

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	70
Sunday Attendance	161
Contribution	\$3,519.00
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

September 21, 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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MINISTER

Robert Webster	Office Hours:
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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

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CONVICTION OR CONCESSION? *(R. Webster)*

The continued degradation of our society seems to be guided by an *“anything goes”* mentality. This is so reminiscent of the tragic state of Israel during the time of the judges. The scripture says, *“In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes”* (Judges 17:6). There is an obvious deficiency of strong principles and conviction that sadly, is also finding its way into our lives as people of God. With all that is happening in our schools, communities, workplaces where so many things which were detested and rejected, are now being accepted, the time is now for Christians to reinforce their faith by embracing firm and sound convictions.

The church of Christ is much stronger when its members can rely on sound biblical convictions against challenging circumstances and use those biblical convictions to help them make difficult decisions. Strong principles will help us maintain a righteous spirit and resist the temptation to sin. It was his strong belief that enabled Joseph to flee fornication when he was face to face with it (Gen. 39:7-12). Daniel was so determined to maintain his integrity before God that he was willing to reject the comforts and privileges of the King which no doubt would have amounted to spiritual compromise (Dan. 1:8-9). From early in their lives, these men developed that strong belief in spiritual purity even though their lives were threatened, because to them, divine and eternal punishment was much worse. If we are to avoid sin and yield to the forces of this world, then likewise, we must strive to have the same conviction that will empower us to make bold decisions.

The right convictions will strengthen our position when we need to oppose the majority in this world that is so often wrong on many important issues. Stephen was challenged by a volatile and vociferous crowd because he firmly believed in Jesus Christ and told the people they were wrong in rejecting Christ (Acts 7). What about Paul who was not as highly regarded in the early church as Peter, but confronted him on issues of hypocrisy and partiality? (Gal. 2:11-12). These are just some examples of how necessary it is to have sound and biblical convictions that will guide us when we are up against uncomfortable and tough circumstances.

How are we going to be strong spiritually if our faith is not built on scripturally sound convictions? As our world continues to crumble under to the pressures of immorality and unbelief, more and more Christians are finding it comfortable to be secretive about their faith in God. However, it is one of the very reasons why we must make it our duty to grow through bible study, fellowship with the brethren, worship, prayer and sharing our faith with others. Paul exhorted the Ephesians to *“In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one”* (Eph. 6:16 ESV). We must take an uncompromising stand in what we believe or we will *“fall for anything!”*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday will be our **end-of-the-month fellowship**. Listen to the announcements for the host and theme.

Anyone who'd like to contact **Billie Thompson** can call 573-803-7646, or by mail at Monticello Home - Room 19, 1115 K-Land Drive, Jackson, MO 63755.

We're still working to update the new **church directory**. Robert will send an email and it will also be announced once the directory is complete.

Ladies, be sure to keep Saturday, October 4th open on your calendars, as that is the date of our annual **Ladies Day Program**. It is sure to be a great morning filled with inspiration and fellowship.

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

The **Lightfoots** ask for prayers as they travel to and from Arizona this week.

Tammy Drozdowski's father-in-law died this past week. The funeral was yesterday, and the burial will be in Wisconsin this coming Saturday. Please pray for the Drozdowski family.

James McGee has been home now for the past couple of weeks. Helen reports that he is doing well, but requests no visitors at this time.

MaryAnn Senchek, who attends the Wed. Ladies Bible Class, has completed her chemo and radiation treatments. She asks prayers as she recovers.

A **friend of Yvonne Browder**, and member of the Holgate Street church of Christ, **Sandra Craft** is asking our prayers for her ongoing health problems. Sandra has visited us here in the past.

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

Celebrations This Week...



Birthdays...

Sept 21 - Tim Kelsven
Sept 21 - Kendra Walker
Sept 24 - Robin Garcia
Sept 26 - Daniel Reese