

January 3, 2016

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Class 9:30 am

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.**

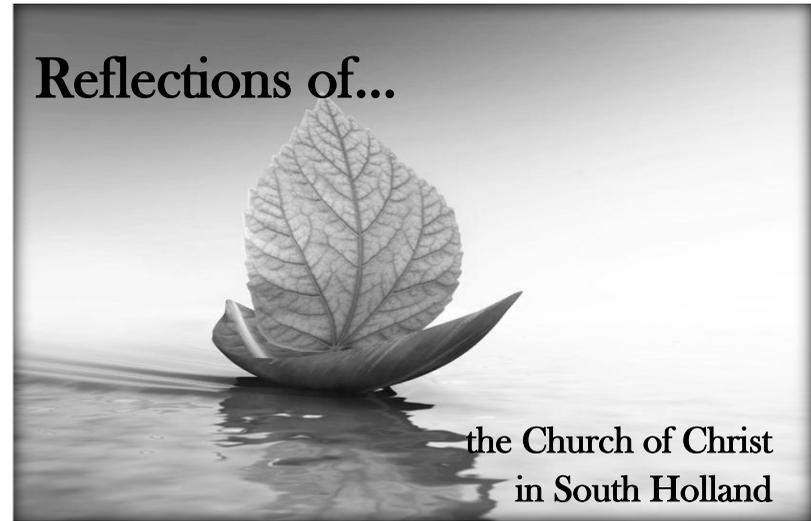
There is also a **Suggestion Box** on the wall in the foyer to directly contact the elders.

OUR WEEKLY RECORD

Sunday AM Bible Class 48
Sunday Attendance 106
Contribution \$2,517
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 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!

ELDERS

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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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BEFORE YOU TAKE OFF! - R. Webster

Before passengers are allowed to board an airline, much preparation is done to ensure the safety of the plane by the airline maintenance crew. In recent years also, (especially since “9/11”) passengers and baggage are meticulously screened for security reasons. The cabin crew and pilots perform a series of checks and briefings to ensure that everything is in order for a safe and secure flight. Later, flight attendants assist passengers to board and stow their luggage, and the pilots follow the procedures and checklists for a safe departure.

Starting the new year is like taking a flight in which the right kind of preparation can determine how well we cope with the journey. As we embark on this voyage into 2016, I would like to suggest three important “pre-flight checks” that will serve us well.

Prayer -With all that is happening in our world in terms of natural disasters, civil unrests, terrorism, sicknesses, diseases and financial uncertainties, one would be most tempted to become very anxious about the prospects for new year. Now is a great time to present your anxieties and concerns before our Lord in prayer. This message was conveyed by the apostle Paul to the Philippians in Phil. 4:6 “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” As busy as His ministry was, Jesus took time out to talk to His Father in prayer as He sought His guidance and blessings. Mark 1:35 “Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.”

We should also pray for a constant hunger for the word of God. Since “Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4), it is clear that our spiritual survival is highly dependent on our desire for it. Many of us have never really engaged ourselves in serious bible study. Is it any wonder then, that after the first couple of weeks into the new year, we are back at square one despite our resolve to know more about His word? Until we understand that the doctrine of Jesus are the words of life (John 6:68), our approach to bible reading will be no different than reading the Chicago Sun-Times.

Our ultimate success this new year and beyond will be as a result of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Nothing breeds frustration more than having constant failures in our lives, which is why many scoff at the idea of making resolutions. We receive the Holy Spirit at the time of our baptism. We are reminded of the necessity of being led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14). He is called the Helper in John 14:26 which means He is there to aid us or advocate on our behalf. When we understand this important role that the Spirit plays in our lives, we will call upon Him every day of our journey through this year.

May you soar above the distractions and turbulence that are inevitable, and find the peace and joy that the Lord has in store for you. Happy New Year!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **elders are working on the budget** and would appreciate any input from anyone who has suggestions or requests for this coming year.

Peter is preaching at the church in Joliet this morning and will be back this evening.

The **Men's Meeting** will be this coming Friday night at 7PM.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ruthie Gamble had successful surgery this past Monday and is home recovering.

An uncle of John Davis, **Charles Cathey, Sr.** died this past Saturday morning. Please pray for both the Cathey and Davis families. Listen this morning for information on funeral arrangements.

Several of our **college kids** have yet to return to their schools. Keep them all in your prayers as they begin a new semester.

If you have a **request for prayers**, please fill out the back of a visitor's card and hand it to one of the men during communion.

Please continue to remember **Paul Hardy, Ken & Ursala Ware, Shults-Lewis Children's Home**, our **college kids**, our **missionaries**, and our **military personnel** in your prayers.

CELEBRATIONS!!!

Happy Birthday...

Jan 5 - Kenya Chaff

Jan 7 - Carolyn Smith

