

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	47
Sunday Attendance	111
Contribution	\$3,715
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:

December 11, 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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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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God Requires Effort...Not Results!

"It won't do any good." This is the usual response made by many of us when we are asked to invite someone to hear the gospel being preached or when we consider trying to talk to someone about religion. This is wrong! Dead wrong! It will do good! It can do no other than good because it is what God requires! The reason behind this erroneous response is that we think God requires *"results"* from us in the form of numbers and such like.

The only thing God requires of us is *"effort"* and lots of it! Paul said of the establishment and growth of the church at Corinth, "I planted, Apollos watered, and God gave the increase" ([1 Corinthians 3:6](#)). *"Planting"* and *"watering"* are the duties of God's children *"increase"* is God's business. If we are diligent about our work in the Lord, God is faithful in His.

Far too often, we get discouraged when God does not give us the increase we expect. Thus, we become lax in our efforts to plant and water the seed, the Word of God. But to cure this evil, Paul, by the Spirit, wrote: *"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."* ([Gal. 6:9](#)).

The next time you have the opportunity to sow or water some spiritual seed, don't think of it in terms of wasted effort just because you "think" it won't do any good. Work, teach, invite, and encourage everyone with whom you come in contact to be what the Lord would have them to be. Remember what the Apostle Paul said in [1 Corinthians 15:58](#), *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

– Mike Riley (Submitted by R. Webster)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Due to several changes in our **church directory**, Peter and Kendra will be putting out a new one January 1, 2017. A copy of the current directory is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please check your information and make any corrections needed.

Congratulations to **Shawna Cartwright** for making the HIGH HONOR ROLL, which is having a GPA of 3.5 or over. Please share with us the accomplishments of your family so that we can rejoice with you.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Casey Wallace had spinal fusion surgery on Wednesday, December 7. The surgery was successful and she is expected to make a full recovery. The doctor expects she'll be released on Tuesday.

Susan Reese's dad, Alfred Taylor, is recovering from Congestive Heart Failure and Kidney Failure. He is now in rehabilitation in New Orleans. Derrek and Susan are leaving this week to be with him.

Peter will be having out-patient surgery on his shoulder this coming Thursday morning.

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 **Sandra Muthleb, 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 12 – Bonnie Bumpass

Dec 12 – Akeelah Webster

Dec 16 – Carol Nee

Dec 16 – Bella Walker



Happy Anniversary...

Dec 15 – Peter & Bonnie Bumpass #52