

## 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](mailto:kendrabw@aol.com) with **prayer requests or announcements.**

There is also a **Suggestion**

## OUR WEEKLY RECORD

Sunday AM Bible Class	56
Sunday Attendance	107
Contribution	\$2,752
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](mailto:robster67@gmail.com)

## SERMON NOTES:

November 20, 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!

### ELDERS

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### MINISTER

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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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### From the Comfort-Zone to the End-Zone! – R. Webster

In returning from exile in Babylon, Ezra focused on rebuilding the temple while Nehemiah concentrated on repairing the walls, after both were in ruins from the Babylonian invasion over seventy years earlier. These men, especially Nehemiah, were not without their pessimists and critics as they sought to carry out the work of God. Nehemiah 4:1 tells us *“But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews.”* As a matter of fact, the criticisms continued unabated in the hope that the work would be abandoned by the man of God. Nehemiah 4:6 tells us however, that despite the talkers, the doers were able to get the job done. It says, *“So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.”*

The body of Christ has no room for spectators and mere talkers. James commands us to *“Be doers of the word and not hearers only”* (James 1:22). When God looked for someone to take His tough message of punishment if there was no repentance to the stubborn Israelites, Isaiah stepped forward and said, *“Here I am, send me”* (Isa. 6:8). We will be judged not merely by what we say but by our actions (2 Cor. 5:10). The world is overwhelmed with critics, excuse-makers and the do-nothingers, who by staying in their comfort-zone will never know what it feels like to be in the end-zone. Of course, when we begin to *“roll up our sleeves and get our hands dirty”* for God's work, we will run the risk of failing, being criticized and verbally pelted by the cynics. Thankfully, the message from our Savior in Matt. 5:14 is, *“Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”*

In responding to the naysayers and critics of good men who were trying to make the world a better place in his day, Theodore Roosevelt in 1910 gave a speech widely known as “The Man in the Arena” said, *“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs,*

*who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are going to have a **fellowship meal next Sunday afternoon** to honor all our new members for this year, whether by placing membership or baptism. The Bumpass/Jarrett/ Kessler/Walker families will be hosting with a theme of “Thanksgiving Part 2.”

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December.

**Peter is preaching** at the church in Sullivan this morning and will be home later tonight.

The **Teacher's Appreciation Banquet** this past Friday evening was a great success, with delicious food and wonderful fellowship. Thanks so much to Derrek & Susan Reese who did a fantastic job of honoring our teachers here at South Holland.

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

**Rachel Shaw** was here this past Sunday without her husband **Billy**, who had an accident in which he badly injured his ankle several days ago. Let's pray for a speedy recovery for him. Listen for any updates this morning.

The baby of **Colleen Dembowski's great-niece** was born with complications and is in intensive care. Please pray for the family and listen this morning for any updates.

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 **Paul Hardy, Sandra Muthleb, 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 20 - Anthony Dunlap

Nov 20 - Miriam Smith

Nov 22 - Siara Cooper

Nov 22 - English Harley

Nov 23 - Donna Ewell



*Happy Anniversary...*

Nov 25 - Joe & Virginia Hoadley #72



**HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**