

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	142
Contribution	\$3,174.00
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

November 23, 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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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

DON'T THROW IT ALL AWAY! (R. Webster)

A great tragedy that has befallen many brothers and sisters over the years is that of falling away. Falling out of favor with God is nothing new, for since the time of Adam and Eve to this very day, many *“who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God”* (Heb. 6:4), are now victims of the snares of the devil. There is a plethora of passages that clearly teach about the risks of falling away, yet many seem to be oblivious to them. Paul said, *“Let him that thinks he stands, take heed lest he falls”* (I Cor. 10:12), and in reference the Jews and their relationship with God, he said, *“...Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear”* (Rom. 11:20).

Every one of life's challenges has spiritual lessons designed to make us...not break us! This becomes the acid test for the Christians and many of us have just lost the spiritual fortitude to endure. This was one of the issues addressed in the epistle to the Christians in the book of Hebrews. They had been through much persecution for having renounced Judaism and embraced Christ as their Savior which incurred the wrath of their countrymen. The writer said in Heb. 10:32, 33 *“But remember the former days, in which, after you were enlightened, you endured a great struggle with sufferings; partly, being exposed to both reproaches and oppressions; and partly, becoming partakers with those who were treated so.”*

Notice that the writer brings to their remembrance what they had been through. Sometimes we need to do that, because oftentimes we forget what God had done for us. No doubt, as we are inundated by the *“cares of this life”* (Luke 21:34), we forget the word of God from which our faith is derived and maintained (Rom. 10:17). The devil paints a deceptive picture in our minds that we are not blessed and that God has abandoned us and therefore the only *“logical”* alternative is retreat into the world. Isn't it always true as the song says, *“count your many blessings...and it will surprise you what the Lord has done?”*

All that we go through in this life should remind us that (a) this world is not our home, we are just passing through (I Pet. 2:11-12), (b) *“We must, through many tribulations, enter the kingdom of God.”* Acts 14:22, (c) Overcoming what seem to be insurmountable hurdles will be a genuine reliance on our faith and trust in God. That's why we sing, *“Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.”* (d) Heaven will surely be worth it all. The apostle exhorts us in Rom. 8:18 saying *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”*

Heb. 10:35-36 *“Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.”*

The point is, don't throw it all away, because the best is yet to come!

There will be a **“Midwest LTC Kick-off Party”** November 29th from 5:00 – 8:00 PM at the pool house at the Reese's condo. Registration is now open and there are 2 categories for eligible participants: 2nd grade and younger, and 3rd through 12th grade. See the Reeses for more info.

Don't forget to bring after school snacks for the **Shults-Lewis children**. If you'd rather donate funds for their purchase, identify them for Shults-Lewis.

Laura Pratt is planning (2) **kids parties**. The first will be December 5th from 6 – 9pm at the building where the kids will be decorating holiday houses, eating, playing games, and having a devotional. Laura's asking for teen helpers and parents of younger children to stay and help. The second party will be December 19th from 6 – 9 pm and will include eating, singing, playing games, and a devotional. See the sign up lists on the ledge.

Congratulations to **Mitchell Kessler** who made All-Conference in football!

The response from the congregation yesterday for the funeral for **James McGee** was outstanding. There were many, many desserts served to the family and friends of brother McGee. Thank you so much for reaching out to Helen and her family.

Many thanks to **John & Michal Davis** for hosting a **game night** in their home this last Friday. We all had such a great time!

The **Reeses** are hosting the noon fellowship next Sunday.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ruth Boss had surgery 2 weeks ago on her left foot. She's going to be laid up several days before she can be up again.

Laura Harley's husband passed away Friday. Funeral information will be provided via email. Please pray for Laura and her family.

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

Celebrations This Week...



Birthdays...

Nov 23 – Donna Ewell
Nov 28 – Riley Cheney
Nov 28 – Chastity Smith

Anniversaries...

Joe & Virginia Hoadley #70

