

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	167
Contribution	\$3,610.00
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

April 13, 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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WE MUST KEEP ON GROWING *(R. Webster)*

The growth of every Christian is of paramount importance to God. A weak Christian will be susceptible to falling away when confronted by challenges to his faith in God. He can (with good intention) misrepresent the word of God, because of a very limited knowledge. Simply put, a disciple who is not growing will be a hindrance to the progress of any congregation, since a congregation is only as strong as its members.

Sadly though, many who should have gone on to solid food are still certified milk-drinkers (Heb. 5:12-14). I learned a long time ago that spiritual growth is not automatic, but requires effort, discipline and a renewed mind. Paul advised his young protégé, Timothy “...*spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit*” **I Tim. 4:7** (The Living Bible). Just expressing a desire to lose weight or get fit or eat healthy will certainly not accomplish anything. Instead, **we must decide to act!**

It has been said once that “*people are not lazy, they are just not motivated enough.*” I believe there is a great deal of truth in that statement. Our growth does depend on how motivated we are to do something about it. Therefore, let’s look at some motivating factors.

Growth begets growth. The more we learn, the more we want to learn. Our appetite for the word of God becomes larger. It’s an infectious attitude. The excitement and enthusiasm that are generated from learning new things will generally catch the attention of many who will want to inquire in the word also. **Psalm 119:162** “*I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.*” That joy will only be experienced when we begin to grow in the Word.

Growth in the Word, aids us in our daily lives. It must be made clear that an increase in the knowledge of God’s word that is not translated into action is pseudo-growth. **Psa. 119:105** “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*” It is a knowledge of God’s word that should make a difference in our daily lives. Jesus, when He was tempted on three occasions, used His knowledge of scriptures to reinforce His actions in Matt. 4. I’m of the firm opinion that many Christians do wrong because they do not know better, which means that we are better off being in the “know.” **James 4:17** “*To him that knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.*”

A lack of spiritual growth will result in spiritual death. We are either growing or dying. We are either progressing or regressing. Remember the old adage: *If you don’t use it you will lose it!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midwest LTC will take place this coming weekend beginning Friday, April 18. 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 **Men’s Breakfast** will be held Saturday, April 26 at 8:30 AM. There’s a list on the ledge in the foyer for men to sign, and for ladies who are able to cook and serve.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Deborah Dunlap attended her grandmother’s funeral yesterday.

Rob Hardy asked for prayers for his son, Paul, who is having some serious health issues.

Keep in your prayers **Debra Ellis, Maryann Senchek, Larry Thompson’s daughter, and Joe Walker’s mother (Elaine).**

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



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK...

Happy Birthday...

- Apr 13 - Casey Wallace
- Apr 14 - John Davis
- Apr 16 - DeLois Davidson
- Apr 17 - Ozell Smith
- Apr 17 - E.J. Taylor