

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	37
Sunday Attendance	120
Contribution	\$2,566
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

July 24, 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!

CELEBRATIONS!!!

Happy Birthday...

July 24 – Denee Webster
July 27 – Cameron Dunlap
July 30 – Chuck McGlothlin
July 30 – Della White

Happy Anniversary...

July 25 – Charles & Mary Smith #15
July 30 – Ken & Krista Jarrett #11

ELDERS

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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 Power of Example – R. Webster

It must have been quite shocking to His disciples when Jesus “rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded” John 13:4-5. How could Jesus, regarded as Lord and Master, condescended to such a task reserved only for the servants of the house? He certainly did not do it as a religious practice, for He never commanded it nor is there any example that the early church practiced it. He did this to teach them that they should never allow pride and vain-glory to prevent them from taking on lowly tasks for the benefit of others. He said in verse 15 of John 13 “For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.” This is one of the most poignant lessons that He taught just before he was arrested and then crucified.

Why didn't He just tell them what humility really is instead of doing it? It certainly would have been far more convenient. It is simply because Jesus knew the power of example! He knows us more than we know ourselves (John 2:25) and that by nature, we are creatures of imitation. As children we tend to mimic the actions and words of those around us, and this trait stays with us for life as we are continually influenced (negatively or positively) by those around us in some way or another. This is the very reason why Paul warned the Corinthian Christians in I Cor. 15:33 saying, “Bad company corrupts good morals.” Peter says in 1Pet. 2:21 that “...Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.” Is it any wonder then that the best leaders are those who lead by example? Paul, who led so many to Christ and established several congregations, exhorts us to “...imitate him even as he imitates Christ” I Cor. 11:1. Some of the most transformative leaders in history have employed this biblical lesson. Martin L. King Jr. did not just tell people to peacefully protest civil injustices, he was also there despite the risks that were associated with it. The principle of “leading by example” is an ever-relevant one especially in an age where people are

more impacted by the visual than the vocal.

All of us, as followers of Christ, owe it to our fellow-members and the wider world to put the emphasis on our actions more than our words. 1 John 2:6 “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” We must tell people to be less judgmental and be more forbearing with each other, but the potency of such truth comes only by showing them. We should inform people about the importance of forgiveness, but showing them is a weightier option. The world must see that our “faith in God” is not merely some fanciful and sanctimonious religious language, but is the very crutch that aids us through this sin-stained world (Heb. 11:6). Will this always be easy? Absolutely not! Our faith in God must increase (Luke 17:5), our prayer-life must be constant (Luke 18:1) and our thirst to be led by the Holy Spirit must never be quenched (1 Thes. 5:19).

May our talk be transformed into the walk, for therein lies the power of example!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This past Friday at Rockford Christian Camp, **Brooke Bumpass and Kayleigh Walker were both baptized into Christ.** The Kishwaukee River provided a wonderful setting for this major event in each of their lives. We welcome them as two new sisters in Christ.

RCC Junior Session began yesterday with Mason Jarrett and Kayleigh Walker attending as campers. Kayleigh attended Intermediate Session last week and was awarded the Outstanding Athlete Award and Cabin Leader Award.

The trip to **Shipshewana** last Wednesday was enjoyed by 12 people who braved the heat and had a wonderful time.

Next week, July 31st will be our **5th – Sunday fellowship and 1PM worship.** The Cunningham, Gamble, and Carter families are hosting with the theme “United We Stand.” They are providing all of the food and beverages. They are asking all the families that are coming to provide the desserts.

Adam Currence will be our **guest speaker** this morning. Adam is one of the ministers in the church in Paris, TN.

The Illinois State Fair and Exhibit Evangelism goes from Aug 12 to 21. Peter has applications for any of our teenage members who want to work as greeters. You need to see Peter today if you're interested in working any part or all of the fair.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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