



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

When all is said and done, Jesus is the supreme teacher and example of love. To understand the concept of leaving heaven and His partnership in deity is beyond our capacity to fathom.

Imagine, then, knowing that you have come to redeem the world from the battle with Satan which has raged since man's first appearance in Eden. Imagine the knowledge of every skirmish and battle in the history of man's fall from grace and his rebellion against his creator. You have come to set it all right.

Then, you spend 30 years in an obscure village in Nazareth learning to love a mother and brothers and sisters who cannot really understand who you are and what your appointment with destiny means to them.

You live with them, and you live with the inner presence of the Father's heart and the Spirit's power. You understand the workings of Rome and the sad posturings of the Herods. You watch your cousin John turn the culture upside down with the radical, pointed ethics of repentance.

You watch fishermen and tax collectors, you see men and women stirred by a call to look within and to

seek the Kingdom of God in a new way.

You smile.

You see sheep lifting their heads as the voice of their shepherd breaks into their self-absorbed grazing.

You make friends among life-long seekers, friends like Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

And you make friends among sinners, among the outcasts of society. Your friends are dirty, poor, immoral, unethical, and unlikely. They are also upstanding, God-fearing, loving, kind and holy. They are an enigmatic mob. And, as you look down the

future, you see all those who are their brothers and sisters. You see us. You are here, among us, in this place. Today.

Your heart is filled with the pain of every day's abused children. You see each lonely soul, looking to you for redemption.

And you face a Roman

cross and a twisted demonic outpouring of rage and violence which only seals, for all time, victory over the grave and the certainty of resurrection. You confound every skeptic and you fill with sweetness every soul who trusts in you. You are the wellspring of love and its perfect illustration.

Lord Jesus, how we love in you.
Maranatha. Come quickly.

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

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 Ian Voigts
- Scripture Reading & Prayer Ian Voigts
- Kids Connection Jon Miller
- Praise Songs Tim Boyd
- # Great are You, Lord
- #72 Blessed be the Lord, God Almighty
- #490 It is Well with my Soul
- #294 You're the One
- #364 Come Share the Lord

- Communion Message Bob Voigts
- Communion
- #180 Jesus is Lord (sung while emblems are passed)
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon Chuck Miller
- Invitation Song Tim Boyd
- #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life
- Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts
- Closing Song Tim Boyd
- # These are the Days of Elijah

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- January 9 Karissa Wheeler
- January 13 John Day
- January 14 Frances Shearer

Dates to Remember

- TODAY 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
- January 20 Teen Parent Connection
- January 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- January 23 Community Groups

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 40
- Sunday Morning Worship 83
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 27
- Contribution \$6,721.00

Nursery Workers Sandy Boyd, Molly Mullins

Collection Counters Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, has been in the hospital with an infection, but was doing really well on Friday. His new kidney is working really well.

Dana Howard has received good reports from her tests and positive changes to her medications.

We received a note from **Kate Kwon, Cindy Drumheller's friend from South Korean**. She returned there after studying English in Chicago and will be staying there for awhile to help her father's business. She is hoping to return to Chicago to complete her education.

Kay Schrader is at DuPage Convalescence Center. Visitors are very much appreciated!

Ernie Stirrup, Kelly Ieler's father, had a flair-up of congestive heart failure and was in the hospital last Sunday. He and Rose went home yesterday to see his doctor.

Rex & Freeda Witham, Sally Hearn's parents, are dealing with health issues. Freeda is still recuperating from a kidney infection and Rex has a cold/flu.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Herman Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother
 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
 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
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 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
 Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

