

April 19, 2015

**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.

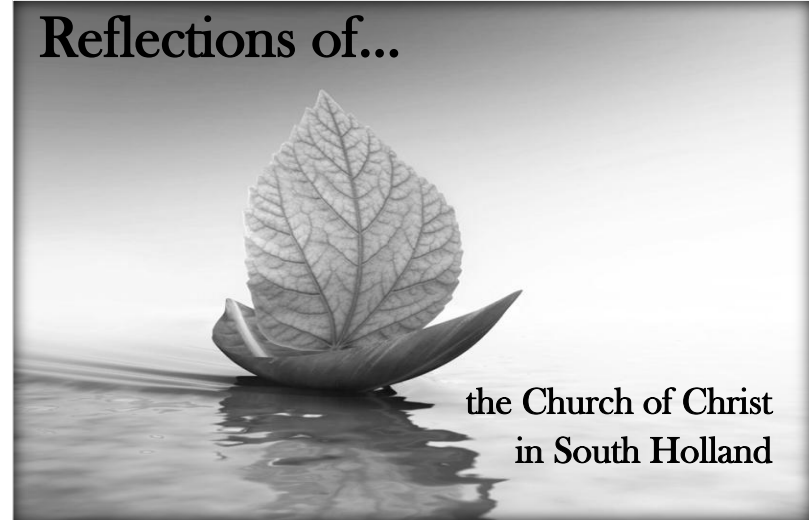
There is also a **Suggestion Box** on the wall in the foyer to directly contact the elders or the minister, Robert Webster.

**OUR WEEKLY RECORD**

Sunday AM Bible Class 61  
Sunday Attendance 136  
Contribution \$4,425  
Budget \$2,860

**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**



**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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Wed 10am-1pm    Fri 10am-1pm

**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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## WHEN THE DEVIL HAS THE ADVANTAGE! (R. Webster)

Anyone who doubts the influence and power of the devil on mankind is either in denial or has been living under a rock! How then would one explain the majority of people in this world who are under his dominion? John says, *“We know that we are of God, and the whole world is under the sway of the evil one”* (I John 5:19). Jesus said in John 8:44 *“You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”*

However, with all his deceptive and destructive influence on us, the faithful Christian is not at a disadvantage, the devil is! A very interesting passage is recorded in the second letter to the Corinthians, *“lest Satan should take advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his devices”* (II Cor. 2:11). Paul was referring to the disciplinary action that was carried out by the church where a brother was withdrawn from (I Cor. 5:1-6). By the time Paul wrote this epistle, the brother had repented of this disgraceful sin and was forgiven by God, which meant that the church needed to receive him back into fellowship. Satan could easily take advantage of this situation if the church was slow in receiving this penitent member back, thereby causing further emotional hurt which would not augur well for the congregation.

We must be ever mindful that the devil constantly stalks the people of God, looking to make good relationships become bad, to make peace become fights, to cause unity to become division, to make trust become distrust and to transform love into hate. Peter warned the christians who were scattered abroad to *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour”* (I Pet. 5:8). The devil is busy, with the destruction of men his number one priority. In Job 2:2 the Bible says, *“And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”* The point is, he does not rest. He gets the advantage when we become careless and apathetic toward sin in our lives. Sin, left unchecked, will ensnare us. Heb. 12:2 tells us *“...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us...”* If we ignore them they will destroy our lives ultimately. Prov. 1:31 says, *“For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them.”* This is why we have to take urgent action on sin. I Pet. 2:1 Peter says, *“Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking.”* How about Paul telling the Colossians *“But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth”* (Col. 3:8). These are just some of the litany of verses urging to us to always be on the alert for these sins that can *“easily ensnares”* us and thereby give the devil the advantage.

We must genuinely ask for forgiveness where we have hurt others, pray that the Holy Spirit will ignite within us true love for all and not just a selected few, a kindness that knows no bounds, to always be a facilitator of unity rather than a sower of discord and division. For, unless we seriously address these parasitic problems...the devil will have the advantage!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Men’s Breakfast** will this Saturday on the 25<sup>th</sup>. A sign up list is on the ledge.

We are going to have a **church pictorial directory** professionally made. Pictures will be taken Saturday, May, 30 and Saturday, June 20. There will be a sign up schedule on the ledge in a few weeks.

This coming Sunday at 6pm we will be **feeding a group of about 100 homeless men**. Anyone who’d like to help with this great work should see Peter or Bonnie.

Next Sunday is the last Sunday of the month. Please listen to the announcements for the theme of the month.

Michael Kessler and Kelsey’s wedding shower will be Saturday, May 16. A light lunch will be served.

The suggestion box in the foyer is for communication with the elders. Any suggestions or requests for Robert need to be left in his tray outside his door.

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Continue to remember Eula Gaddis** as she recovers from knee surgery. Eula will welcome any visitors to her home, just call first please.

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