



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

By some reckoning, 2012 is the wrap-up year. That's when some prognosticators estimate that history will end and whatever forces rule the universe will usher in whatever new order it/they have in mind.

If they are right, this year is your last chance to set things in order. Now, personally, I wouldn't put much stock in the value of these projections, but it is a good idea to live ready. Jesus stressed it over and over: "Watch...." He said it would come like a thief in the night. He said, no man knows the hour when it will all take place.

But when it comes to observations about end-times, I like that comment of Paul in **Romans 8:19**: "The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed." Isn't that a phrase full of wonder and mystery?

I like several things about it. First, it gives a kind of personality to the creation, itself. I think it is to be understood that the personhood of this creation is to be seen in the Creator, the one who ordains times and seasons. But it also suggests a kind of living response of what we think of as inanimate matter to the word and will of creator-God. I like that. If God speaks worlds into existence and simply proclaims, "Let there be...." to light and matter and all manner of made-things, then it makes some sense to think they are still listening to His voice.

Second, it suggests a kind of kinship between us and the created world. It seems to imply that there is

an eagerness for us all to be set right again. I'm hoping that means we may enjoy touring and interacting with those massive clouds of beautiful star dust we are seeing in Hubble pictures. I like to think of Cosmos-as-friend, and that Cosmos is waiting patiently for that day when we become playmates once again.

But it also talks of the magnificent concept of the creatures known as "sons of God." These are the ones spoken of in **Psalm 8** as crowned with glory and

honor. These are the fellow-heirs with Jesus and the designated rulers of the world to come. That's us!

Now I think it's a good thing to start this new year by remembering our place in the great cosmic scheme. I want to challenge you in this year to keep in mind that all eternity is spring-loaded to move and click into synchronization when God says it's time to move.

Don't sell out for the cheap stuff. Don't forget who you are and what your destiny is. We are sons and daughters of the great King and He is preparing in His perfect timing a splendid revelation of the perfect beauty, power and might of His coming in glory to inaugurate the great wedding supper of the Lamb.

We have been chosen to act as the very body on earth of the Lord Jesus until that day, and we should call one another back to that vision again and again. Part of our spirit should join with "the creation" in waiting in eager expectation. Our revealing, our coming out, will be something to behold!

Chuck Miller



# Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes begin at 9:30 and are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room at the back of the auditorium. The adult class meets in the fellowship room.

Our Community Groups meet every Sunday throughout the year, except for the last Sunday of each month. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of praise and fellowship. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster      Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership

Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence

Cliff Plummer: Fellowship, Benevolence, Education

Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening (last Sunday of each month) . . 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 7:00 p.m.



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## 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 . . . . . Jay Hearn
- Scripture Reading & Prayer . . . . . Jay Hearn
- Kids Connection . . . . . Brian Gifford
- Praise Songs . . . . . Jon Miller
  - #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord
  - #360 There is a Habitation
  - #63 I Will Call upon the Lord
  - #763 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
- #350 When My Love for Christ Grows Weak
- Communion Message . . . . . Dewayne Smith
- Communion
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller
- Invitation Song . . . . . Jon Miller
  - #903 There's Power in the Blood
- Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts
- Closing Song . . . . . Jon Miller
  - #71 As the Deer

## Dates to Remember

- January 4 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class
- January 6 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery
- January 6 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection
- January 7 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Leadership/Community Group
- January 8 . . . . . Leaders Meeting
- January 9 . . . . . Community Groups
- January 10 . . . . . Living Room Café
- January 11 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class
- January 13 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection
- January 14 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast
- January 16 . . . . . Chili/Soup Potluck Lunch
- January 16 . . . . . Teen Gathering
- January 18 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class
- January 19 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast

## Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 42
- Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 96
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 18
- Contribution . . . . . \$3,399.75

## Nursery Workers

Carrie Drumheller, Becky Pedersen

## Collection Counters

Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

## In Our Prayers...

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother**, had a kidney transplant. He didn't have a dialysis treatment, which means the kidney is working well. They are very grateful for our prayers and ask for continued prayers that his body doesn't reject the kidney.

**Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother**, had hip replacement surgery and is doing well. Josephine is very grateful for everyone's prayers.

**Dana Howard** had a good report from all of her tests.

**Cyndi Perez's step-grandmother's sister** passed away. They are having a luncheon tomorrow here at the church building. See Cyndi if you can help.

**Kay Schrader** has been moved to the third floor at DuPage Convalescence Center. Visitors are very much appreciated!

**Phyllis Sitler** had partial hip replacement surgery a week ago. She is doing well.

**Taylor Joseph-Lee Smoot** died 12-24-10 at age 18. He was the son of **Rob Brewster's** friend **Christina Lee Smoot-Surkamer**. Taylor had had 28 surgeries and great suffering in his short life.

**Freda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother**, was in the hospital with a kidney infection. She is home and doing much better.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey  
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents  
 Bonnie Bingham  
 Nancy Brewster  
 Jim & Julie Chavez  
 Dachielle - Blake Mullins's friend  
 John Day  
 Joyce Duke - Bobbie Whitman's sister  
 Joyce Eakins's siblings  
 Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew  
 Josephine Haggerton  
 Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew  
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister  
 Mason Hutchins - friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins  
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece  
 Myrna Levake  
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother  
 Steve Link  
 Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen  
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son  
 Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother  
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin  
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin  
 Helen Plummer - Joan Avey and Cliff's mom  
 J.D. Potts - the father of Cyndi Perez  
 Kay Schrader

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart -  
 Bob Voigts's cousins  
 Joe Stone - a friend from RCC  
 Jim Whitman

### Moms-to-Be:

Lisa Rentschler & Katie Weishaar -  
 Sally's nieces

### Armed forces:

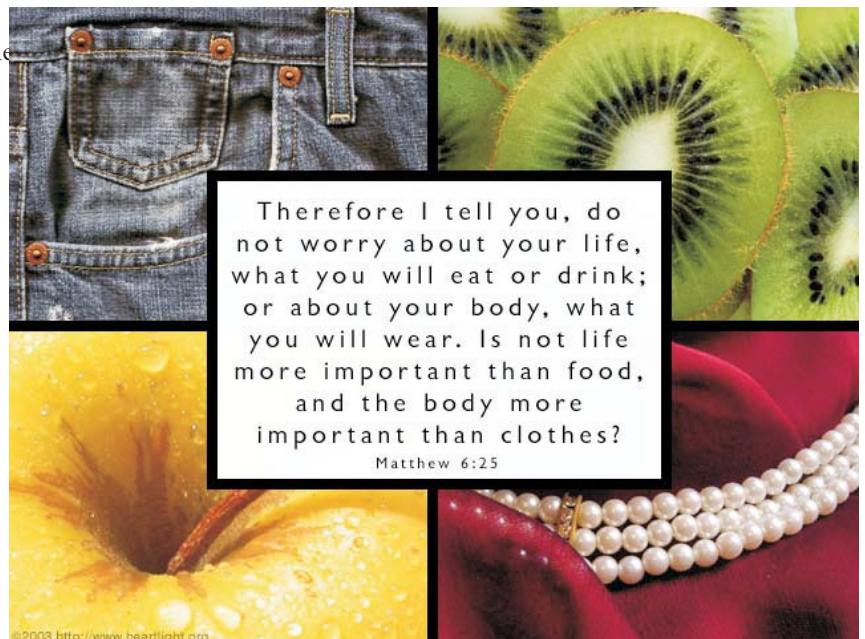
Josh Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan  
 Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew  
 Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni  
 Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan  
 Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, friend of Lori  
 Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq  
 Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

### Missionaries:

Mission Lazarus - Honduras  
 Students of Joe Voigts - China  
 City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico  
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria  
 Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria  
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers  
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

## Sermon on the Mount Series

Our series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount has a few more installments. If you would like to see videos, please let Chuck know.



## Teen Parent Connection

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Teen Parent Connection meetings held here on Thursday evenings. Please sign up in the foyer to provide all or part of a meal or to help serve. TPC educates teen parents on the responsibilities of pregnancy and helps teen parents develop parenting skills. We support each of TPC's meetings as we provide, serve and clean up a well-balanced meal for 15-20 people and provide assistance with child-care. See Chuck or Sally if you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation for the meals.

