

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	64
Sunday Attendance	146
Contribution	\$2,540.00
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.

December 14, 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:
708-752-5589	Wed 1-4pm Fri 10am-2pm

Celebrations This Week...



Birthdays...

Dec 16 - Carol Nee
Dec 16 - Bella Walker

Anniversaries...

Dec 15 - Peter & Bonnie Bumpass #50
Dec 18 - Derrek & Susan Reese #32



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 SAVIOR IN OUR OWN IMAGE (R. Webster)

Among Jesus' staunchest critics were the Jewish leaders, namely the Pharisees and Scribes. How could these men, who were considered experts in the Law and the Prophets, become so hateful and antagonistic toward the very essence of the Old Law – Jesus Christ. Paul says, “...*the law was our guardian leading us to Christ so that we could be made right with God through faith.*” Gal. 3:24 (New Century Version). Yet, instead of embracing His message, they became like vultures swirling around Jesus, waiting for opportunities to satisfy their evil desires. John writes in John 1:10, “*He came into the world...and the world knew Him not.*” That was bad! But then the writer continues in v. 11, “*He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*” His own people, who should have been the first to know and hail His coming, did not welcome Him. This was worse!

It is clear that they were expecting the Messiah to be someone who would “*endorse*” their lifestyle and the status quo that they had established. They had their own notion of how people could be made right with God (Rom. 10:3). When it became apparent that the teachings of the Savior ran counter to their “*established system*” they rejected Him in the fiercest of manners. These Jews were hoping that Jesus would have come and given a stamp of approval to their manner of living and would cater to their whims and conform to their wishes. What a “*let down*” He must have been to them!

John the Baptist received a similar reception. In the early part of his ministry, many of the Jews gravitated to him hoping that he was the Messiah. However, he too disappointed them. In reference to this, Jesus said to the Jews, you “*rejoiced greatly for a short time in his light*” (John 5:35). After John made it clear that he rejected their religion (Matthew 3:7-10; 21:32;), and worse yet, identified Jesus as the Messiah that he said would come (John 1:29-36), the leaders rejected him. (Luke 7:29-30).

Many today are likewise disappointed in Jesus and His message. They have their own “*comfortable*” way of living and it would have been the “*icing on the cake*” if Jesus’ teachings endorsed it. They want a message from Jesus that does not challenge them nor “*rock their boats.*” Whether we live lives that are drenched in materialism, immorality, corruption or injustice, the message of our Savior is clear...repent or perish (Luke 13:5). The irony is that many people can even quote the scripture verbatim, but are “*turned off*” by His clear message of change. May the Spirit of God give us a spirit of submission to the message of Jesus, for He is the only way to the Father (John 14:6).



It is good to have our **college kids home** safe for the holidays!

We received a card from the **children in Home #7 at Shults-Lewis**. The card is posted on the Bulletin Board. Please look at what some of the young boys said, and be assured that this is a great work of benevolence from this congregation.

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 no later than by the end of services tonight. The gifts should be wrapped and labeled for the child intended.

Shults-Lewis will be here tomorrow morning to pick up the after-school snacks for the **Shults-Lewis children**. If you’d rather donate funds for their purchase, identify them for Shults-Lewis.

The second of (2) **kids parties Laura Pratt** has planned will be December 19th from 6 – 9 pm and will include eating, singing, playing games, and a devotional. See the sign up list on the ledge.

There will be a memorial service for Annie Lee, **Joy Smith’s mother**, at New Faith Baptist Church, located at 25 S. Central Ave, Matteson, IL on Saturday, December 20. The visitation will be held at 10 AM, followed by the service at 11 AM. Lunch will be served here at the building after the graveside service, which will be at Cedar Park Cemetery in Chicago. Joy is asking for the ladies of South Holland to provide the desserts, so we need each of our ladies to bring a dessert to the building no later than the 20th. Bonnie needs 3 other ladies to help her set up the basement Saturday morning for the luncheon.

The **Elders are meeting** this coming Wednesday evening after Bible class.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



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