

## 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	71
Sunday Attendance	139
Contribution	\$2,496.00
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

October 19, 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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### DEACONS

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### MINISTER

Robert Webster	Office Hours:
708-752-5589	Wed 1-4pm Fri 10am-2pm

### YOUTH MINISTER

Adam Burke
815-534-0955

### 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



### WHOSE EXPECTATIONS ARE YOU MEETING? (R. Webster)

Pat Cash, the Australian who won a Tennis Grand Slam title in 1987, wrote in his weekly newspaper column in 2007 that Serena Williams was a “lost cause,” “deluded” and “a player with limited attention span,” “lacking fortitude and application” to get back to winning tennis tournaments. However, since then, she has gone on to win eleven more grand slam titles (for a total of 18) and two Olympic gold medals. She has been described as a “serial comeback artist”, for her ability to time and time again snatch victory from the jaws of defeat and to bounce back from serious injuries and illnesses. In fact, from early in her career, many had very low expectations of her obtaining more titles despite the successes she had. Today, she is arguably the greatest female tennis of all times. How wrong they were!

Followers of God had their fair share of the cynics and pessimists. In I Sam. 17, when the boy David went up to confront Goliath in battle, Goliath was not amused when he saw him. He said in v. 43, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” His assessment of David’s ability was extremely low. He learned the hard way however, that one man and God make the majority! When Nehemiah and his men set about to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem that were destroyed by the Babylonians, according II Kgs. 25:10, they were up against fierce criticisms. Neh. 4:3 says, “Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, “Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall.” Tobiah and Sanballat obviously did not expect much to come from Nehemiah’s effort. However, Nehemiah’s trust was centered on God and he and his men rebuilt the walls successfully in fifty-two days according Neh. 6:15. This came about because they refused to let the critics’ expectation of them become their reality.

The sad truth is that many Christians have allowed people’s expectation of them to become their reality. Like Paul, sometimes others will use our past to judge us. While we cannot undo the past and we have little or no control of over what people say of us, we can and must resolve in our hearts to live wholeheartedly for God. Paul said, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). He, Paul, reminded the Corinthian brethren who should be priority number one in their lives when he said, “Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him” (II Cor. 5:9). This means that whether in this life or the next life (eternal life in Heaven), our sole purpose must be to please Christ. Is it any wonder then, why he was so doggedly committed to God regardless of the criticism leveled against him?

Let us set our minds on pleasing our Master in everything we do. Col. 3:23 tells that “Whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not to men.” The fact is, when you put your dreams, aspirations and talents in God’s hand, people’s expectation of you don’t have to become your reality!

If anyone has a **different address, phone number, or relative(s)** who lives (does not live) in your residence, please write down any changes and put them in the Suggestion Box or email them to Kendra. We hope to have an up-to-date directory out soon.

About 30 went to **Fright Fest at Six Flags Great America** yesterday. All had a great time.

As in years past, the church here at South Holland has been asked to collect commodity items for the children’s home at **Shults-Lewis**. We have been asked to collect **AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS** (granola bars, cookies, cracker packs, fruit snacks, popcorn, graham crackers, basically anything kids enjoy for a snack). A staff member will be in our area for the pick up some time during the week of December 7. If you’d rather donate funds for their purchase, identify them for Shults-Lewis.

**Susanna Reese** was named “Athlete of the Week” at HF High School last week.

Congratulations, Susanna!

We need **up-to-date addresses** for all **college** young people and those in the **military**. You can email them to Kendra or place in the Suggestion Box.

Next Sunday will be our **end-of-the-month fellowship** and 1pm worship. Also, the Bible classes will be combined in the auditorium. As a reminder, **each family that stays needs to bring enough food for itself and enough to share with visitors**. As mentioned before, we can’t continue to have 2 or 3 ladies bring 50% of the food. We don’t begin eating until the ladies in charge of the kitchen ring the bell and we ask that no carry-out lunches are made till everyone has gone through the line. Also, parents need to monitor their children so that food is not wasted.

Our annual **Teacher’s Appreciation Dinner** will be Friday, November 7. There is a list to sign on the ledge in the foyer.

Please remember to **silence or power off any electrical devices** during worship.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

The father of **Ruthie Gamble’s** close personal friend, **Richard Henry**, has been ill for some time and will be under hospice care soon. Please pray for the family, which includes Richard’s wife of 53 years who was just recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Ann Marie** will be flying to Jamaica this coming Friday for her niece’s funeral Sunday afternoon.

Please continue to remember **James McGee, MaryAnn Senchek, Shults-Lewis Children’s Home, our college kids, our missionaries, and our military personnel** in your prayers.

## Celebrations This Week...



### Birthdays...

Oct 23 - Seth Cheney

Oct 24 - Herschenia Brown - Koonce

### Anniversaries...

Oct 22 - Scott & Kelly Kessler #26

