



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

**D**o you ever notice, when you're reading a book or watching a movie, how lean of soul are those of our generation? The lives they live and the purposes they reflect, are, for the most part, very empty.

Now, that doesn't mean real life is like that, for most people. It primarily reflects the values and depth of the creators of our popular entertainment. A look at some of the patterns in our society, however, tempts us to feel that we are, indeed, an ever more shallow and empty-souled culture.

I went with family to see "The Hobbit" during the holidays. I haven't read much of Tolkien until just recently, and I enjoy his work.

Tolkien's world is full of good and evil, of nobility, sacrifice and purpose.

Those who know the Lord of Israel and His Son, Jesus, know that our world, far more than any fiction of Tolkien, is one of nobility, sacrifice, courage and purpose.

We are called to the working out of the salvation of God and the revealing of His glory to the

nations and to the citizens of the heavenly realms. Every battle won, every victory over lust, greed, unkindness, and selfishness is a victory for the Great King who judges the world in righteousness through His Son.

There was a time when great literature and high intellect took delight in the shaping influence of spiritual revelation, though it would not be realistic to argue that the world has ever truly sought after God or goodness since the sin of Eden.

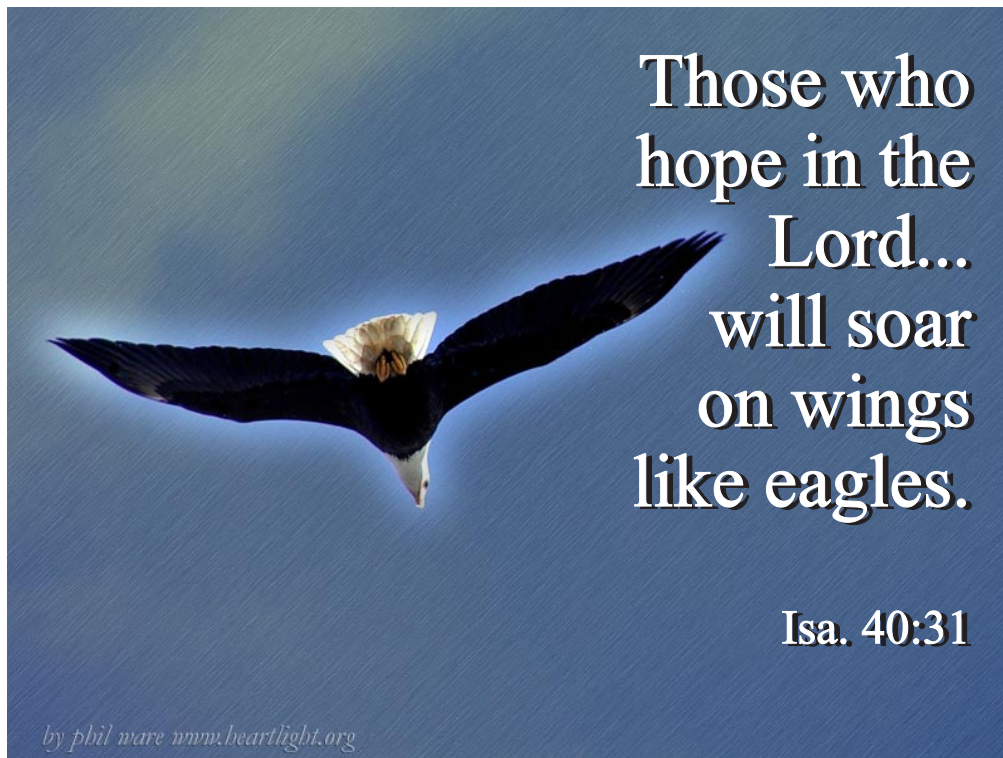
But our time is one in which it seems to be more and more out of fashion and worthy of ridicule to reverence the Lord.

My purpose here is simple. I want to remind and to encourage you to believe that in this, or in any age, "Those who hope in the Lord will soar on wings like eagles."

Never doubt that the sovereign God always sees His people. And whatever trials, persecutions, or contests they encounter,

hope in God will see deliverance by His mighty hand. Never doubt it.

**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.

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

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.

### Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays . . . . . Curt Robinson

Kids Connection. . . . . Jon Miller

Introduction: Reading from "Jesus Calling" . . Don Brewster

Praise Songs . . . . . Tim Boyd

Romans 12:2

#692 Medley: Change My Heart, O God

Break My Heart, Dear Lord

#422 Spirit of the Living God

Jeremiah 29:11

#664 Take My Life, and Let It Be

#416 Footsteps of Jesus

#337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion Message . . . . . Don Brewster

Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection

Light for the Day . . . . . Don Brewster

#429 O To Be Like Thee

Prayer Cards . . . . . Bob Voigts

#578 We Will Glorify

## Dates to Remember

TODAY! . . . . . Community Groups

January 7 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection

January 8 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class

January 9 . . . . . Wednesday Bible Classes

January 11 . . . . . Mens Prayer & Pancakes

January 13 . . . . . Chili, Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

January 14 . . . . . Living Room Café

January 14 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection

January 15 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class

January 16 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast

January 16 . . . . . Wednesday Bible Classes

January 18 . . . . . Mens Prayer & Pancakes

January 20 . . . . . Community Groups

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . .

Sunday Morning Worship . . . . .

