

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	76
Sunday Attendance	170
Contribution	\$3,857.00
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 20, 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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STRAIGHT TALK *(R. Webster)*

Years ago there used to be a radio call-in program in Jamaica called *“Straight Talk.”* It was so called, because the host, Wimott *“Muttie”* Perkins (who is now deceased) was known to have a penchant for frankness and forthrightness. One of the advertisement slogans would say, *“Love him or hate him but you can’t ignore him.”* He was never afraid to speak his mind, resulting in him being sued 28 times for libel or slander. However, none of these lawsuits was ever tried or settled out of court.

Jesus himself was a straight talker or a straight shooter. During His ministry, He was surrounded by controversy, not just by His words, but His actions also. He clearly stated in Matthew 10:34 that He did not come to bring peace, but a sword. Yet, paradoxically, true and lasting peace can only come from Him. In John 14:27, He said to His disciples, *“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.”* Because of what He said, people were left on one side of the fence or the other.

Truth is a non-negotiable commodity. It is the only means by which man can be set free from the bondage of sin and be reconciled to God. (John 8:32) He was on an unrelenting path to use truth to combat error, hypocrisy, arrogance and ignorance, notwithstanding the possibility of people’s feelings being hurt in the process.

We should not set out to create controversy --- we have a nobler purpose to our mission. However, the possibility of controversy should not deter us from that mission of preaching Christ and Him crucified (I Cor. 1:23). Sometimes we are afraid of telling folks the truth for fear of hurting their feelings or of us being seen by them in a negative light. The inspired apostle Paul instructs us in this matter in Gal. 6:1 *“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”* Note, our approach must be guided by *“a spirit of gentleness...,”* not one of arrogance and disrespect. Our sincere love for others should prompt us to *“...speak the truth in love...”* to them (Eph. 4:15).

Therefore, to refrain from being open and frank with others would be an injustice to them and an indictment on our love for them. Remember, it is by our love for others that all will know that we are His disciples (John 13:35).

BE STRONG!

When I read James 1:13-14, it is very clear to me that we are in control of our own lives. Ultimately we know God is in control, but we as individuals have some control regardless of the situation, based on the choices we make. Each of us has our own struggles and demons. When these struggles and demons rear their ugly heads, will we choose to be weak or strong? Are we going to toy with the thought of whatever that struggle or demon is? Or are we going to say "no" right away? Don't be weak; shut it down right away. Start saying your favorite scripture over and over in your head. Be strong! Start to hum the chorus of your favorite church song until it passes. Be strong! Just don't let it sit there and fester. If you do, James says, *“It will entice you by your own evil desire, it will drag you away, and it will become sin.”* This sin, when it is full-grown becomes death and, folks, death is pretty final. So be strong and resist the devil! Yes, God is in control, but we control our own destiny.

Love one another, Scott



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Casey Wallace was baptized this past Sunday afternoon following worship service. Casey boldly declared her faith in Jesus prior to being baptized on her 12th birthday.

Denee Webster was inducted into the Math Honor Society this past Thursday at H-F High School. Denee is also a member of the National Honor Society. Congratulations!

Several of our young people spent the weekend in Indianapolis where they participated in **Midwest L.T.C.** They will be returning this afternoon around 1:00 P.M.

The **Ladies’ Prayer/Study Group** that meets in Ann Marie’s home will resume Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 P.M. All ladies are invited to attend.

Next Sunday will be our **end-of-month fellowship** and 1:00 P.M. worship service. The way that we envisioned this year’s ago is that each family that stays brings enough food for itself and enough to share with visitors. We can’t continue to have 2 or 3 ladies bring 50% of the food. We don’t begin eating until the ladies in charge of the kitchen ring the bell and we ask that no carry-out lunches are made till everyone has gone through the line. Also, parents need to monitor their children so that food is not wasted.

Our **Wednesday evening Bible class** has been a discussion of Robert’s Sunday morning sermons for the past month. As you know, his lessons have centered on some of the elementary doctrines of the Bible and everyone has really enjoyed an open discussion of each of these.

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

Rob Hardy asked for prayers for his son, Paul, who is having some serious health issues. We missed **Tim Kelsven** this past Sunday because of his back problems. Hopefully he’ll be here and leading singing today.

Ruby Jamison’s daughter, Tasha, gave birth to a baby boy, Travis, this past Sunday. Travis had respiratory issues and was put on I.V. antibiotics. Listen this morning for any updates.

Keep in your prayers **Debra Ellis, Maryann Senchek**, and **Larry Thompson’s** daughter.

Joe Walker’s mother, Elaine, had successful surgery this past Wednesday and will recover at a rehab facility in Orland Park.

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



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK...

Happy Birthday!

Apr 26 - Connie Burke