

December 4, 2016

**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 67  
Sunday Attendance 121  
Contribution \$2,845  
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:**

**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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### **BUILD YOUR SPIRITUAL CAPITAL** – R. Webster

No follower of Christ should live under the illusion that we will, in most instances, escape the difficult issues of life. In fact, it is because we are Christians that we are regarded as prime targets by the devil to bring us back under his dominion. Peter warns us about this in 1 Peter 5:8 *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”* It is for this very reason that I am saying that we must build our spiritual capital so that we can have it to rely on in those rough days ahead. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines *“capital”* as *“relating to or being assets that add to the long-term net worth of a corporation.”* Our spiritual capital then are those things that we do now, that will have long term benefits for our spiritual lives. As the adage goes, *“Save now for rainy days later”* which also means *“sacrifice now for the satisfaction later.”*

The Lord gives us various opportunities to build our faith on a daily basis. Being enlightened by the word of God through the power the Holy Spirit is fundamental to faith-building. As Paul informs us, *“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God”* (Rom. 10:17). When we join our fellow Christians on the first day of the week to worship and praise our God, our faith continues to go through the building process. When we engage each other in prayer and personal study, we are amassing the spiritual capital our faith constantly needs to confront the spiritual enemies of this world (Ephesians 6:12). Singing songs like *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* and *“Faith Of Our Fathers,”* should remind us of God's Word. Paul says we must *“walk by faith and not by sight”* (II Cor. 5:7), while the Hebrew writer challenges us to *“look to Jesus, who is the Author and Perfector of our faith”* (Heb. 12:2). Spending quality time together with some degree of regularity is always an opportunity for our faith to be boosted. There we can *“stir up one another to love and good works”* (Heb. 10:24), we can *“rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep”* (Rom. 12:15). Such company should also remind us that there are familiar *“shoulders”* to lean on in tough times.

The point is that, these are great and wonderful opportunities for our faith and trust in God to be fortified. For what purpose? Among other things, to be able to endure those very difficult and dark periods of our lives. Let us never discount these activities, for they help us to build the spiritual capital that will aid us in navigating those *“troublesome times”* that are ahead...inevitably.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Shults-Lewis Children's Home** has asked the church here to collect salad dressing as our commodity for the children's home. Donations need to be in by today.

Laura Pratt will be hosting the **Annual Kid's Holiday Party** here at the building Saturday, December 17 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Please see the sign-up sheet on the ledge this morning for more info.

**Teachers:** If you have not already picked up your star, which is on the ledge in the foyer, please do so today.

If you would like a **copy of the church directory**, please go to the Elder's Office located in the north hallway after services this morning.

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Robert Davis** had successful surgery this past week and hopes to be with us this morning.

**Sandra Muthleb** is back at Franciscan Community Hospital in Munster, Room 7514 as she continues to struggle with serious health problems.

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, 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...*

Dec 4 – Lilli McGlothlin

Dec 9 – Markus Kessler