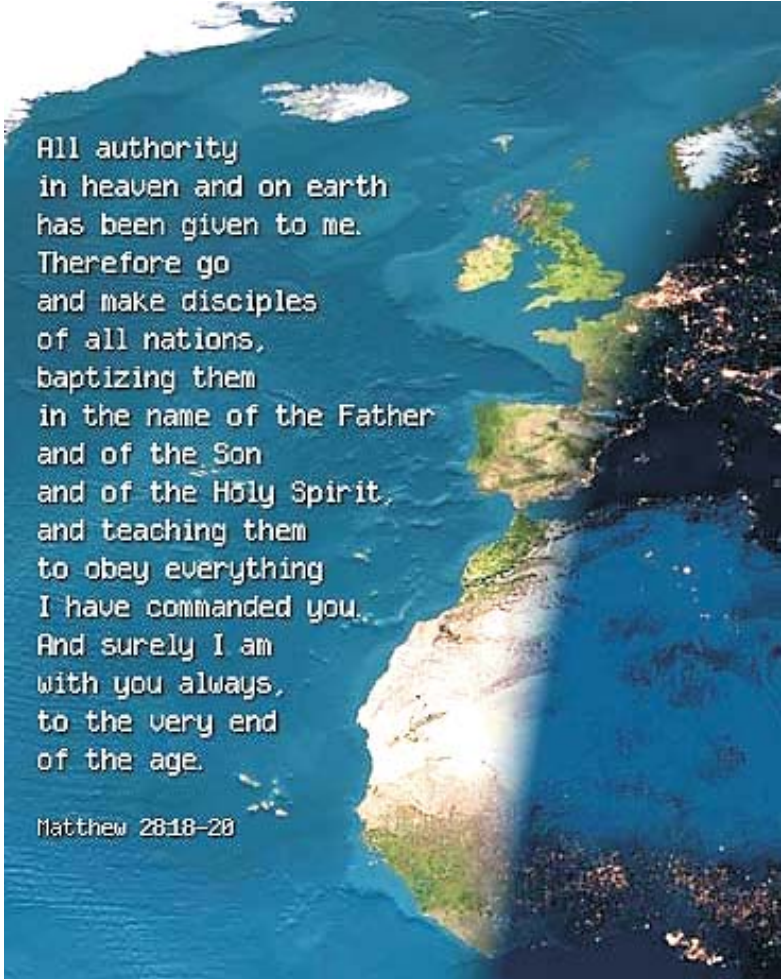
Missions:

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

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.

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All authority
 in heaven and on earth
 has been given to me.
 Therefore go
 and make disciples
 of all nations,
 baptizing them
 in the name of the Father
 and of the Son
 and of the Holy Spirit,
 and teaching them
 to obey everything
 I have commanded you.
 And surely I am
 with you always,
 to the very end
 of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today! The elders want to encourage everyone to get involved in their Community Group. If you are visiting with us or have not yet been a part of a group and would like to join one, see Chuck or Don.

- **Get to know** your neighbors – those members who live the closest to you!
- **Keep up-to-date** on church activities, as well as, activities in which the youth of your group are involved.
- **Invite** your friends. What a great way to introduce them to your church family and to Jesus!

Living Room Cafe

Tomorrow, the second Monday of the month, is our scheduled time to serve at the Living Room Café in Chicago. **Please sign up** on the bulletin board in the foyer if you plan to go. We'll leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. and return around 8:00 p.m. See Julie Dean or Chuck if you have any questions.

Food Pantry!

Item of the month - Donate hats, gloves and hot chocolate mix for the pantry. All sizes and styles are appreciated!



City of Children

Featured in Christian Chronicle, November, 2009, p. 12
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Ensenada, Mexico

Plans are being made for the 2011 Mission Trip to City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico. The City of Children has been in operation for almost 40 years and serves more than 100 children. It is located just 75 miles south of San Diego, California. The trip is a great economical mission experience and costs around \$850 per person, all-inclusive. If you are interested in going but need financial assistance, that can be arranged, too. Please contact Kenn Watson or Chuck Miller with any questions or if you would like to go.



Ryan Heather, West Chicago

**Building
a mission team
NOW for 2011!
June 11-17**

**Contact: Kenn Watson
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A GATHERING of the Jesus Freaks

January 16 Join us next Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. for Movies and Popcorn at the church building hosted by Tom & Nancy Doggett

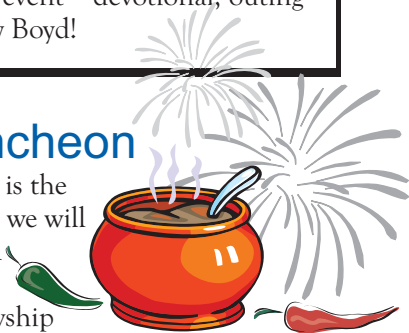
February 18-20 Winterfest in Gatlinburg
Sign up in the Teen hallway!
The early-bird deadline is January 15.

February 27 At the Boyds'

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

Chili & Soup Luncheon

Next Sunday, January 16, is the **Fourth of July in January** and we will be celebrating with our annual **Chili & Soup Luncheon** following worship in the fellowship room. Bring your favorite chili, soup, sandwiches, veggies and desserts to share. Sorry, but there won't be any fireworks, but you can enjoy Dan Vantrees's fire-hot chili!



Youth Ministry

EDUCATION:

- **Teachers are needed** for the next 9-week rotation starting February 6. **On Sunday mornings** a K - Grade 2 teacher and a Grades 3 - 6 teacher are needed. **On Wednesday evenings** a teacher for the 0 - 4 year olds is needed. Interested, contact Cindy Drummheller.
- **Substitutes are needed for every class!**

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.

