

January 10, 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](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.

**OUR WEEKLY RECORD**

Sunday AM Bible Class 51  
Sunday Attendance 129  
Contribution \$3,389  
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**

**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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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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## THE POWER OF THE LIVING WORD - R. Webster

At the risk of sounding simplistic, it is an indisputable fact that the word of God is the single most powerful tool available to man today, especially Christians. Heb. 4:12 *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* The sad thing is, not many appreciate this divine piece of literature. Is it any wonder then, that the Bible is regarded as merely a book with exciting stories to be read rather than the means by which God inspires man today?

If we only knew the real benefits of God’s word, then we will echo the words of the Psalmist when he said, *“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path”* (Psa. 119:105). Without God’s word, we live in darkness or ignorance to life’s most fundamental questions like; *How did I get here? What is expected me? And Where am I going?* It was Derek Bok an American lawyer who once said, *“If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.”* It is ignorance that has led man to many problems in life some of which have eternal consequences. Prov. 14:12 says *“There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.”*

There is absolutely nothing that God requires of us that is unconnected to His word. It teaches us how to pray, how to be faithful Christians, how to worship and what attitude to maintain in difficult circumstances. This means therefore that we must humbly seek God’s help through prayer in bridging the gap between what we read and how we live. We run the risk of becoming nothing more than a storage facility for God’s word instead of it facilitating us to live daily for our Him. The scribes and Pharisees knew the law well (Rom. 7:1) but because of stubbornness it had little effect on them. Jesus warned his followers about the Pharisees' detached lives from the law when He says *“Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do”* (Matt. 23:3). They had the correct interpretation about the law in many instances but their lives did not correspond with it.

It is human nature to resist being told what to do. However, our relationship with God is predicated on submission and obedience to His will not ours. Jesus says, *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me”* (Matt. 16:24). This means that we must be willing to make whatever sacrifice necessary to follow Christ and we follow Him by living out His teachings. The power of God’s word is only realized when it is lived. Frustration and discouragement will continue to invade our lives unless we resolve, that, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, we prayerfully seek to bridge the gap between the written word and living word.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an **elders meeting** this coming Wednesday night after Bible class.

We still have one slot to be filled for someone to prepare a **meal for the Ware’s** on January 31.

Please sign the ledge in the foyer if you are able.

There are lists on the ledge for **communion preparation** and hosts for 3 of the 4 **fellowship meals** in 2016.

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Debra Ellis** was hospitalized and is back home now.

**Gil Bos** was diagnosed with bilateral pneumonia and is homebound for a while.

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.

**Yvonne Browder’s mother** is having health issues. Please pray for them both.

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 **Laura Harley, Ken & Ursala Ware, Shults-Lewis Children’s Home,** our **college kids**, our **missionaries**, and our **military personnel** in your prayers.

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## CELEBRATIONS!!!

*Happy Birthday...*

Jan 16 - Bruce Cartwright

*Happy Anniversary...*

Jan 12 - Tommie & DeLoris Welch #53

Jan 16 - Marvin & Kathryn Musgraves #34

