

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	67
Sunday Attendance	145
Contribution	\$3,628.00
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

March 9, 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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LIFE-ALTERING QUESTIONS (R. Webster)

According to the Bible Statistics and History, Jesus Christ asked 173 questions in the New Testament. There is no doubt that He considered questions a fundamental part of His 3 ½ year ministry in communicating His message to his listeners. Oftentimes his questions contain the very answers and were also designed for one to examine oneself. His questions elicited various responses from humble acceptance of the message, to anger and hatred. Indeed, He truly was the Master in “*thought provoking questions.*”

One occasion, after “*...many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more,*” (Jn. 6:67), He turned to His closest and most loyal disciples and asked a very personal question out of sorrow and concern, “*Will you also go away?*” (Jn. 6:67). This question was highlighting the fact that the disciples, like everyone else, had the freedom of choice to follow Him. The reply of the twelve still echoes in our hearts today as we seek to live in harmony with his word, “*Lord, to whom we shall go? You have the words of eternal life*” (Jn. 6:68).

Other Thought-Provoking Questions We Should Ponder Today.

- o *Am I nearer to God today than when I first became a Christian?*
- o *Am I concerned about the lost ones around me?*
- o *Are my prayers based on selfishness or selflessness?*
- o *Do I truly want to go to heaven when this life is over?*
- o *Does my life show a love and respect for the Lord, his word, his church?*
- o *Am I setting the very best example I possibly can for those around me? My spouse? My children? My grandchildren? My neighbors? My co-workers?*
- o *Do I know what my children are watching on television? What they are reading? What they are listening to on their radio/iPod/Mp3 player? Do I know who they are talking to on the telephone? Do I know what they are talking about? Do I monitor their internet use? Do I supervise their activities with their friends?*
- o *If I were to die today, what would be the fate of my spouse? Would he/she continue to live the Christian life?*
- o *If I were to die today, what would my children do? Would they continue to show an interest in the church for which Christ died?*
- o *Have I identified the recurring sins in my life that may ultimately cost me my soul? What am I doing to “resist the Devil”?*
- o *Have I taken a spiritual inventory of my Christian life? How well am I doing in adding the fruit of the Spirit and the “Christian virtues”?*

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK...

Birthdays...

Mar 9 - Glenda Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midwest LTC will take place the weekend of Friday, April 18. Any of our youth who'd like to be involved need to register before the deadline on March 17. See the Youth Bulletin board or speak with either the Reeses or the Burkes to learn about all of the opportunities our young people have at the convention to guide them toward becoming strong leaders in the church.

The **Ladies Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, March 29 at 8:30 am. The following (3) lists are on the ledge: one for ladies who wish to attend, another for men who are able to cook and serve breakfast that morning, and a list of the various committees for women to serve on.

Meghan, Michael, and Markus Kessler will return from the mission trip in Mexico on Friday.

The elders appreciate your patience as we deal with a leaking a roof and damaged classrooms. Hopefully repairs will begin this week.

Congratulations to **Courtney Davis** who became Mrs. Sharod Moore yesterday.

Congratulations to **Mitchell Kessler** who won 1st place in shot put among 48 competitors at an Indiana Invitational Track and Field event.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Colleen Dembowski's sister-in-law, Gwen Larkins, had colon cancer surgery last Friday and will begin chemo treatment soon. Also, a friend of Colleen, Rosemary Anhalt, is having abdominal surgery Wednesday as a last resort to a life threatening condition.

Bruce Cartwright's mother became ill just before the family left Georgia so Bruce stayed behind to help care for her.

Debra Ellis has spent a week at a cancer center for further diagnosis.

Bro. Mobley has requested prayers for his mother who has been put on dialysis.

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

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?

This question is asked in a song we sing on page 432 in *Songs of Faith and Praise*, inspired by Psalms 119:9. The song points to God's Word as the means to secure and guard their young hearts from sin. Choosing and embracing the rules of God's Word will also keep their conscience clean.

Christ is referred to as the word in John chapter 1. God's son became flesh and dwelled among us. The young and all of us have Christ as our only perfect role model. Verse 2 of the song references The Word as like the sun, a heavenly light that guides us all the day and through the danger of the night, a lamp to lead our way. Verse 3, Thy word is everlasting truth and pure is every page.

I'm encouraged as I see our teens and young adults involved in various activities in the Church of Christ in South Holland. I would like to encourage the young people and their parents who are yet to experience the blessing of being active in His Kingdom. Start by regularly attending our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible classes and the scheduled teen devotions. Schedule specific times for regular Bible study in the home. II Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, workmen that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

In Christian Love,

John Davis