

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	67
Sunday Attendance	149
Contribution	\$2,553.00
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

August 31, 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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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 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

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THE WELL SOMETIMES RUNS DRY - R. Webster

There things in our lives that we all wish we had paid more attention to, but now it's too late. There is an old saying, *"You never miss the water until the well runs dry,"* which means people are not grateful for what they have until they lose it. The fact is that we are all guilty in one way or another in taking granted certain blessings in this life.

The book of Judges gives us an insight as to how Samson's life illustrated this fact. The Spirit of God came upon him many times to give him strength to fight the Philistines. On one occasion, he killed 1000 men with the jawbone of a donkey. He killed a lion with his hands. He slaughtered 30 Philistines who plotted to kill him. He was feared by his enemies. God's hand of blessing was on Samson. But when he started living in sin and breaking the vow he made to God, he became like the other men. Judges 16:20b, says, *"But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him."* The blessings he had from God including his incredible strength were taken away and he did not even know it until it was too late!

What about the rich man that Jesus talked about in Luke 16:19-13? He had opportunities to serve God and be kind to his fellowmen but was too caught up in his own affairs. He eventually recognized the life he could have lived in service to God...but by then, it was too late!

There is so much that we take for granted as members of the body of Christ when it comes to the blessings from God. And like Samson, we never normally *"...miss the water, until the well runs dry."*

The value of studying the God's word regularly and growing in knowledge of it is never more appreciated until confronted with false teachings or wanting to share it with a friend. Paul said to Timothy, *"Till I come, give attention to reading"* I Tim. 4:13. This means to devote oneself to the word of God. Unless we discipline ourselves to serious Bible study, we will find ourselves relying on our emotions and traditions to differentiate biblical fact from opinions.

One of the most underrated virtues of serving God is forgiveness. It is so easy to be unforgiving until we are seeking forgiveness. Indeed, arrogance and self-righteousness often hinder us from seeing the value of this. It is no wonder Jesus in an exaggerated manner says we must forgive *"seventy times seven,"* (Luke 17:4). The real worth of this admonition is best embraced when we are desperately and humbly seeking to be forgiven.

The strength of a congregation can also be judged by quality of fellowship it enjoys. However, it takes ever members' involvement and participation for this to be effective. The church in Acts 2 grew also because converts *"continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers"* (V. 42). The importance of participating and sharing in each other's lives is often best recognized when a brother or sister is struggling and unable to attend or is in some kind predicament. As the song written by Lanny Wolfe says, *"When a brother meets sorrow, we all feel his grief, When he's pass through the valley, we all feel relieved..."*

Let us pray that the Lord will help us to appreciate His blessings including those through His Son's church because the fact still remains, *"You'll never miss the water until the well runs dry!"*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today will be our last **all-church picnic** and our **end-of-the-month fellowship**. The Pratt's are hosting and asked for a picnic at Hollandale Park. The Pratt's will provide the meat and there are suggestions for food to bring on the ledge. Also, be sure to bring lawn chairs due to the limited seating.

Laura Harley's son, **Jesse, was married yesterday to English McLauren**. We welcome this new family to our fellowship!

Wonderful news! Yesterday evening **Rachel Voznak** was baptized into Christ. Rachel is Kyle Bumpass' girlfriend and a student at Illinois State University. She has been attending here for the last year and a half. Congratulations Rachel!

We have two piles of **wood chips** behind the church building. If anyone wants any, or all, of these please let us know.

Peter is preaching this morning and leading a devotional this afternoon at the picnic.

Our first **Ladies' Bible Class** of the season meets this coming Wednesday, September 3 at 10A.M. We will continue with our discussion in 1 Corinthians.

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

James McGee has been ill for the past few weeks and was admitted to Christ Hospital this past Thursday morning. While James is undergoing a battery of tests, having visitors would be very stressful at this time. Please call Helen for any updates.

Please continue also to remember **Ray Singleton** (Genevieve's brother-in-law), **Debra Ellis**, **Mary-Ann Senchek**, **Scott Kessler**, **Shults-Lewis Children's Home**, our **college kids**, our **missionaries**, and our **military personnel**.

Celebrations This Week...

Birthdays...

Aug 31 - Jasmine Carter - Anderson

Aug 31 - Elayna Cheney

Aug 31 - Jesse Harley

Aug 31 - Kathryn Jones

Sept 2 - Jeannda Welton

Sept 5 - Derrek Reese

Sept 5 - Joseph Walker, Jr.

