from the truth *"having known it,"* and to seduce others to follow the same. He made it clear that these men had for a while been freed from the pollutions of the world, but like a pig returning to its wallowing in the mire, they went right back into bondage again! They professed to be saved but had never really been redeemed (set free) at all! As a result, they became enslaved to money (2 Peter 2:3, 14). They were slaves to covetousness resulting in them using every kind of deceptive technique to exploit innocent people. They were also in bondage to fleshly lust (2 Pet. 2:10, 14). They were also enslaved by pride (2 Pet. 2:10-12).

Let us, therefore, treasure our freedom in Christ by learning from the sinful deeds of these false teachers. The more we study the better we will be able to *"discern both good and evil"* (Heb. 5:14). We are warned by Peter in I Peter 5:8 that *"the devil is like a roaring lion seeking those whom he may devour."* Paul encouraged the Galatian Christians to *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage."* (Gal. 5:1)

Today is our **fellowship and 1 P.M.** worship service. Lunch is being hosted by the Lightfoots and Goldens.

Because of a **leaking roof** over the south classrooms, check to see where your class will be temporarily moved until everything is repaired.

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

Please get a copy of the letter from Meghan, Michael, and Markus on the ledge. They will be going on a trip to **Mexico** to work with children there at an orphanage. In giving to this, please use one of the church envelopes and mark it "Mexico."

The **ladies group** that meets in Ann Marie's home is on hiatus until the spring.

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 at the end of next month.

The **Sweethearts' Banquet** was a great success this past Saturday. We are grateful for Adam and Connie Burke along with the teens that were wonderful hosts. Thank you also to Lisa McGlothlin and Kelly and Scott Kessler who worked in the kitchen.

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



### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Don Thompson**, a former member here along with his wife, has fallen and is recovering in a rehab center. He and Billie would love to receive cards and well wishes. Their address is 2857 Cape La Croix Road, Cottage 12, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

**Maryann Senchek**, who attends Ladies Bible Class and is also a friend of John Berry, is undergoing chemotherapy and asks for prayers.

Please remember **Joe Walker's mother, Elaine**, who is completing her chemo treatments on Thursday and will be scheduled for a double mastectomy in April.

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

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### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK...

#### *Birthdays...*

Feb 23 - Thelma Cartwright

Feb 24 - Jackie Hacker

Feb 25 - Laura Pratt

Feb 27 - Michal Davis

Mar 1 - Hayli McGlothlin