

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	78
Sunday Attendance	170
Contribution	\$3,477.00
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 16, 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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FROM SETBACKS TO COMEBACKS! (R. Webster)

The Bible is indeed the most unique book the world has ever known in that, it not only reveals the great works done by God's servants, but it also exposes their monumental failures. This is intended to ensure "...that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us." (II Cor. 4:7) Whatever success we have as His children *must* be attributed to His grace and power. The flesh leads us to be arrogant and presumptuous, which makes failures, obstacles and setbacks, become necessities in our lives. Paul says, "*And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.*" (II Cor. 12:7). Yes, sometimes God allows life to "buffet" us, which means "discipline" us, in order to save our souls.

William A. Ward observed: "*Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker.*" Some of these failures or setbacks will leave emotional or physical scars, but they should be regarded as character building that is best learned in difficult times than in periods of relative ease and comfort.

In perhaps the lowest point in his life, the scriptures reveal in Luke 22:54-62, how Peter, an ardent disciple of Jesus denied ever knowing Him in a very "dry-eyed" manner. After having done it on three different occasions, the Bible says "*he went out and wept bitterly.*" In others words, he was overcome with anguish. Why wouldn't he? For over three years he had a "front seat" view of the power of Jesus. He saw Him walk on water, calm the Sea of Galilee, His transfiguration on Mt. Olives, raise Jairus' daughter from the dead, and even had his mother-in-law healed by Him. A few hours earlier he promised Jesus never to abandon Him. But now, he just did the unthinkable... "*I have never met the man,*" he says. I can barely imagine the piercing feeling he must have felt in his heart when the rooster crowed, as Christ had predicted. Surely, there was no way he was ever going to recover from this horrific failure. But he did! From an arrogant and impetuous man to a humble servant of God, he later wrote "*...God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.*" (I Pet. 5:5)

The psalmist writes: "*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust*" (Ps. 103:13-14). We are dust indeed, but precious dust—we were made "*a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned ... with glory and honor*" (Ps. 8:5).

The dust makes mistakes, but the Lord, our Redeemer of dusts, has a different outcome in mind, in that, He uses our setbacks as the prelude to our comebacks!

DON'T LET ANYONE CHANGE YOUR COURSE

Sometimes we can be moving forward and increasing in our faith and then "BAM!", someone close to us throws a monkey wrench into our gears; saying something that just takes the wind out of our sails. Who knows why some people say the things they say, but don't let it change your course. I want to encourage you to keep your eyes on Jesus. Don't become bitter towards them (which changes your course) just keep moving forward and smother them with kindness. The devil comes at us from all angles, doesn't he? Whether we are alone, in a crowd of strangers or with family and friends the devil is always working on us. Stay on course!

Love one another, Scott

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.

Laura Harley's son, **Jesse, and his fiance' English McLauren** were baptized here this past Monday morning. Congratulations upon making the most important decision of their lives.

The **Ladies Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, March 29 at 8:30 am. The following (3) lists are on the bulletin board: 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.

Repairs have already begun on the classroom ceilings. If the good weather holds out we will have a new roof over the classrooms on Tuesday.

Peter and Bonnie are in Joliet this morning where Peter is preaching both services at the Cherry Hill church of Christ.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Robin Garcia's husband, Albert, has been in Christ Hospital for the past few weeks being treated for serious complications with his heart. Albert is in rehab there while he recovers.

Keep in your prayers Colleen Dembowski's sis-in-law, **Gwen Larkins** and friend, **Rosemary Anhalt, Bruce Cartwright's mother, Maryann Senchek, Debra Ellis, and Bro. Mobley's mother.**

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK...

Birthdays...

Mar 16 - Colleen Dembowski

Mar 19 - Troy Jarrett

Mar 20 - Marvin Musgraves

Mar 22 - Mary Smith

Anniversaries...

Mar 18 - James & Helen McGee #39