

## 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**

## OUR WEEKLY RECORD

Sunday AM Bible Class	63
Sunday Attendance	165
Contribution	\$4,535
Budget	\$2,774

**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)

## SERMON NOTES:

April 3, 2016

## 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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### DEACONS

### MINISTER

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Office Hours:  
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

## Church of Christ in South Holland

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### THE BIGGER IS NOT ALWAYS THE BETTER! - R. Webster

There are approximately thirty-five miracles recorded by the four gospel writers, interesting though, the feeding of the five thousand is the only one that appears in all of them (Matt. 14:14-21; Mk. 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14). Why is this so, I can only speculate that it might have been a favorite among them. To feed five thousand men plus their families with **just** five barley loaves and two fish is one of the most amazing supernatural acts of God. It underscores the fact that with God, nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37). Of course, a miracle simply defies the natural laws and magnifies the power of the Almighty.

We have become a society that believes that the bigger the better. We prefer bigger houses, bigger cars, bigger malls, bigger grocery stores, and even bigger churches. We can get 12-inch sandwich from Subway, or have a supersize meal at McDonald's. These businesses know that we are magnetized by the bigger, so they will always place that temptation before us.

While is some sense having something bigger may be better, for mere convenience especially, it can be a dangerous mentality to develop. Some will go to great lengths to acquire something bigger to "*match the Jones*" at the expense of setting themselves back financially and otherwise. When it infiltrates our spiritual lives, the consequences are far worse. Jesus did admonish us in Matt. 16:26 "*For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*" A desire for the "*bigger*" can become the very downfall of our relationship with God and ultimately the fate our souls. In Luke 12:16-20, Jesus gave this chilling reminder that there is the ever present danger of spiritualism decreasing when materialism increases. The rich man in this parable has acquired so much wealth that he had to build greater store houses, however the danger was that he did not factor God in the equation. In v. 20, he died leaving his wealth, but far more consequential was that he died without God!

In feeding the five thousand plus crowd, the disciples dejectedly said to Jesus, "*We have here only five loaves and two fish.*" Matt. 14:17, and He responded, "*Bring them here to Me*" (v. 18) as if He were saying "*That's perfect!*" As the remainder of the parable goes, not only did he feed the entire crowd but they "*took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained*" (v. 20). What the disciples thought were woefully insufficient, in God's eyes were perfect. Fast-forward two thousand years later, and we see ourselves often times

still getting overly worried about what we have, whether it is sufficient or not. Prov. 3:5-6 is a promise that transcends generations, we are told to "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*"

When our quest for the bigger and the better become all-consuming where God is no longer the center of our lives, it's time to take immediate action. We must prayerfully ask God to help us re-direct our trust in Him as the Good Shepherd who takes care of his sheep (Psa. 23:1).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are a dozen **signup sheets on the ledge** in the foyer. These are for the several responsibilities that need to be fulfilled up to and including the gospel meeting. A successful gospel meeting will depend upon everyone being involved. Please check out the lists and see where you would be able to help.

There is a list on the ledge to sign for **communion preparation** in 2016.

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Virginia Hoadley** came home this past Sunday evening. She is recuperating at home but is still unable to get out.

**Ruthie Gamble** is waiting on some test results and asked the congregation to pray with her.

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

# **CELEBRATIONS!!!**

*Happy Birthday...*

Apr 3 – Gina Kennelly

Apr 6 – Marcia Wallace

Apr 7 – Melissa Drozdowski