

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	65
Sunday Attendance	172
Contribution	\$3,504.00
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 27, 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IS INDEED, THE VICTORY *(R. Webster)*

Everything that we have accomplished and ever hope to accomplish is reliant on faith. It is undoubtedly one of the most dominant words in the Bible with the words, “*faith,*” “*faithful,*” “*faithfulness,*” “*faithless*” appearing hundreds of times. “*Faith*” from the Greek means “*to believe, sure.*” It is the foundation of our Christian walk with God, for “without faith it is impossible to please Him” (Heb. 11:6). Paul wrote, “Whatsoever is not of faith is sin” (Rom. 14:23).

II Cor. 5:7 “*For we walk by faith and not by sight.*” This means that regardless of what we see around us or ahead of us, or how we are feeling about our circumstances, God’s promises must be embraced. However, weak faith that is not exposed to growth will find that hard to digest. If we are waiting until we have perfect faith, we’ll never do much for the Lord. He empowers even the weak in faith who is seeking to become stronger. Brothers and sisters, our faith will only grow when we put it to the test. It is very much like exercising muscles, the more you exercise, the stronger they become.

One of the most notable battles in the history of the Israelite nation was Gideon’s remarkable victory over the Midianites, because it reminded the Jews of God’s power to deliver them from their enemies (Judges 7). It is interesting to note the events that led up to this victory. Gideon was filled with fear and doubt about going up against the Midianite army of 135,000 men with his army of only 300. However, this was the Lord’s plan who had given Gideon on three different occasions three signs that he would be victorious. There were the fire from the rock (Judg. 6:19-21), the wet fleece (6:36-38), and the dry fleece (6:39-40).

The lesson from this is crystal clear and encouraging. Gifted leaders, large buildings and numbers are not necessary requirements for the accomplishment of God’s purpose. God will enable us to achieve great things as He did with Gideon and his 300 men when we trust Him and make ourselves available. There is a “*bigness*” mentality trapping the church today in believing that nothing substantial can be done until we have big buildings, big crowds, big budgets. In doing this, our faith is being misplaced and God’s involvement becomes secondary. God wants men who are not primarily trusting in their education, skill and experience, but who see faith in God and the way forward.

Our responsibility is to position ourselves to be used by God as He sees fit. Sometimes His plans will baffle us, but we can fully trust His promises; and it’s faith in Him that gives the victory.

There will be a **VBS meeting** this afternoon at 12:30 before afternoon worship in the auditorium for anyone who’d like to find out more about our upcoming VBS program.

Laura Pratt is hosting a **Kid’s Party** this Friday, May 2 from 6:30 – 9:00 P.M. All kids ages 12 and under are invited, and Laura asks that everyone “dress down”; crafts can get a little messy. Parents of the younger children are asked to stay if able. The teens will be there at 6:30 to help Laura and then will remain at the building afterwards to watch a movie. Snacks will be provided for both groups, and any teen needing help with transportation can see Adam or Connie Burke. Be sure to sign the list on the ledge for any youth planning to attend.

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.

Today will be our **end-of-month fellowship** and 1:00 P.M. worship service. John & Michal Davis are hosting with a picnic theme.

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** was held here yesterday morning. All reports are that it was a great success.

The **elders are meeting** Wednesday, April 30 after Bible class.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Colleen Dembowski’s friend, **Rosemary**, thanks the church for the prayers and still has a long ways to go with her health problems. Also, Colleen’s sister-in-law, **Gwen**, will be receiving chemo and radiation treatment for several weeks and is in need of prayer.

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

Charles Smith, Sr. fell and hurt his right shoulder and elbow and requests our prayers.

Burnell Cook’s father passed away yesterday in the early morning. Please keep Burnell and his family in your prayers.

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



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK...

Happy Birthday!

Apr 28 – Laurene Cunningham Apr 30 – Kayleigh Walker

May 1 – Mason Jarrett May 3 – Liz Shelton

Happy Anniversary!

May 2 – Bruce & Thelma Cartwright #27

May 2 – Ron & Donna #16