

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**

OUR WEEKLY RECORD

Sunday AM Bible Class	57
Sunday Attendance	118
Contribution	\$3,225
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

May 8, 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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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

Mother

[muhth-er] -noun

1. One person who does the work of twenty. For free.

(See also: 'masochist', 'loony', 'saint'.)

Happy
Mother's
Day!

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An Ever-Present Danger! – R. Webster

Several years ago, the Jenkins Group based in West Palm Beach, Florida, did a survey regarding reading of books by adults in the United States. The results are as follows:

- 33% of high school graduates never read another book for the rest of their lives.
- 42% of college graduates never read another book after college.
- **80% of U.S. families did not buy or read a book last year.**
- 70% of U.S. adults have not been in a bookstore in the last five years.
- 57% of new books are not read to completion.

This represents a steady decline in reading over the last three decades. As to why this is so is not clear. It may be that we have become more preoccupied with other *“important things”*, or the thought of reading a book that requires time and discipline is not all that appealing anymore. Consequently, many go through life being robbed of valuable information and inspiration by not spending time reading. The church today faces the same problem with Christians who have not been able to discipline themselves in reading the Bible, resulting in them being denied critical knowledge needed for their spiritual journey. I am not suggesting at all that one should read the Bible merely for the sake of reading. Our approach to Bible reading must be done prayerfully and purposefully. In Eph. 3:4, Paul says, *“by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.”* Notice that reading must be done with understanding if a person is going to know the mystery of Christ, which is the redemption of man. Someone told me once that he read the Bible in three days (which was quite a feat if he is to be believed), but he confessed that he did not get anything from it (which was not surprising at all). The Bible is not a platform for *“speed-reading.”* Ezra and the Levites did not just read the Law to the people, but they explained it to them. Neh. 8:8 *“They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.”* Our lives will be profoundly affected when we read purposefully and with understanding, as was the case with Ezra's audience. Neh. 8:9 *“...For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.”*

If we are going to *“...speak as the oracles of God...”* I Pet. 4:11, it is of necessity that we constantly engage in Bible reading and studying. This means that we must take full advantage of all the opportunities to learn more about God's word through our Bible classes (Sundays and Wednesdays), Ladies' and Men's classes, literature provided by the church and personal study

among other things. Peter exhorts us to *“...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear”* (I Pet. 3:15). If Timothy, the young evangelist, was going to be effective in his ministry, Paul told to him to *“...give attention to reading”* (II Tim. 4:13). Since we become vulnerable to false teachings when we lack even a basic knowledge of God's word, we must regularly evaluate our approach to Bible reading because biblical illiteracy poses an ever-present danger to our eternal salvation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Melissa Drozdowski**, who became Mrs. Melissa Pelafas this past Friday afternoon.

Keep the **upcoming gospel meeting** in your prayers, especially remembering our speakers and the visitors that will be attending.

There is a list on the ledge for ladies to sign who can bring food for our **Friends and Family Day** on Sunday, June 5.

We know that you have noticed the **beautiful flower beds** around the building and the sign. Thanks so much to Deborah Dunlap and Ruby Jamison for all their hard work.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ann Marie's mother, Marion Knott, is still in the hospital, being treated for an infection. Her address is 59 Hartwell Gardens, May Pen, Clarendon, Jamaica.

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...

May 12 – Lisa McGlothlin

May 13 – Genevieve Singleton

Happy Anniversary...

May 8 – Brian & Ruthie Gamble #19

May 8 – David & Marcia Wallace #23

May 13 – Chuck & Lisa McGlothlin #21