

## 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](mailto: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	175
Contribution	\$3,489.00
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](mailto:robster67@gmail.com) for more information.

## SERMON NOTES

May 4, 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!

### ELDERS

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Wed 1-4pm Fri 10am-2pm

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### YOUTH MINISTER

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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

## Church of Christ in South Holland

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## FACILITATING GROWTH *(R. Webster)*

One of the most exciting things about nature is watching people and things grow. We watch our children grow, and besides feeding them, we facilitate their growth by exposing them to the best educational opportunities we can afford. We buy clothes a little larger than their sizes, again, to accommodate their growth. In other words, we try to accommodate their growth as much as possible because they are expected to make progress in every aspect of life. Indeed, it is certainly one thing to expect their growth, but it's a different thing to facilitate and make the sacrifices for it.

The strength of our congregation is based on growth, and how much we are willing to sacrifice to bring about spiritual and numerical growth. Happily, we have the tools to accomplish this task, not through some business strategy employed by successful organization, but by the Word of God. Paul informs us in Eph. 4:12 that we have been equipped “*...for the work of the ministry,*” and “*for the edifying of the body...*” The purposes for this “*equipping*” are to ensure that we increase in “*...the knowledge of the Son of God...*” (v. 13) and “*that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men....*” (v. 14) and that we “*...may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ.*”

The growth expected in our congregation comes about according to **v. 15**, when “*...the whole body, joined and knit together...*” (working together as one), and when “*...every part does its share...*” (every member doing something). He says this “*...causes growth of the body.*”

This means that we must facilitate, accommodate and aid the growth of our brothers and sisters, especially those who are young (and weak) in the faith. Our attendance and participation in the worship services and activities of the church invariably support spiritual growth. Our interest and concern for each other's welfare enhance the development of the body. From the leadership to the followership, we must facilitate this growth and progress notwithstanding the sacrifice that may be required.

Facilitating growth within the church is our perennial mandate. Paul gave the same counsel to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2: *And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Kid's Party** this past Friday had a great turnout. The kids had a lot of fun making Mothers' Day crafts with Laura, Adam, Connie, and several other parents who stayed to help.

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.

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

As the spring semester comes to a close, please pray for the safe return of our **traveling college kids** in the coming days.

Keep in your prayers **Rob Hardy's son** (Paul), **Colleen's friend** (Rosemary) and **Colleen's sister-in-law** (Gwen).

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

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## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK...



**Happy Birthday!**

May 4 - Gloria Hunter

**Happy Anniversary!**

May 8 - Brian & Ruthie Gamble #17

May 8 - David & Marcia Wallace #21