

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	87
Sunday Attendance	146
Contribution	\$2,834.00
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 30, 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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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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A “THANKSGIVING” LIFE! (R. Webster)

While setting aside a particular day and designating it “Thanksgiving Day” has no biblical support, the very thought and practice of giving thanks resonate throughout the entire Bible. In the New King James Version, the word “*thanks*” appears 72 times. “Thanks” almost always appears with a form of the word “*give*” beside it, or close to it. For eg., in Psa 136:3 “*Oh give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever.*”

How thankful we are to God. He determines the legitimacy of our worship to Him. God's rejection of Israel was due in part to their ungratefulness. The Psalmist says in Psa. 78:11 that the Israelites “... forgot His works and His wonders that He had shown them...” We cannot worship our God acceptably as individuals or as a body if we are not motivated by a sense of gratitude. Psa. 100:4 exhorts to “*Enter in His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, Be thankful to His and bless His name.*” Under the New Covenant, our attitude of gratitude should be no less. Paul says “...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (I Thess. 5:18). It can be of no surprise then, that the virtue of thankfulness was quite evident in the life of Christ (Matt. 15:36; 26:27; John 6:11, 23). The same can be said of the apostles and the church of the 1st century.

Therefore, gratitude is a biblical attitude to develop. It is not too much to be in the habit of thanking people for the things they do for us. It is also important for us to be in the habit of thanking God for our meals. It must also be driven by common courtesy. We expect it of others and they expect it of us. God expects us to be thankful to Him, not just to those around us, and so, failure in this regard would not only be sinful but ungrateful and thoughtless.

A “thanksgiving” life then means that we never take our gifts nor the Giver of those gifts for granted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For many holiday seasons we have purchased **gifts for children who are in need** and Peter knows a family in Chicago Heights with 5 children. There’s a list on the ledge in the foyer of the 4 boys and 1 girl, with their ages, and some suggestions they gave Peter for gifts. If you would like to get a gift for a child, please circle the name of the gift and put your initials by it. Please bring them to the building by Sunday, December 14.

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.

Today the **Reeses** are hosting the noon fellowship with a theme of “Thanksgiving.” Bible classes for grades 4 through adult will meet in the auditorium. During this morning’s worship we will have 6 different men leading our songs. Our afternoon worship will be at 1 PM.

Yesterday we had the **funeral for Laura Harley’s husband**, Herman, here at the building. Our thoughts and prayers are with Laura and her family.

Joy Smith’s mother, Annie Lee, passed away last week where she lives in Las Vegas. There was a memorial service today in Las Vegas, and Joy has asked to have a memorial service here on Saturday, December 20.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Celebrations This Week...



Birthdays...

Dec 1 – Adam Burke
Dec 4 – Lilli McGlothlin