



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

For my own life, the doctrine of 2 **Corinthians 5** is one of the most amazing and unfathomable of the teachings of scripture. The ultimate “do over.”

And who could have appreciated it more than the apostle Paul? His “old creation” had been that of an enemy of Jesus, an opponent of the gospel, a persecutor of the church. What joy it gave to his soul to remind us and to proclaim to us that the old man is dead. The new man is come.

For much of my life, I didn't understand this, at least not in practical terms. I thought of myself as the same self I had always known. I hated the fact that my old nature just wouldn't die and go away.

But I have come to believe that we are literally transformed when we become children of God. We are new men and women. We are seated in the heavenly realms, and we are sanctified, justified, and glorified.

So, what about those continuing temptations and those behavioral slides into old

ways of living and responding?

Well, Paul teaches us that we are no longer under law but under grace (**Romans 6**). We have to make decisions about how to use the members of our bodies, but our flesh has no more power over us in terms of sin. We have been set free.

I believe it is very helpful to understand that many of the thoughts and impulses of our minds, literally of our flesh, are not our own thoughts, but rather are the temptations and impulses of our enemy.

Now, if we choose to savor those unsavory

thoughts and temptations, then we have some accountability for that. But the weakness of our flesh does not undermine the glorious good news that I have been born again! I have been freed from the law of sin and death and I



have a new nature in Christ.

We are challenged in this text to be ambassadors for this new sovereignty. We are sent to be instruments of reconciliation to the whole world, like butterflies emerging from those ugly cocoons.

That's good news!

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 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:

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 Password: 6302312062  
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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 . . . . . Jay Hearn  
     #71 As the Deer  
 Prayer Updates & Scripture . . . . . Kenn Watson  
     #779 I Love You, Lord  
     #47 Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Prayer . . . . . Kyle Wheeler  
     #318 O Sacred Head  
 Lord's Supper . . . . . Steve Link  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
 Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller  
     #915 Trust and Obey  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts  
 Announcements . . . . . Kenn Watson  
     #227 On Zion's Glorious Summit Stood  
 Closing Prayer . . . . . Scott Drumheller

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 13 . . . . . John Day  
 January 14 . . . . . Frances Shearer

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . 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 . . . . . City of Children Mission Trip Meeting  
 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 . . . . . 70  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 127  
 Contribution . . . . . \$7,024.28

Nursery Workers . . . . . Bev Day, Molly Mullins

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.

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother,** is starting tests to have a kidney transplant.

**Helen Plummer, the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff,** is scheduled for arthroscopic knee surgery on January 29.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

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 Tincher - Jake's mother  
 Jim Whitman

### Mothers-to-be:

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

### Armed forces:

James Bartels - the son of Lynette Root's friend -  
 in Iraq, he and his wife are expecting a new  
 baby and they have a 4-year-old  
 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



*Rejoice in that day  
 and leap for joy,  
 because great  
 is your reward in heaven.  
 Luke 6:23*

## Stockings Filled!

Today is the last day to put notes in the stockings that are located on the bulletin board in the foyer.



## Small Group Fellowships

Small Group Fellowships meet today! Upcoming dates: January 24, February 7, 21, March 7, 21, and April 18. **There will be no evening worship at the building on**

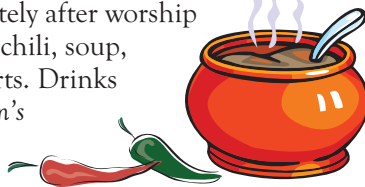
**Small Group Sundays.** However, the Small Group led by Dewayne Smith meets at the building at 5:30 p.m.

Our leadership would like to encourage everyone to be a part of a Small Group. It is a great way to get to know the members of your church family!



## Chili Potluck Luncheon

Our Chili Potluck Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, January 17, immediately after worship in the fellowship room. Bring chili, soup, veggies, sandwiches and desserts. Drinks will be provided. *Beware of Dan's red-hot chili, you may be able to breathe fire after eating!*



## Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection will be meeting here on Thursday evenings beginning this week. **If you can assist preparing a meal or help with childcare,** see Molly Mullins. Monetary donations are also welcome.

If you would like more information, check their website: [www.teenparentconnection.org](http://www.teenparentconnection.org).



Also, a representative from Teen Parent Connection will be visiting the Wednesday Evening Ladies Class this week.

## Media Booth Assistance

There is an opportunity for those who would like to work in the media booth on Sunday mornings on an ongoing basis. **Anyone who is interested** in learning how to run the equipment and how to use the new software should speak with Chuck. Training sessions will probably take place on Sunday afternoons.

## Ladies Retreat Planning Meeting

Ladies interested in working on the Ladies Retreat are invited to a planning meeting at the home of Barb Voigts this Thursday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. Let her know if you plan to attend.

# youth & family news

**TEENS:** We have a **Sunday Night, Light** next Sunday, Jan. 17, after evening services at the Roots. Get your homework done so you can come!

There's a **Connection Point** at Cardinal Drive on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 24. Plan to go and see your friends from camp!

We still have a couple spaces available for **WinterFest**. The dates are Thursday through Sunday, February 18-21, 2010. The total cost will be about \$100, plus meals. Please see Cliff if you want to go but didn't sign-up.

**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 meets Friday mornings from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building. They are listening to "The Prayers of Jesus" by Mark Driscoll and praying.

## 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.

## City of Children Mission Trip

There will be a meeting on **Sunday, January 17, at 1:30 p.m.** for anyone planning to go or for anyone who would like more information about the City of Children Mission Trip. We will meet after the Chili Potluck.

**The Mission Trip is scheduled for June 12-18,** Saturday through Friday, and should cost approximately \$850 per person (all-inclusive). For more information contact: Kenn Watson at 630-776-0694 or [hydrakenn@gmail.com](mailto:hydrakenn@gmail.com).

