

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 am
 Worship 10:30 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm

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	52
Sunday Attendance	113
Contribution	\$4,024
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:

November 13, 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!

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Office Hours:
 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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YOU HAVE BEEN SEALED! - R. Webster

The Ephesian church, comprised of gentile Christians, needed to be assured that they too belong to God even though the gospel came to the Jews first (Rom. 1:16). This assurance comes in the form of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Paul says, *"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise"* (Eph. 1:13). The entire process of their conversion is summarized in this verse. One must hear the word of God to believe it (Rom. 10:17). Then he receives the indwelling measure of the Holy Spirit upon his repenting of sins and being baptized in water (Acts 2:38). But, what did he mean by *"...you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise?"*

The seal is used today on official documents to complete major transactions, like buying a house, property, motor vehicle, etc. It shows ownership. The Holy Spirit was given to these Ephesian members as a sign that they were now owned by God, as is the case with every member of the body of Christ. In I Cor. 6:19-20, Paul says *"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."* So, we belong to God, and the receiving of the Holy Spirit assures us of that very important fact. In our recently concluded Wednesday evening studies on the life of Christ, we read how the tomb of Jesus was sealed by the Roman soldiers. This seal also symbolizes security and protection, for that is the very reason why they were stationed there by Pilate at the request of the Jewish leaders (Matt. 27:62-66). So now that the spiritual transaction has been finalized, we now belong to God. The seal also represents divine protection and security of that which is owned by God. This is what we do with any major assets that we acquire.

Additionally, we do not belong to Christ if we have not received the Holy Spirit. As a matter of fact, a seal is used today also to identify who owns a product, and whether it is a fake or not. Paul says, *"...if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His"* (Rom. 8:9). Our authenticity as Christians is not proven by mere lip

service but by Spirit-led lives that empower us to be who God expects us to be, whether we are in the presence of our brothers and sisters or not.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Brooke Gamble** for receiving all A's on her report card.

We are going to have a **noon fellowship the last Sunday of this month** to honor of all our new members for this year, whether by placing membership or baptism.

Shults-Lewis Children's Home has asked the church here to collect salad dressing as our commodity for the children's home. This needs to be in by the 1st Sunday in December.

The **Teachers' Appreciation Banquet** will be this Friday, November 18th. There is a signup list on the ledge. We'll be meeting at the Golden Corral in Tinley Park from 6:30 – 8:30PM, and all are invited.

Please give Peter or Kendra the current name and address of anyone attending **college or in the military**, even if you think we already have the information.

We plan to print an updated **church directory** in November. If you have an updated phone number or address, please give it to Kendra.

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Rob Hardy's sister, Sandra Muthleb, is back home but will have a lengthy recovery.

You can send her cards or call her at the following: 1952 205th St, Lynwood 60411. Phone 708-439-4403

Glenda Carter's sister, Debra, was rushed to the ER last Sunday morning. We are grateful that she is back home now.

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

CELEBRATIONS!!!

Happy Birthday...

Nov 18 - Kent Bumpass

Happy Anniversary...

Nov 14 - Robert & Ann Marie Webster #24

