

August 7, 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 67
Sunday Attendance 100
Contribution \$2,304
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...



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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A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH – R. Webster

The obligation to share the gospel of Christ is not something that Christians tend to disagree on. Well, how can we, when there are clear commands, examples and inferences in Bible on this necessary responsibility? However, it sometimes seems as if our notion of sharing the gospel is restricted to someone coming to us and expressing a need to be baptized, which is great except that those prospects are few and far apart. We are often paralyzed by the false perception that people are not interested in the gospel and therefore do not want to hear us. Consequently, this becomes our *modus operandi* since most people will not verbalize their interest in God's word and we eventually lose sight of what we have been commissioned to do, which is to seek and save the lost (Matt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16).

Obviously if we could know beforehand what the reaction of a person is going to be, then for sure, we would go full throttle. However, this would only lead us to believe that the power of converting a soul rest with us and not the word of God. Paul reminds us that our job is to plant and water the seed but it is God who gives the increase (I Cor. 3:6). The person receiving the gospel does so by faith (Rom. 10:17) but the one sharing it must also do so by faith.

Salvation is a matter of great urgency. The potential recipient must not hesitate in responding to it as are demonstrated by those on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:41 says *"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."* The conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch supports this. *"And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?' And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him"* (Acts 8:36, 38 ESV). Lydia and her family were baptized as soon as they were taught (Acts 16:14-15). The jailor and his family were baptized that same hour of the night (Acts 16:30-33). Saul (Paul) was told not to wait but to arise and be baptized (Acts 22:16).

Since a person must respond with great urgency, it therefore means that we must teach it with great urgency! Ezekiel was exhorted to warn Israel obedience to God was a matter of life and death (Ezek. 3:17-21) since *"the soul that sins shall die"* (Ezek. 18:20). Timothy was urged by Paul to *"Preach the word, be ready in season and out of season..."* (II Tim.

4:2). Our own transformation by the power of the word is a powerful testimony to people which should never be underestimated. May God give us the courage and wisdom to speak up because it will always be a matter of life or death.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Peter is leaving Thursday afternoon and will be returning the following Monday afternoon. Sunday he will be preaching at the fair.



Peter is preaching at Cherry Hill this morning and will be back at South Holland for the evening service.

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.

CELEBRATIONS!!!



Happy Birthday...

Aug 7 - John Berry

Happy Anniversary...

Aug 11 - Kenneth & Ursula Ware #37