



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Asavory bowl of stew, a pot of chili, and a hot meal after hard work are a joy to the spirit of a man. Esau fit precisely in that category when he came in from hunting. He was not a man who thought much about the spiritual heritage of his life. In our day, we would see him as a rugged man of action.

But Jacob was a thinker. He had known, no doubt partly from his mother, Rebekah, of the importance of blessings and of birthrights and such things. None of them could truly see down the corridor of time to the ultimate significance of these issues of legacy and destiny. But Rebekah and Jacob were more attuned to these matters than was Esau.

So, when Esau thought about Jacob's barter, his mind ran like this: "What use is a birthright if I die from starvation?" This kind of reasoning would fit it perfectly as a sitcom one-liner. But God takes such matters very seriously. This flippant disregard for matters of character and things of the Spirit was probably behind the fascinating assessment by God "Jacob I loved but Esau I hated...." As the text notes, "Esau ate and drank and went on about his business, indifferent to the fact that he had given up his birthright." "His business," not God's.

I don't know just how such a moment might play

out in our own lives. It might be a foolish carnal choice in a job search. It could be the result of an unwise rejection of important spiritual counsel in a life-altering moment. It might be the rejection of a relationship based on fleshly superficiality rather than on godly value and character.

It is very important indeed that we consider our birthright. We are a holy nation, a royal priesthood. We are given the amazing blessing to be called "children of God." Our hope and destiny are in heaven and we have been chosen by God to be joint-heirs with the Lord Jesus for eternity. The apostle Paul challenges us to walk worthy—worthy of our calling, of God, and of the gospel.

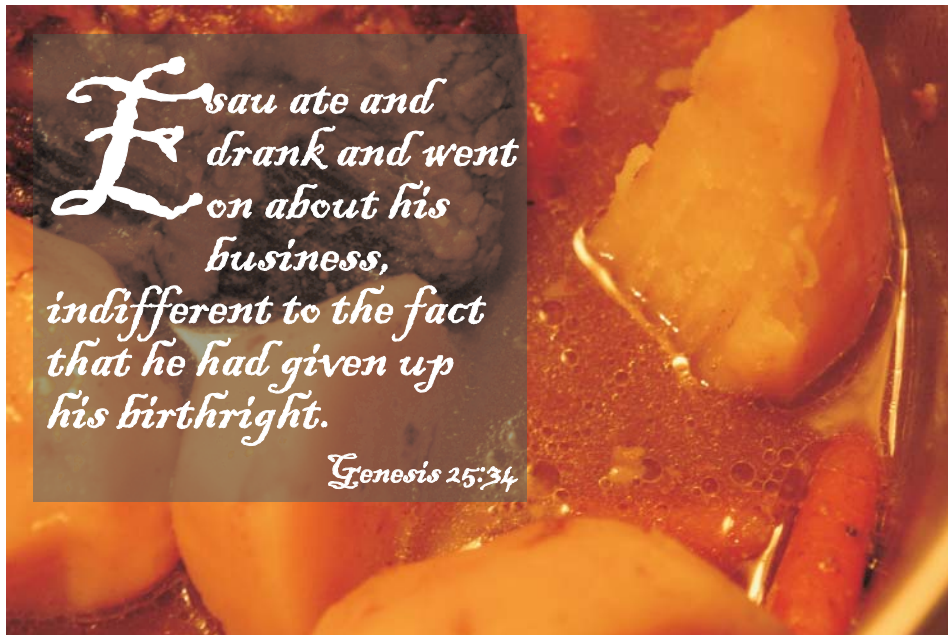
What a sad fate, indeed, to stand before God and to realize that the riches of the kingdom had been within our grasp, and that we sold it cheap for a bowl of lentil stew.

What a grievous thing that so many live indifferent to their true identity and inheritance. The riches of this world and the

distractions and pastimes of our generation do not compare with the riches which are to be revealed in us.

Now, all of this is not to suggest that we should be at all hesitant to richly sample and enjoy the beautiful pots of chili, soup and other tasty treats which await us downstairs. Just, not like Esau did!

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.

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
(The Sunday Morning Worship is interpreted for the deaf.)
- Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
(No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our elders.

Elders:

- Don Brewster Bob Jett
- Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

Deacons:

- 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
- Paul Stirrup:** Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence



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This Morning...

Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. Please pass them to the aisle to be picked up before the sermon. 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
- Singing - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Bob Jett
- Singing
- Prayer - Scott Drumheller
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Mike Kinder

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- January 13 John Day
- January 14 Frances Shearer

Dates to Remember

- January 13 Chili Potluck Luncheon
- January 13 . . . Kevin Bowman, Evening Guest Speaker
- January 13 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- January 16 Seniors Breakfast
- January 20 Honduras Mission Trip Meeting
- January 20 Small Group Fellowships
- January 25 Movie Matinee for Seniors
- January 25 Family Fun Night
- January 27 Connection Point/Teens
- February 2 Ladies Day Out

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 49
- Sunday Morning Worship 117
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 32
- Contribution \$16,068.86

*I can do all things through
Christ which strengtheneth me.
Philippians 4:13*

In Our Prayers...

Josephine Haggerton was very ill last weekend with bronchitis. She is doing much better.

Kelly Ieler attended worship with us last Sunday morning. It was great to see her. The good news is the main blood clot she has is 90% gone, and the functioning of her heart is up to 50% from 30%.

Don Lemley is home. He is to have additional tests on Thursday to help determine exactly the problem.

Cole Livermore will have shoulder surgery on Friday.

Sandy Root, Rick's mother, is having knee surgery tomorrow. Rick is traveling to Michigan to be with her.

Fintan Schiltz, the infant son of Jay and Sally's neighbor, received a heart on Christmas evening and had the transplant the next day. He is continuing to recuperate and is doing very well. They are very grateful for our prayers.

Margo Smetana, the infant daughter of Steve Link's friend, has been in the hospital since the day she was born, September 17. She had a heart transplant and then open heart surgery. She is doing a little better.

Ed Thoen, Phyllis Sittler's brother, passed away a couple of weeks ago. Pray for his wife, Barb.

Bob Voigts has lymphoma. He began chemotherapy treatments this week.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Andrea Bailey - a former member from California

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts' sister

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Bob Czernik - Chris's husband

John Day

Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes' daughter

Al Dorsey

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister

Elizabeth Griffin

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend

Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son

Sue Lake - Marion's sister-in-law

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

Steve & Melissa Massie family

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

Tim Miller

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Melinda Poff - the sister of Jason Willis

Pat & Neil Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sittler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin

Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin

Katie Stiger - Bobbye Miller's infant niece

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Linda Vantreese

Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother

Jim & Jamie Winner

Jeremy & Jim Whitman

Rick & Gina Zamora

Mothers-to-be:

Renell Johnston - former member

Erin Livermore - Craig & Bev's daughter-in-law

Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings - Justin Avey's employee

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is home from Iraq

Dustin Meritt - Justin Avey's employee

Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer's

David Teel - Justin Avey's employee

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO

Juan & Roxanna Flores - Honduras

Leonardo Ken & family - Honduras

Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango - Brazil

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

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

Joe Voigts - China

Nursery Workers

Jamie Miller, Lynette Root



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Stirrup



Women's Spiritual Disciplines Class Schedule

Date	Topic
January 16, 2008	Simplicity
January 23, 2008	Stewardship of Time

Baptism!

Emily Robinson, daughter of Curt and Jackie Robinson, was baptized on Sunday, December 30, with her grandparents in attendance. Her big brothers, Jeff and Chris, are proud, too! Many blessings to this new young sister in Christ!



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made the York College Choir visit a success! The concert was a great blessing to everyone who attended. From host families to baking cookies, it all worked together for a blessed event. Thank you to everyone for showing such great hospitality!

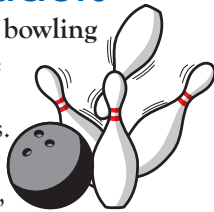
Chili & Soup Potluck

TODAY is our Chili & Soup Potluck Luncheon! Everyone is invited to the fellowship room immediately following this morning's worship. Just a note - beware of Dan's HOT chili!



Bowling for 3rd - 6th Graders

Kids, grades 3rd - 6th, are invited to go bowling this afternoon after the chili potluck. We're going to Bowling Green in West Chicago. The cost is \$2.00 a game and \$3.00 for shoes. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. Adults, if you are interested in helping, see Lori Plummer.



Honduras Mission Trip

There will be an informational meeting next Sunday, January 20, for anyone interested in the mission trip to Honduras this summer. The brief meeting will be immediately following morning services, before Small Groups meet.

Family Fun Night!

Mark your calendars for a Family Fun Night on Friday, January 25th. Please look for more information in the near future!

