

## 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	40
Sunday Attendance	115
Contribution	\$3,122
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 10, 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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### MINISTER

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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

## Church of Christ in South Holland

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### LET THE GROUND WORK BEGIN! R. Webster

The ministry of Jesus lasted approximately three and a half years, during which He carefully prepared the ground work for the start of the church and the preaching of the gospel. The Father prepared Him first for this unique task of providing salvation for lost humanity. As a child, Jesus' earthly parents were unable to locate Him after visiting the temple, but eventually found Him there *"sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions"* (Luke 2:46). This was preparation for His ministry. He eventually told his anxious and no doubt relieved parents that He needed to be about *"...His Father's business"* (Luke 2:49). At the young age of about twelve the Bible says He *"increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men"* (Luke 2:52). Interestingly, it was said of young Samuel as God prepared him for the priesthood, that *"he grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men"* (1 Sam. 2:26).

Jesus' ministry was used to train his disciples to carry out the purpose of His mission which was to "seek and save the lost" (Lk. 19:10). Matt. 4:18-19 *"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Matt. 4: 21 "Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him."* And so, one by one, two by two, He began calling and gathering those men who would eventually take on the unique task of going into all the world to preach and teach the gospel to every person (Matt. 28:1-20; Mark 16:15-16).

As our congregation readies itself to host a gospel meeting in June of this year, it is an understatement to say that urgent preparation and groundwork are needed. It has been said that *"anything that is worth doing is worth doing well."* Certainly, there are not many tasks more noble than that of sharing the good news of Jesus with others. The prophetic word of God was heard centuries before the preaching and teaching of the gospel in Isa. 52:7 *"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation..."*

We therefore must now look to see what part each of us can play in this gospel outreach event. Look at the sign-up lists on the ledge, consult with the elders regarding questions or even suggestions. Also, we must look at our own lives and ask questions like: *"Am I a people-person who is willing to greet and meet with our visitors?" "Have I been studying the Bible in the event that someone wants to be studied with?" "Am I willing to sacrifice my time to be in attendance each of the four nights?" "Have I begun compiling a list*

*of those I am planning on inviting?" "Am I praying fervently for the speakers and their messages?" "Am I praying for open doors and receptive hearts?"*

Brothers and sisters, if our Master saw fit to do meticulously and sacrificial training and preparation of Himself and the disciples, then how much more we? I say, let the groundwork begin!!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ann Marie** traveled down to U of I yesterday for a ceremony honoring Denee's academic achievements. She plans to be home sometime this afternoon. Also, she would like to say thank you for the beautiful sunshine basket she received.

This will be the last Sunday that the **12 lists for the upcoming meeting** will be on the ledge. Please see where you might be able to serve and sign that list.

**Peter** is gone today, preaching at Cherry Hill.

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** is doing much better and has been able to get out. We hope to see her back in church soon.

**Brenda Sims' father's** funeral was yesterday afternoon. Please pray for Brenda and her family.

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 **Ruthie Gamble, 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 12 – Bruce Shelton

Apr 13 – Casey Wallace

Apr 14 - John Davis

Apr 16 - DeLois Davidson