



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Last Sunday, Christmas Day, our beloved friend and long-time elder, Chester Sitler, passed away. Chester was eager to put behind the endless hospital procedures. He looked forward to peaceful rest.

On Friday evening, we shared a time of memories. Family and friends remembered favorite stories, jokes, and blessings. It was a time of love and sharing that fit perfectly the life which Chester lived among us. He would especially have loved the comments made by some of our teens. They were very important and special to him.

There are some things about Chester we should remember in a special way.

He was an elder of this church for 28 years. He served many years as a deacon before that.

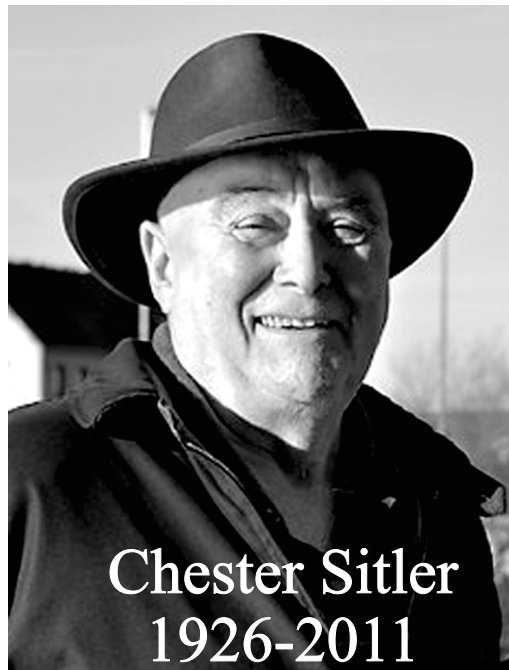
Chester was a man who cared about souls and who worked to reach out to those who do not know Jesus. In his early years, before I knew him, he was an "anchor," as Don Brewster put it, of the Joy Bus program. I have had the privilege of knowing individuals who are Christians because Chester and his colleagues were faithful to invite and encourage them.

Chester has been a faithful ambassador for World Bible School. He regularly would share letters and messages from students, especially in Africa, to whom Chester was the face of the gospel of Christ.

Chester, Phyllis and Kim were outstanding in their practice of hospitality. Their door was always open to

provide housing for those who were visiting the church or anyone in need. One of the examples of that hospitality which most blessed us was that extended to our brother Obadiah Doka.

Doka had graduated from Freed-Hardeman and was delayed because of visa problems. He was stranded in Chicago for almost a week. Chester was his host. The relationship which flowed from that stay continues to bless our congregation. Doka experienced genuine Christian love in the Sitler home.



Chester Sitler
1926-2011

Some of the earliest experiences which I had when I came here were in learning the procedures for the distribution of food to those in need. Chester was instrumental in setting up our food pantry, he worked in collecting and distributing government commodities, and he was the early leader in working with the food banks.

He was always supportive of the work at Shults-Lewis children's home, and he and Phyllis set the example of care of children in their adoption of Tim and Kim from Korea and of the children of their own extended family when their parents died.

I am so grateful that God led me into fellowship with Chester. His untiring work for this congregation will influence our hearts and memories for many years to come. He was a man whose priorities reflected a heart dedicated to God.

In the hospital, we recited together **Psalm 1**, one of his favorites. I believe Chester is one of the men whom the psalm describes. We thank God for the blessing of his life.

Chuck Miller

This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer *Curt Robinson*
 Kids Connection *Bob Jett*
 Praise Songs *Tim Boyd*
 Acts 14:21-23, 20:28-32
 #554 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
 #395 *Follow Me*
 2 *Timothy 2:1-5*
 #58 *A Charge to Keep I Have*
 #557 *Rise Up, O Men of God*
 #553 *I'll Live for Him*
 Communion *Don Brewster*
 #332 *Lead Me to Calvary (verses 1, 2, 4)*
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #944 *What Shall It Be?*
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 Closing Song *Tim Boyd*
 #738 *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

Dates to Remember

TODAY Bible Classes & Worship
 January 3 Ladies Class
 January 5 Food Pantry Delivery
 January 5 Teen Parent Connection
 January 6 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 January 8 Community Groups
 January 9 Living Room Café
 January 10 Ladies Class
 January 12 Teen Parent Connection
 January 13 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 January 15 Chili & Soup Potluck Luncheon
 January 17 Ladies Class
 January 18 Seniors Breakfast

Contribution \$4,566.52

Nursery Workers Sandy Boyd, Lynette Root

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

Worship/Praise Sunday

Organizers Northeast Community Group

In Our Prayers...

Phyllis Cissne, Cindy Drumheller's mother, fell and broke her pelvis and a rib. Cindy is traveling to see them over the holidays.

Lloyd Embree, a friend of Joyce Eakins, is very ill with cancer. Please pray for him and his wife.

John Giovanni, a friend of Lynette Root's brother, has a brain tumor. He is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, but the doctors are not giving him much hope.

Anne Librande, Joanne Johnson's mother, is in rehab. Plans are being made for her to go home.

Paul Mercer is dealing with shoulder pain.

Willene McGuffy, Linda Vantreese's mother, is having tests.

Chuck Miller will have radiation beginning in January.

Chester Sitler passed away last Sunday.

Dan Vantreese's uncle passed away last week.

Bob Voigts had his last chemo treatment this week.

Bookmarks

"Who You Are in Christ" bookmarks are available in the foyer. The reverse side is "Who You Are in the Family of God at West Chicago."

Bible Class Teachers

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to teach this rotation. It begins today and will go through February 19. Please contact **Cindy Drumheller**, if you have any questions or concerns – cdrum202@comcast.net or 630-346-6923. **Please note:** A 2012 sign-up sheet to teach the Wednesday evening 0-4 aged class is posted on the bulletin board.

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Class will meet this Tuesday, January 3. Our next course of study will begin in a few weeks. Contact Pat Brewster if you would like to join the class.

