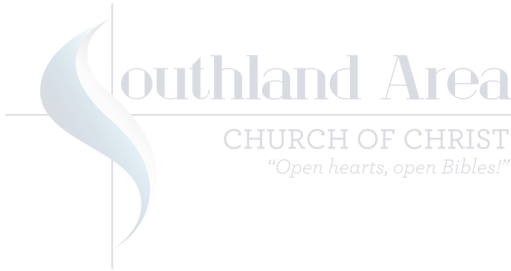


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THE MESSENGER

*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." **1John 1:5***

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WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible correspondence course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone would be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible Study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Worship11 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
(Last Wed. each month @ 7 pm)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR

Rom. 1;16;
10:17

BELIEVE

John 8:24

REPENT

Luke 13:3
Acts 3:19;

CONFESS

Rom 10:9-10
Matt. 10:32

BAPTISM

Acts 2:38;
22:16

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

What is Your Motive?

The sermon on the mount is the longest recorded lesson we have of Jesus starting in **Matthew 5** and ending in chapter 7. He dealt with a wide range of everyday issues that were not only relevant then but lessons that transcend generations. Among the issues that He addressed, was that of having the right and pure motives in doing good deeds. He was quite clear in showing that the same “right and pure motives” should be the basis for possessing and using wealth.

When Jesus said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth” (**Matthew 6:19**), the term “lay up” did not simply speak of having possessions, but of your possessions having you. “Lay up” could be better translated “hoard” or “stockpile.” Jesus was not saying that it is wrong to have things. He was warning against becoming materialistic—letting things become more important than God. God created us to love people and use things, but a materialistic person loves things and uses people. There is nothing wrong with having possessions and a successful career. The apostle Paul wrote, “Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy” (**1 Timothy 6:17**).

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God can bless a person. In fact, we read in the Bible of those who had wealth, such as Abraham, Job, David, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary, and Barnabas. Jesus did not praise poverty as some great virtue. In fact, only one time did He tell someone—the rich young ruler—to sell his possessions and give to the poor, most likely because that man was possessed by his possessions. Because when Jesus said, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me” (**Matthew 19:21**), the Bible says that he went away sorrowful. It was a test to see whether God was more important to him than his things.

Money is not the root of all evil; the love of it is (**1 Timothy 6:10**). The problem with wealth is not in having it. It is how we get it. It is how we guard it. And it is how we give it. In fact, in His sermon, Jesus connected our charitable deeds, fasting, praying, etc. to our motives. Unless God is being glorified (**Matthew 5:16**), all our deeds are unacceptable by our Father!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones. 



Bro. Julian Rice and Sis. Kristen Coleman will be getting married on March 12 at 5 pm at the Lansing Church of Christ building.



Our new directories are here and it will be one per family. See Sis. Ann-Marie Webster to sign for your copy.

Wednesday Bible Class topic on Giving (Offering) continues this week, weather permitting. **How much & When Should I Give? Is it a sin not to give?**

Brother Robert Davis is now worshipping at South Holland.

For Prayers :

Our military personnel.

Our plans this year to move into a worship facility of our own.

Sis. Laurene Cunningham and her daughter Glenda Carter are at home and recovering. Keep her in your prayers.

Bro. Hardy is recovering from the flu.

Sis. Mutlab continues treatment on ongoing health issues.

Sis. Doris Davis continues to experience severe discomfort in her legs. She tries to make every Sunday nevertheless.

Also, Ursula Ware, Nadia Hawks, Rob Hardy’s son Paul. , Angelice Gibson, Debra Ellis

Our College Students:

Paris Mickles: Southern Illinois University

Bria Gamble: Illinois State University

Angelice Gibson: Loyola University



Birthdays This Week:



Gavin Bell - Feb. 24

Shannon Payne - Feb. 26

If you are absent, you may still submit you contribution via **PayPal**. Text Bro. Webster for more details.



Please submit **your announcements** to Bro. Webster by Thursday evening each week.

Order of Service

Song

Announcement

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Scripture Reading

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Sermon

Song

Lord’s Supper

Offering

Song

Closing Prayer

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