

September 11, 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 61
Sunday Attendance 111
Contribution \$3,014
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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WHAT ABOUT YOUR FUNERAL?

– Wayne Jackson (*submitted by R. Webster*)

Conducting funerals is one of the most challenging tasks a gospel minister has. Actually, doing funerals is not a part of the preacher's "job description" — as set forth in the New Testament. Nevertheless, because of the funeral traditions we have in this country, and to accommodate people we love, and for whom we feel compassion, ministers officiate at funerals. But funerals are difficult situations — possibly the most rigorous of anyone who is called upon to administer. The funeral environment is tremendously stressful. If the deceased is someone close to him, the minister must struggle to keep his own emotions under control. Sometimes that is almost impossible to do, even if he has spent time concentrating on calmness and praying to God for strength. But his job is to be in control, and not to give in to the pain that may be stabbing his own heart.

The inclination appears to be growing among some that the preacher should just stick to anecdotal material regarding the departed, and minimize (if not eliminate altogether) the "Bible stuff." My mental response to that is this, "Who's doing this funeral anyway, you or me?" If someone wants a strictly **secular** service, with a handful of jokes thrown in, he can find someone else to do it. Or as the Lord once expressed the matter, "Let the dead bury their own dead."

I have often thought how interesting it might be to take a survey from church members as to what they would like to have said concerning themselves at their funerals. One might ask, rather generically, should I:

1. tell the truth about you;
2. exaggerate your good qualities and eliminate your flaws altogether; or,
3. throw integrity to the wind and simply lie?

If **you** were asked to write a short paragraph providing the minister with a "script," exactly what would you say? Franklin Camp, now deceased, was a great and beloved gospel minister of several years past. He was a gentle and kind man, and one of pristine quality. On one occasion he was called upon to conduct the funeral of a brother who was anything but faithful. He struggled to know what to say. According to his own testimony, this is what he said, as kindly as he could, regarding the deceased gentleman.

"He was a member of the church but was careless in attendance. He was a member of the church, but he did not think Bible study was important, so he never came. He was a member of the church, but he never gave as he prospered. His funeral is being conducted in this building paid for by others. He was a member of the church, but no one gathered here today has he taught the truth. He has now gone to judgment to meet his God; all he can say to God is, 'I was a member of the church.' All I can say about him is 'he was a member of the church.'" Franklin Camp later commented that as people filed out of the church building, he heard an irate person comment, "He preached him straight into

hell." No, he did not. By that time, the brother's destiny was already decided, and the funeral comments had nothing to do with that.

I have been thinking: if a faithful minister should be called upon to preach your funeral, do you have any suggestions as to what he should say?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meghan Kessler's bridal shower will be held here at the building Saturday, September 17th from 11 – 2, and lunch will be provided by the family. Meghan and Roger are registered at Target, Kohl's, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond. Please sign the list on the ledge if you are able to attend.

Congratulations to the **Goldmans who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary** September 3rd.

Shults – Lewis Annual Day is Saturday, September 17th.

Our annual **Ladies Day Program** is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th. All ladies who would like to help are asked to meet in the Conference Room after worship this morning.

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Eula Gaddis is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on September 20th.

Bob Kern has been in South Suburban Hospital all this past week. Listen for any updates this morning.

DeLois Davidson went in to the hospital Friday for an out-patient procedure.

Laurene Cunningham had successful knee surgery this past Thursday. She is now home.

If you have a **request for prayers**, please contact Kendra Walker or 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...

Sept 14 – Ruth Bos

Happy Anniversary...

Sept 11 – John & Tammy Drozdowski #34

Sept 14 – Burnell & Sharon Cook #25