

## 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	63
Sunday Attendance	146
Contribution	\$2,889.00
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

July 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!

### ELDERS

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Wed 1-4pm Fri 10am-2pm

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### YOUTH MINISTER

Adam Burke  
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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 my sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19; 17:30
- **CONFESS...**my 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS - R. Webster

*“These are the times that try men’s souls.”* (Thomas Paine, *The American Crisis*).

These words aptly describe events that are sweeping across the globe. Within five months, the country of Malaysia has seen two major disasters in its airline industry, with one plane gone missing and the other shot down, resulting in the deaths of over five hundred passengers and crew. How can we overlook the geo-political battles being waged between the Russian separatists and Ukraine, or between the Palestinians and the Israelis? Afghanistan, Libya, Iraq and Syria, just to name a few, are being held hostage by religious, ethnic, and political mayhem leading to the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians in the process. Closer to home is the volatile issue of immigration and the security of the borders. These, of course, represent just a fraction of world events that would easily get the most sober minded person dizzy. W. B. Yeats, in his book *The Second Coming* writes, *“Things fall apart; the center cannot hold; Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world ...”*

There are many persons (including Christians) who refuse to read or watch the news because of all these *“negative happenings”* that dominate them. However, the Christian cannot *“bury his head in the sand”* and, at the same time, be attuned to the needs of his fellow human being. Additionally, we cannot escape the fact that while we are not of this world, we certainly are in it, and will be affected one way or another. Jesus was not apathetic to the events affecting the Jewish and Gentile races, which is one reason He drew such large audiences.

While Satan would like to use these events to distract us from our purpose and spiritual destination, God wants us to use them to pray more fervently for our leaders and decision-makers (I Tim. 2:2). These events should motivate us to help and volunteer more. What better way to be reminded that we are *“sojourners and pilgrims”* in the world (I Pet. 2:11) than to observe the rampant result of sin in a world that has nothing left to give. We are blessed to be citizens of a heavenly Kingdom (Phil. 3:20). Amidst all that was happening, Paul told the Colossians in Col. 3:2 to *“Set your affections on things above and not on the earth”* which means that their minds and thoughts should be captivated by heavenly things.

Do these events indicate that Christ’s coming is near? No, because regarding His coming, no one knows (Matt.24:36), and that it shall be like a thief in the night (II Pet. 3:10). One thing for sure though, His coming is indeed nearer than when we first believe and so we must live our lives in anticipation of that divine fact. *“Therefore, you also be ready, for the son of man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him”* (Matt. 24:44).

**Vacation Bible School:** As you look around the auditorium this morning, the hallway to the classrooms, and the basement auditorium you could probably conclude that we had a wonderful week together at VBS, and you would be correct. It is obvious that a lot of planning, work preparation, and close attention to details have characterized this past week. There are so many individuals who played pivotal roles in the success: Adam and Connie Burke were outstanding as the planners and promoters of the Israelites in the wilderness. Alongside the Burkes, several other members contributed their talents for a memorable week. Thanks to all involved in making this an unforgettable experience!

Our plans are to have a **follow-up picnic for VBS** at Hollandale Park this afternoon, if the weather cooperates. Listen for the announcements today on whether we’ll meet at the park or in the basement.

**Karolyn Smith and Kayleigh Walker** are at Rockford Christian Camp for the week as campers during the final week of Junior Session.

**Exhibit Evangelism** at the Illinois State Fair is Aug 8-17. Peter will be going down to Springfield Aug 7<sup>th</sup> and returning Monday Aug 11<sup>th</sup>. If you, as a teenager, are interested in working at the State Fair this summer, please see Peter.

The **Cook family has moved** to a new home. Their address is:  
4506 Carol Anne Lane  
Richton Park, IL 60471

**Peter is preaching** at the Wheatfield church of Christ in Wheatfield, IN today. Please remember to **silence or turn off your cell phones** during worship.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember **Debra Ellis, Mary-Ann Senchek, Scott Kessler, Shults-Lewis Children’s Home, our college kids, our missionaries, and our military personnel.**

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## **Celebrations This Week...**

### *Birthdays...*

July 27 - Cameron Dunlap  
July 30 - Chuck McGlothlin  
July 30 - Della White  
Aug 1 - Marian Denney

### *Anniversaries...*

July 30 - Ken & Krista Jarrett #9  
July 31 - Watson & Kathryn Jones #20