

December 25, 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 with **prayer requests or announcements.**

There is also a **Suggestion**

OUR WEEKLY RECORD

Sunday AM Bible Class 53
Sunday Attendance 117
Contribution \$2,576
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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Peace on Earth? Goodwill toward Men? – R. Webster

The cost of war has been astronomical for mankind. We tend to focus on a country's infrastructure and the number of casualties to determine the level of devastation a war has had. While these are necessary indicators, we cannot afford to miss one critical element—those who have been displaced! According to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, the number of refugees and internally displaced people has reached its highest point since World War II. That number stands at more than sixty million people! This means that there are families that are starving, especially children, because in many of these war-torn countries the economies are in shambles. Apart from the fact that there are no jobs, very little food (if any), no school for the kids, there is also the issue of security. William Spindler, spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency, UNHCR said, "*The number of people who have lost their lives on the Mediterranean this year has now passed 5,000,*" he added. "That means that on average, 14 people have died every single day this year in the Mediterranean trying to find safety or a better life in Europe."

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), there are well over two million people imprisoned in the US and more than 500,000 people are homeless—a quarter of them children. There are roughly 400,000 children in the US foster care system. Of that number, approximately 100,000 are waiting to be adopted.

Luke records that at the announcement of the birth of Jesus the heavenly hosts rejoiced saying, "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men*" Luke 2:14. That was the reason for His birth and the foundation of His ministry which included giving hope the hopeless and voice to the voiceless, the outcast, the suffering and the forgotten of our society. For example, blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52), the Samaritan woman (John 4), Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), the woman caught in the act of adultery (John 8), the tax collectors and sinners (Mark 2:13-17), the demon possessed man (Mark 5), just to name a few.

In this holiday season, as we are engaged in the spirit of festivity, I hate to be the bearer of this kind of information. However, it is necessary to ponder on these as we enjoy the presence of family and friends for social activities. There is a mother or father, wife or husband, son or daughter who, instead of celebrating, will try and cope with not having their loved ones with them for the first time. The season only amplifies their pain. I pray, though, that our hearts and minds will not only be attuned to the needs and concerns of

the normally forgotten of our society, but that the life of Christ will ignite us in much needed action. The consequences will remain dire for relative peace if goodwill toward men continues to be only a Christmas rhetoric!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will not be a **6PM worship** service this evening or the following Sunday evening, New Year's Day.

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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jack Denney passed away suddenly yesterday morning. Announcements about the visitation and funeral will be sent to our emails by Robert hopefully by tomorrow. Our prayers are with Marian, their 4 children, and all of the rest of the family.

Robert Davis requests prayers for his recovery after surgery this past week.

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.