Ladies Day Out

Ladies, enjoy a morning of fellowship on Saturday, February 2, from 10:00 to noon, at the home of Jon & Jamie Miller. Use your creative skills stamping and making Valentine's Day cards, or just come to visit. Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. See Lori Plummer if you have any questions.



Youth & Family News

TEENS: Tonight, Kevin Bowman will be here to talk about a trip that he and Christi are taking to Swaziland, Africa, later this month. They'll visit an organization who is ministering to children whose parents have died of AIDS. Over 60% of the country is infected with AIDS and millions of children are without parents. Plan to be here for evening services that night. A Sunday Night, Light will follow at Jon & Jamie's. Guys bring pop and girls bring desserts.

Cardinal Drive is hosting a Connection Point on Sunday afternoon, January 27th. Join other teens from the Chicago & Rockford areas for an afternoon of worship and fun. We plan to leave right after morning services, and stop for lunch along the way.

The Teens will be hosting a Valentine's dinner for the congregation on Sunday, February 10. See Cliff or Lori if you'd like to help plan the event.

WINTERFEST: The theme this year is "The Mission," with a focus on sharing the gospel, Matthew 18:19-20. We'll leave from the building at 1:00 p.m. on



Thursday, February 14th, and return Sunday night, February 17th. Cost is \$115, and includes Winterfest registration, Kutless concert and lodging. You'll also need money for about 10 meals. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer. Note: Teens from our youth group will be given preference over friends if space becomes an issue.

COLLEGE VISIT: We're planning to visit Oklahoma Christian at the end of February for their Spring Sing program. We'll leave early Thursday morning, February 28th, and return Sunday night, March 2. Cost will be \$40, plus meals on the road. Check your calendars if you'd like to go, and sign-up on the sheet in the foyer. (This trip is limited to high school juniors and seniors.)

PARENTS/ADULTS: Please see Cliff or Lori if you'd like to help plan a Valentine's dinner to be hosted by the teens on February 10th.

Seniors Outing

Seniors are invited to enjoy a matinee movie on Friday, January 25, at the Charlestown 18 Cinema. Mark your calendars - feature and other details will be available soon.

Food Pantry Needs...

The food pantry needs grocery bags/sacks. Please make sure the bags you donate are clean and not torn. Bags from Target, Wal-Mart and Jewel seem to be the strongest.

SMALL GROUPS

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Boyd's Group

The families of:

Justin & Joan Avey
Bonnie Bingham
* Tim & Sandy Boyd
Mike & Lisa Henkel
Don & Theresa Lemley
Steve & Melissa Massie
Jon & Paul Mercer
Chuck & Bobbye Miller (4 wks)
Chester & Kim Sitler
Dewayne & Marilyn Smith
**denotes leader*

Fordyce's Group

The families of:

John & Bev Day
Peter Drumheller
* Scott & Bridgette Fordyce
Ryan Heather
Dana Howard
John & Joanne Johnson
Joe & Terrie Kirts
Marion & Nana Lake
Cathleen Longfellow
Bob & Barb Voigts (1st 4 weeks)
**denotes leader*

Robinson's Group

The families of:

Don & Pat Brewster (1st 4 wks)
Joan & Charlie Lockett
Mike Mathews
John & Eileen Miles
Paul & Molly Mullins
John & Becky Pedersen
* Curt & Jackie Robinson
Frances Schearer
**denotes leader*

Stirrup's Group

The families of:

Mary Barton
Tom & Nancy Doggett
Josephine Haggerton
Marie Hayes
Jay & Sally Hearn
Bob & Betsy Jett (1st 4 weeks)
Pat Ronzheimer
Rick & Lynette Root
Shirley Rucker
* Paul & Marianne Stirrup
Rhonda Triplett
Kyle & Kelie Wheeler
**denotes leader*

Plummer's Group

The families of:

Doris Biancalana
Cindy Drumheller
Scott & Carrie Drumheller
Cary & Emily Gray
Jeff & Kelly Ielers
Steve & Theresa Link
Jon & Jamie Miller
Sarah Miller
Cyndi & Julian Perez
* Cliff & Lori Plummer
**denotes leader*

Small Group Dates:

January 20 (TODAY)
February 3 April 6
February 17 April 20
March 2 May 4 (Potluck)
March 16

If you would like to participate in the Small Groups program or if you have any questions, please contact Don Brewster, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.

Remember, there is no Sunday evening worship services on Small Group Sundays.

