

July 10, 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 45
Sunday Attendance 98
Contribution \$4,183
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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Is There No Balm In Gilead? – R. Webster

The 8th chapter of Jeremiah records God's warning to Judah of what Babylon would do to them. Upon hearing the news, Jeremiah laments, *"Is there no balm in Gilead?"* (verse 22). His question is a poetic search for hope—a plea for healing.

I have taken a long hard look at what had transpired between law enforcement and citizens and also between citizens, all in search for answers. The incidents over this past week have left gaping emotional wounds that will not be healed any time soon. With emotions running extremely hot, it becomes all too easy for the narrative to be directed by our own personal selfish perspectives. How do we bridge the divide? In observing the recent tragedies and anger, like Jeremiah, I ask, *"Is there no balm in Gilead?" Or "Is there no cure for our conditions?"* How can the present dilemma be solved? Where do we begin? How do we reduce, if not prevent, these tragedies? Enacting laws that criminalize and penalize bigotry and hate are good but they can't get to the root of the matter. These are moral issues which cannot be dealt with legislatively! Unless there is adherence to God's word then the change in moral behavior will continue to be nothing but an elusive dream.

Our congregation which is racially mixed is ideally suited for *"such a time as this."* We must be ever mindful that we are to continually exemplify to those on the outside that cynicism, bigotry, disrespect, and distrust have no place within the body of Christ. Yes, we came from different backgrounds and were brought up differently and may have even had our own biases, etc., but that way of life and thought-process are no longer alive in us. Paul says, *"I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ who lives in me"* (Gal. 2:20). Does that mean that we are now completely free of these issues that are affecting our society...oh, absolutely not! Even Paul admitted that he was still not where he needed to be as a disciple of Christ when he said *"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own"* (Phil. 3:12, RSV). However, we must humbly recognize that God is still working in our lives to bring us to that point where we are fully matured in His Son. The apostle Paul reminded the Philippians in Phil. 1:6 saying, *"And I am sure that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."* (RSV)

The 1st century church had to confront many of these same issues. For eg. the racial biases between the Jews and Gentiles, the hatred between the Jews and Samaritans, the arrogance of the rich toward the poor, just to name a few. Paul forcefully declared *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for*

you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). We find those same words ever so relevant two thousand years later.

As privileged members of the Lord's church, we must continue to show that we are always striving to genuinely be the *"salt of the earth"* and the *"light of the world."* By applying God's Balm (His Holy Word) to the disease of sin, the monsters of racial bias and hatred can find no resting place among us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those **members who are unable to access the church's website** through the member's login, please indicate that on the back of a visitor's card and place it in the collection plate.

RCC Senior Session began this past Friday with Markus Kessler serving as a counselor. Several of our young people will be going to Intermediate Session this Saturday, with more kids to go the following week for Junior Session. Any families with children aged 2nd grade through junior high interested in attending, please see Kendra.

The trip to **Shipshewana** has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 20. The van will leave the building at 8AM.

I have hopefully made my last trip this year to the hospital. Doctors and medication did their job well. I appreciate all of the shows of affection and family from so many. – **Peter** –

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ken Ware came home this past Wednesday.

Hayli McGlothlin had surgery on her ear this past Thursday and is home recovering well.

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 **Shults-Lewis Children's Home**, our **college kids**, our **mission efforts**, and our **military personnel** in your prayers.

CELEBRATIONS!!!

Happy Birthday...

July 13 – Courtney Moore

July 15 – Ann Marie Webster

July 15 – Robert Webster

Happy Anniversary...

July 10 – Tom & Carol Nee #34

July 14 – Mandel & Danielle Golden #9