

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	65
Sunday Attendance	140
Contribution	\$3,010.00
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

October 26, 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
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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL (R. Webster)

“Anentitlement is the right to a particular privilege or benefit, granted by law or custom,” as defined by Vocabulary.com. You have a legal *entitlement* to speak to a lawyer if you're ever arrested. Citizens of any country will naturally feel a sense of entitlement because of certain privileges available to them by law.

Perhaps it is not surprising that the Jewish Christians felt a sense of entitlement regarding salvation under the New Covenant. By merely being physically born a Jew, would have entitled one to the blessings that came with the Old Covenant. However, as the church in the first century grew ethnically and culturally to include Gentile Christians, it became a great hurdle for many of the Jewish Christians to accept this, especially since discrimination and prejudice were rampant between the two. You see, the Jews required that for Gentiles to be converted to Judaism, they had to be circumcised and promised to live by the law. They were referred to as proselytes. Now under the New Covenant of Christ, the criteria to be a disciple of Christ was completely different. Belief in Jesus as the Messiah and obeying the plan for salvation are all that were required of the Gentiles (as with the Jews) to be a part of God's family. This is a fulfillment of the promise that was made to Abraham centuries earlier. He was promised by God that through him “*all the peoples on earth will be blessed*” (Gen.12:3).

The book of Acts bears this fact out. Phillip taught the Eunuch and the Samaritans the good news of salvation according to Acts 8. Cornelius and his family who were Gentiles, were included in the God's family as evidenced by their baptism of the Holy Spirit. This led Peter to conclude that “*God is no respecter of persons*” Acts 10:34. Paul was later commissioned to take the gospel to the Gentiles (Acts. 13:47).

Let us be clear, the relationship between the two was never perfect as it continued to be a work in progress as we saw in Gal. 1:11-15. However, if there was one thing that was abundantly clear...it is that the gospel is for all! The plan of redemption carried out by Christ has made this a reality in keeping with many Old Testament prophecies (Isa. 2:2-3, Joel 2:28-32)

The fact that we have all been saved by His grace (Eph. 2:8-9), should erase from our minds this false sense of entitlement and be replaced by a feeling of humility. As he writes to the church in Rome, Paul explains that it's not anything we do, anything we are, or anything we obtain that makes us right with God. His calling verifies this: “*I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. Thus I am eager to proclaim the gospel also to you who are in Rome*” (Rom 1:14).

This is truly a demonstration of divine wisdom, when, in a world so divided on many fronts, the gospel of Jesus Christ remains the single most powerful source of unity.

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.

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.

We need **up-to-date addresses** for all **college** young people and those in the **military**, even if the info hasn't changed since the last time you provided it. You can email that to Kendra or place in the Suggestion Box.

Bria Gamble is a member of the National Society of High Scholars and maintains all A's in her honors classes. Congratulations, Bria!

The **fellowship** meal today is being hosted, provided, and prepared by Remona Jackson, Couren Jackson, Freddie McClellan, and Siara Cooper. They are asking everyone attending to provide desserts only. As a reminder, please don't begin eating until the bell is rung. 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.

The **Northlake Church of Christ** is hosting a **Ladies Day** this coming Saturday, November 1st. Ann Marie Webster will be the keynote speaker.

This coming Wednesday night will be a **song devotional**, being the last Wednesday night of the month.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ann Marie flew to Jamaica Friday morning for her niece's funeral Sunday afternoon and will be returning home on Thursday.

Robert Davis had out-patient surgery this last Thursday.

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

Celebrations This Week...



Birthdays...

Oct 27 - Kenneth Ware
Oct 31 - Erskine Cartwright
Nov 1 - Krista Jarrett
Nov 1 - Susan Reese



Anniversaries...

Oct 31 - Charles & Joy Smith #38