Contribution . . . . . \$4,761.00

## Nursery Workers

Carrie Drumheller, Shelby Root



## Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel



## In Our Prayers...

**Continue to pray for our leadership** and the process of appointing additional elders and deacons.

**Continue to pray for Doka and his family.**

**Several of our members** are struggling with the flu and it's taking them awhile to get well.

**Sylvia Atten, Dana Howard's friend**, is suffering with bronchitis and sinusitis. She has also been diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

**Rachel Goodman (Jinkerson)** is free of cancer. Her sister, Whitney, posted the information on Facebook.

**Waseem James, Dana Howard's friend**, is in the hospital with a colon infection.

**Sue Lake, Marion's sister-in-law**, needs a liver transplant. If you have type O blood, between the ages of 18 and 55 and in excellent health, see Marion if you are willing to give a portion of your liver.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Herman Biggers – Josephine Haggerton's brother

Nancy Brewster

Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey – Al's son

Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew

Josephine Haggerton

Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller's

Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd

& Rourke Mullins

Pat Johnson – Dana Howard's aunt

John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Joan Mullins – Paul's mother

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Henry Phillips, the youth minister at Rockford Church of Christ

Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff

Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Kay Schrader

Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Jim Whitman

Bob York

### Moms-to-Be:

Eryn Tribble – former member

### Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew, Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey's, Afghanistan

Jacob Headtker – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

### Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers

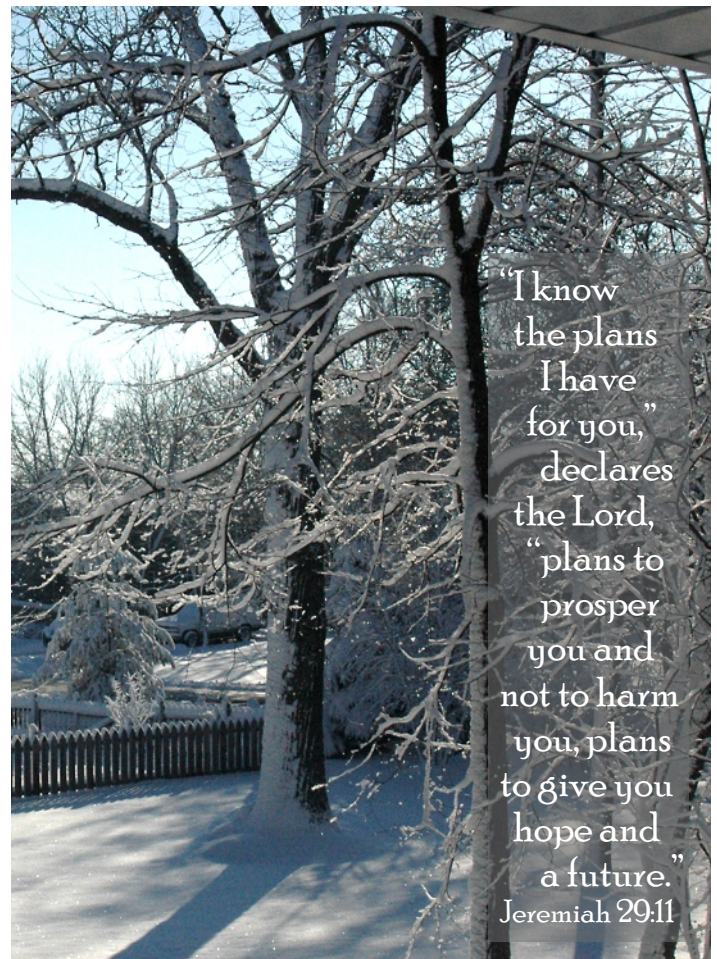
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



"I know  
the plans  
I have  
for you,"  
declares  
the Lord,  
"plans to  
prosper  
you and  
not to harm  
you, plans  
to give you  
hope and  
a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11

## Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet **TODAY**. "...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – Acts 2:46-47



## Chili Luncheon

Next Sunday, January 13, is the "Spice is Nice" Chili, Soup & Sandwich Potluck Luncheon. Join us in the fellowship room immediately following worship. Be on the look-out for Dan's super-hot chili!



## New Directory

A current directory is posted on the bulletin board.

1. Please check your information.
2. Mark any changes needed.
3. Place an initial next to your name signifying that you have checked your info and everything is OK.

If you are new to our congregation, forms are available to have your information included in the directory. Please include your address, phone number(s), e-mail address, birthdays and anniversaries (including year) and give it to Chuck or Don.

We also need your photograph. Please see Jay, Sally or Rachel Hearn to have your photo taken.

**Please note:** Let's try to get this completed in the next couple of weeks! And...please don't be camera-shy!

## Southern Sudan

Kelsey Drumheller is collecting funds to provide training for literacy instructors for women in Sudan. Check the flyer she posted in the foyer and visit the website [www.rebuildingsouthernsudan.org](http://www.rebuildingsouthernsudan.org).



## Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meetings are starting again tomorrow evening. A group of 12-18 teenagers meets every Monday evening in our fellowship room and we supply and serve the meal. Please let Sally know what Monday you are available to prepare and/or serve the meal. You may give your receipts to Chuck or Don to receive reimbursement for the food you purchase. A chart of meal ideas is posted in the foyer.



Winterfest 2013 is February 15-17. You may still sign-up if you would like to attend.