## Leadership/Community Group Leader Meeting

A breakfast meeting is scheduled for this Saturday morning, January 8, at 8:00 a.m. for the leadership and the community group leaders. Please let Don know if you plan to attend.

## Food Pantry!

Our pantry delivery is this **Thursday, January 6.** Volunteers are needed to help stock the shelves and tear down the boxes. **We'll start working at 10:00 a.m.** **Item of the month** – Donate hats, gloves and hot chocolate mix for the pantry. All sizes and styles of hats and gloves are appreciated!



## Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Ladies Class starts up again this week on January 4th at 10:00 a.m.

## Youth Ministry

### EDUCATION:

- Teachers are needed for our next 9-week rotation starting Sunday, February 6. Let Cindy Drumheller know if you are interested and which age group you prefer.
- **Substitutes are needed for every class!**
- **Teacher Workshop:** Please let Cindy Drumheller know if you are interested in attending a Teacher Workshop. She is willing to lead it during your Community Group.

### EDUCATION WISHING TREE:

In the hallway downstairs you will find our "Wishing Tree." Each leaf contains the picture and price of an item. To donate, write your name on the leaf and give Sally the appropriate funds and the item will be ordered. You may also take the leaf and purchase the item yourself. Give the item and the leaf to Sally.



**January 16** Movies at the church building  
Hosted by Tom & Nancy Doggett

**February 18-20** Winterfest in Gatlinburg  
Sign up in the Teen hallway!  
The early-bird deadline is January 15.

**February 27** At the Boyd's

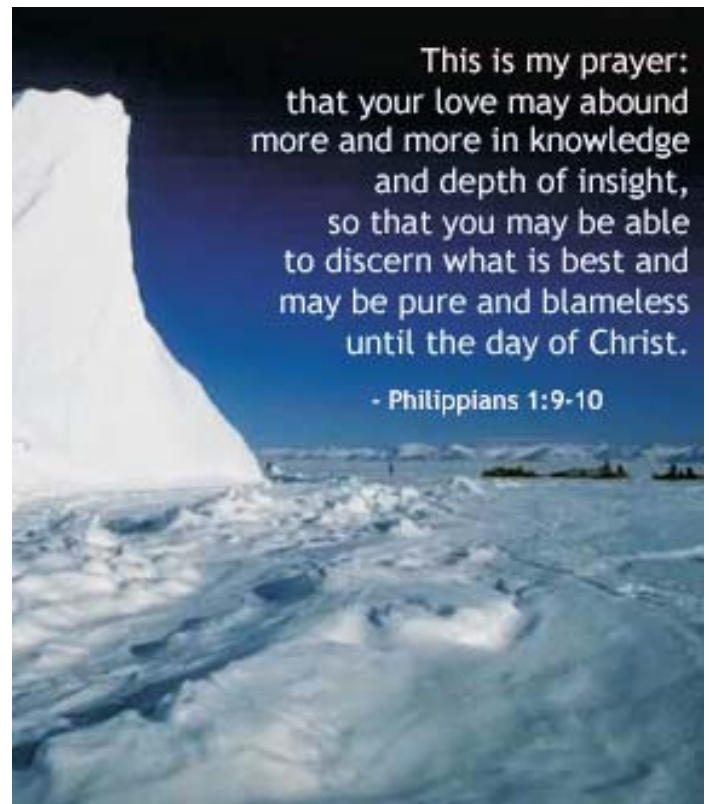
**Interested in** hosting a teen event – devotional, outing or service project? See Sandy Boyd!

## Families in Need

A family who visits our food pantry has requested gifts. Please check the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. See Sally with any questions.

## Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who has purchased gifts, visited shut-ins, prepared food, taught classes, lead discussions, etc. YOU are very much appreciated!!



This is my prayer:  
that your love may abound  
more and more in knowledge  
and depth of insight,  
so that you may be able  
to discern what is best and  
may be pure and blameless  
until the day of Christ.

- Philippians 1:9-10