

February 7, 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.**

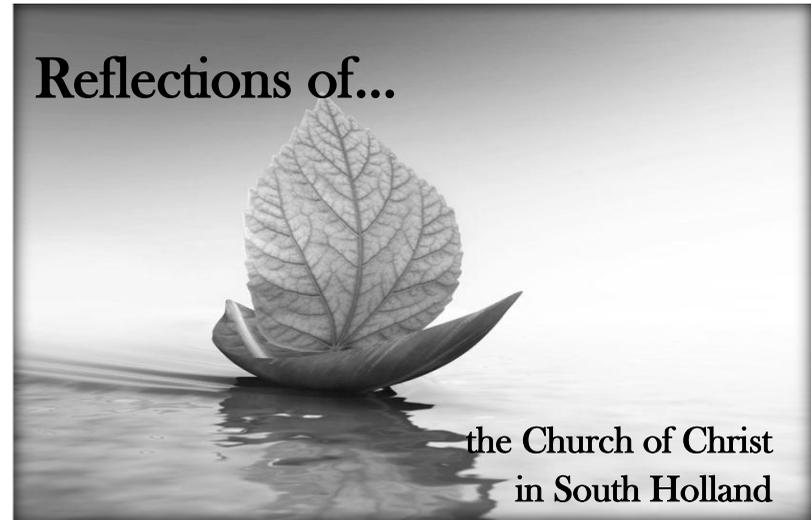
There is also a **Suggestion Box** on the wall in the foyer to directly contact the elders.

**OUR WEEKLY RECORD**

Sunday AM Bible Class 58  
Sunday Attendance 146  
Contribution \$2,416  
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!

**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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## WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST? – *Allen Webster* (Submitted by R. Webster)

### Part 1

Some members of the church of Christ say it is unique among the 33,000 churches in the world. Since *unique* means “the only one of its kind,” could this really be true? Making the claim proves nothing, so let’s test the hypothesis by looking at things some think are unique about the church of Christ.

**Is the church of Christ the only church that tries to follow the Bible exactly?** The church of Christ believes the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, and that God gave it as the only guide for churches (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

Surprisingly, this is not the case in all religious groups. Many would be taken aback to learn that their preachers, if pressured, would admit they do not believe the Bible to be the inerrant word of God.

- Some doubt the creation account (Genesis 1–3), saying that Adam and Eve are invented characters.
- Some deny that Noah built a literal ark to survive a global flood (Genesis 6–9).
- Moses parting the Red Sea? Only an overexcited writer embellishing a boring exodus account (Exodus 14:21–30).
- Jonah and the fish? A fish fairy tale.
- Prophecies foretelling events in Jesus’ life? Coincidences.
- Feeding five thousand? Just a boy’s generosity inspiring people to share what they had hoarded (John 6:1–14).
- Walking on water? He knew where the rocks were (Mark 6:48).
- Virgin-born (Matthew 1) and third-day resurrected? (Matthew 28). Just legends.

There is no middle ground when it comes to the Bible: Either it is a fraud and should all be rejected, or it is from God and should all be accepted. It claims inspiration (2 Peter 1:21); it claims perfection (Psalm 19:7). Strong evidence supports it, such as fulfilled prophecies, pre-scientific statements, freedom from contradictions, honest portrayal of heroes, brevity of expression, and archaeological/manuscript evidence. We cannot choose what we deem acceptable. That puts man over Scripture instead of Scripture over man. Augustine said, *“If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.”*

But the church of Christ is not unique in defending the Bible or in trying to follow it. Many churches have high regard for Scripture and defend inspiration, creation, and miracles, while opposing evolution, humanism, and modernism. *(Part 2 next week)*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for **Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)** is now open. The deadline to register children from 2nd grade to 12th grade is February 22. Convention dates are March 25-27, (Easter weekend), in Indianapolis, IN. More detailed information on all convention 'events' are found at [www.mwltc.net](http://www.mwltc.net). Questions? Contact Derrek 312-354-0017 &/or Susan 312-354-0837 Reese.

Thanks to Laura Pratt and those who **baked and packaged cookies** to send to our college and military young people.

Peter is preaching in Joliet this morning. Following worship service, Peter and Bonnie will be leaving for the **Freed-Hardeman University Lectureship** and will be back home Thursday evening.

For our members 55 and older, you are invited to our annual **Sweetheart’s Banquet** on Saturday, February 20 at 1pm. The theme this year is “Masquerade Ball”, and if you remember the pictures on the bulletin board from last year, you’ll know you don’t want to miss this! We need everyone who plans on coming to sign the list in the foyer.

There are lists on the ledge for **communion preparation** and hosts for 2 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

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

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## CELEBRATIONS!!!

**Happy Birthday...**

Feb 9 – Ron Ewell

Feb 11 – Burnell Cook

