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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

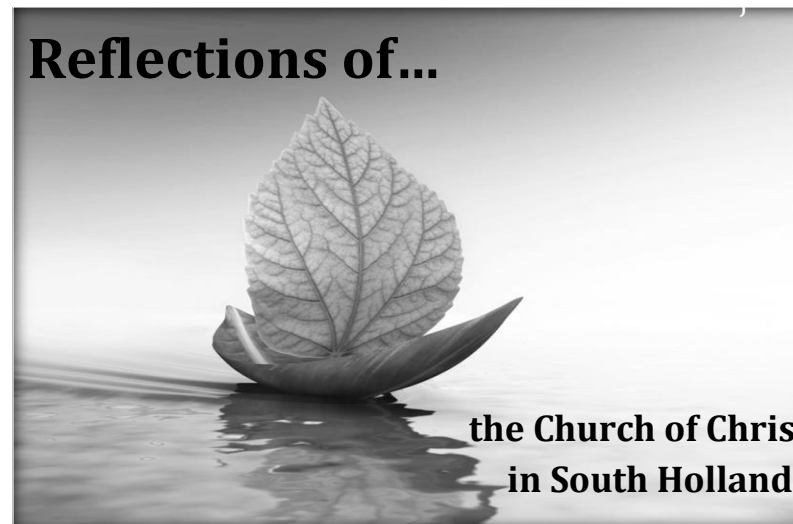
Sunday AM Bible Class 64
 Sunday Attendance 127
 Contribution \$2,429
 Budget \$2,774

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:

July 31, 2016



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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 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

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LABOR OF LOVE – R. Webster

John wrote the book of Revelation to *“the seven churches”* of the Roman province of Asia Minor about *“things which must shortly take place”* (Rev. 1:1). He records the words of Jesus addressing each congregation by name in chapters 2 and 3. After commending the church in Ephesus, Jesus went on to chastise it saying, *“Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love”* (2:1-7). The church seemed to have been doing many things that were right and expected of it. He says in Rev. 2:2-3, *“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.”*

The church (each member) has been called to do good works. This is what Paul had told the church earlier on when he said, *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them”* (Eph. 2:10). Titus was told that Christ *“gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works”* (Titus 2:14). The church must be engaged in doing good works, which is one of the reasons we were saved. Jesus taught that by our good deeds, our Father in Heaven will be glorified (Matt. 5:16).

However, doing good works without our love for Christ being the determining factor is no trivial matter. Despite words of commendation, the Ephesian congregation was told to repent or face the consequences (Rev. 2:5). We can practice the right doctrine as every congregation should do; but if love is lacking, our very souls are being jeopardized. This is a sin that can easily entrap us because it is not normally evident to the naked eye. Another church was given a similar warning, this time it's the church in Corinth. Paul says in that great chapter on love: *“And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing”* (I Cor. 13:2-3). This ought to jolt us into spiritual reality regarding the importance of love.

When we reduced our Christianity to a mere duty or obligation it becomes nothing but a laborious activity devoid of love. For some, going to worship every first day of the week

and mid-week bible class on Wednesday are real challenges. Spending quality time with our fellow members who we hardly know becomes a gigantic task because love is not the propeller behind our actions. Our worship on the surface may look right but it is a vain activity (Matt. 15:7-8) if love for Christ is not its centerpiece. Let pray that through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, our thoughts, words and actions will be by-products of our love for Him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is 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 other families that are coming to provide the desserts.

The Illinois State Fair and Exhibit Evangelism goes from Aug 12 - 21. Peter has applications for any of our teenage members who want to work as greeters. You need to see Peter 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

Charles Smith, Sr., who recently suffered a heart attack, is home recovering and doing better.

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.

CELEBRATIONS!!!

Happy Birthday...

Aug 1 – Marian Denney

Aug 3 – Brenda Sims

Happy Anniversary...

July 31 – Watson & Kathryn Jones #22