



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective



LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.



Thou turnest man back to the dust, and sayest, "Turn back, O children of men!" ⁴ For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the

night.



Thou dost sweep men away; they are like a dream, like grass which is renewed in

the morning: ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are consumed by thy anger; by thy wrath we are overwhelmed.



Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

⁹ For all our days pass away under thy wrath, our years come to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰ The years of our life are threescore and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹



Who considers the power of thy anger, and thy wrath according to the fear of thee?

¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on thy servants!



Satisfy us in the morning with thy steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as thou hast afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.



Let thy work be manifest to thy servants, and thy glorious power to their

children.



Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands

establish thou it.



psalms 90:1-17

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 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 fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

Our Small Group Fellowship program takes place during the fall, winter and spring months and is on the first and third Sundays of each month in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow these instructions:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>
 Username: wcfamily
 Password: 6302312062
 Click "SINGLE" tab
 Allow any Active X controls

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

Don Brewster Bob Jett
 Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

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 Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 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 Chuck Miller
 Singing Tim Boyd
 #578 We Will Glorify
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Kenn Watson
 #67 For the Beauty of the Earth
 #810 Listen to our Hearts
 Prayer Curt Robinson
 #287 There is a Redeemer
 Lord's Supper Steve Link
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #940 Only a Step
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Kenn Watson
 #749 The battle Belongs to the Lord
 Closing Prayer Chester Sitler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 9 Karissa Wheeler

Dates to Remember

January 7 Food Pantry Delivery
 January 8 Men's Prayer & Coffee
 January 10 Small Groups
 January 11 Living Room Cafe
 January 14 Preachers Breakfast
 January 14 Teen Parent Connection
 January 15 Men's Prayer & Coffee
 January 17 Chili/Soup Potluck Luncheon
 January 17 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 January 20 Seniors Breakfast
 January 21 Teen Parent Connection
 January 22 Men's Prayer & Coffee
 January 24 Small Groups, Connection Point

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 36
 Sunday Morning Worship 73
 Contribution \$14,215.25

Nursery Workers Betsy Jett, Kim Sitler

Collection Counters Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel

In Our Prayers...

Arlene Anderson, Linda Vantreese's cousin, suffered severe injuries from an accident and is not doing well. She has facial injuries, lost an eye and her chest was crushed.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother
 Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Gail Cole – Lori Plummer's mother
 John Day
 Al Dorsey & his son, Doug
 Joyce Eakins, her brother, Hubert and
 her two sisters, Eunice and Frances
 Chad Englebach – Marie Hayes' grandson
 Sarah Hayden – Maria Zeisler's relative
 Marie Hayes
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Mary Henkel – Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Brian & Sandy Jones – Marie Hayes's daughter
 and son-in-law
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 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 (former member)
 Bobby Miller
 Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son
 of Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Pat Ronzheimer
 Stacey Schnaitman – the daughter Bev Scalone
 who is John & Joanne Johnson's neighbor
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts's
 cousins
 Barb Tinchler – Jake's mother
 Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Lizz Bartalone – Doris Biancalana's daughter
 Tammy Urso – Dan & Linda Vantreese's daughter

Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew
 Mike Hagan – Doris Biancalana's nephew
 in Baghdad
 Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Jeremy Riley – great-great-nephew of Josephine
 Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad
 Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of
 Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Chris Yauch – the husband of Wendell & Margaret
 Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown – 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

Who I Am in Christ

Neil Anderson, *Victory Over the Darkness*

I AM ACCEPTED

I am God's child. *John 1:12*
 I am Christ's friend. *John 15:15*
 I have been justified. *Romans 5:1*
 I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him.
1 Corinthians 6:17
 I have been bought with a price. I belong to God.
1 Corinthians 12:27
 I am a member of Christ's Body. *1 Corinthians 6:20*
 I am a saint. *Ephesians 1:1*
 I have been adopted as God's child. *Ephesians 1:5*
 I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 2:18*
 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. *Colossians 1:14*
 I am complete in Christ. *Colossians 2:10*

I AM SECURE

I am free from condemnation. *Romans 8:1, 2*
 I am assured that all things work together for good. *Romans 8:28*
 I am free from any condemning charges against me. *Romans 8:31-34*
 I cannot be separated from the love of God. *Romans 8:35-39*
 I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.
2 Corinthians 1:21, 22
 I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be
 perfected. *Philippians 1:6*
 I am a citizen of heaven. *Philippians 3:20*
 I am hidden with Christ in God. *Colossians 3:3*
 I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and
 a sound mind. *2 Timothy 1:7*
 I can find grace and mercy in time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*
 I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me. *1 John 5:18*

I AM SIGNIFICANT

I am the salt and light of the earth. *Matthew 5:13, 14*
 I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life. *John 15:1,5*
 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. *John 15:16*
 I am a personal witness of Christ. *Acts 1:8*
 I am God's temple. *1 Corinthians 3:16*
 I am a minister of reconciliation for God. *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*
 I am God's coworker. *2 Corinthians 6:1 (see 1 Corinthians 3:9)*
 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm. *Ephesians 2:6*
 I am God's workmanship. *Ephesians 2:10*
 I may approach God with freedom and confidence. *Ephesians 3:12*
 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

Stockings Filled!

Please check the bulletin board in the foyer and make sure to get the stockings filled with notes of love and encouragement. Stockings will be distributed to their owners mid-January.



Open House

Don't forget Karissa Wheeler's Open House to celebrate her 18th birthday and high school graduation **this Friday, January 8**, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Cemino's Pizza, 1630 Essington Road in Joliet. An RSVP was due by 12/28.



Kelie, Karissa & Kyle Wheeler

youth & family news

TEENS: WinterFest, is Thursday through Sunday, February 18-21, 2010. The total cost for this event will be about \$100 (including your deposit), plus meals. Please give Cliff your \$50 deposit asap.

PARENTS: If you would like to host a Sunday Night, Light in your home, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Men's Bible Study & Coffee

The Men's Bible Study & Coffee hosted by Bob Voigts and Kenn Watson will meet Friday mornings from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building.

The Living Room Cafe

We'll be volunteering at the Living Room Café on the second Monday of each month, January through April. Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you'd like to help.

Food Pantry Delivery

This Thursday, January 7, we will receive our delivery for the food pantry. We need volunteers to help carry boxes downstairs, stock the shelves and tear down boxes. We'll start at 10:00 a.m. See Cliff or Sally with questions.

Small Group Fellowships

Upcoming Small Group Fellowship dates are: January 10, 24, February 7, 21, March 7, 21, and April 18. **There will be no evening worship at the building on Small Group Sundays.** However, the Small Group led by Dewayne Smith meets at the building at 5:30 p.m.



Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection is an organization that strives to prevent child abuse by teenage parents through education and support. They have requested the use our building for a West Chicago teen parent group that will meet on Thursday evenings. **They would appreciate meals to be provided for the meetings and help with childcare.** Please see Cliff or Sally if you would like to help coordinate this effort or prepare food. Monetary donations are also welcome.

If you would like more information, check their website: www.teenparentconnection.org. Also, a representative from Teen Parent Connection will be visiting the Wednesday Evening Ladies Class on January 13.



Food Pantry Donations

Did you know that we purchase 99% of the food we give away in our pantry from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. NIFB receives food and monetary donations from many different corporations and organizations. By purchasing food from NIFB we can stretch our dollar - \$1 = 8+ pounds of food. While food donations are always welcome, special contributions to our benevolence fund can purchase much needed food for our community. Donations can be given to Cliff, Justin, Bob V. or Jay.

