

June 5, 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 with **prayer requests or announcements.**

There is also a **Suggestion**

OUR WEEKLY RECORD

Sunday AM Bible Class 50
Sunday Attendance 106
Contribution \$2,780
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

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!

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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 Comfort Zone - R. Webster

The natural tendency of man is to take the easy way out. How many of us would rather of take a pill or two in order to lose weight and get fit instantly instead of going to the gym and changing our diet? The path of least resistance has always been more appealing. No wonder Jonah preferred to flee from God rather than taking up the challenge of preaching repentance to the people of Nineveh (Jonah 1). Naaman preferred instant healing of his leprosy rather than having to dip seven times in the muddy Jordan River (II Kgs. 5:11ff). We find it easier to be unforgiving toward someone than to forgive him. This kind of attitude, which requires very little effort and no courage, was confronted head-on in the ministry of Jesus!

In Luke 17:4, Jesus says *"Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."* This command is diametrically opposed to our comfort level, which is why the apostles said to Jesus, *"Lord, increase our faith"* (Luke 17:5). In fact, forgiveness is a by-product of love. Our Master's death on the cross was to procure our forgiveness but it was motivated by love (Rom. 5:8). The church in Corinth, in I Cor. 5:1-6, was encouraged by Paul to forgive the brother who sinned and was withdrawn from. He told them to *"...forgive and comfort him..."* (II Cor. 2:7). In the very next verse Paul says, *"...I urge you to reaffirm your love to him."* In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus again challenged our comfort zone when he says, *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you"* (Matt. 5:43-44). To hate those who hate us and love those who love is indeed the path that majority in this world have taken; we, as Christians, lose identity with Christ when we do the same. Jesus went on to say *"For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?"* (Matt. 5:46-47)

Henry David Thoreau once said *"The path of least resistance leads to crooked rivers and crooked men."* It is along this path that we are led by an egotistical and selfish heart, surrendering the wonderful blessings that God has in store for us when we submit to His word. Always bear in mind that, (as Neale Donald Walsch said), *"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone!"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Gospel Meeting** begins today. Please continue to keep our speakers and our visitors in your prayers. Part of the success for this meeting will be dependent upon your attendance. It will be obvious to visitors whether we are excited about New Testament Christianity in the 21st century. Meals are planned Monday thru Wednesday evening at 6PM to help you to be able to come share a meal and attend the meeting each evening.

Steve and Linda Lay will be staying with Peter and Bonnie. If anyone wants to take Steve and Linda out to eat during the day Monday thru Wednesday, please let Peter know.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Fred and Rhonda Johnson were involved in a car accident this past week and asked for our prayers.

Bob Buschman, a former member here who moved to Oklahoma several years ago, died in a car accident this past Wednesday night. Our prayers are certainly with Cheri, his wife, and their 2 daughters, Jackie and Jenna. Cheri's address is 9403 E. 159th St. N., Collinsville, OK, 74021.

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.

CELEBRATIONS!!!

Happy Birthday...

June 7 - Sharon Cook

June 7 - Ed Singleton

June 11 - Kelly Kessler

Happy Anniversary...

June 8 - Jerry & Nancy Worth #42

June 11 - Bruce & Ruby Shelton #33