



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

When the time comes to say goodbye for a while to a sweet friend, it is very good to remember the encouragement of scripture, especially of the certainty of our hope. Our dear sister Marie has finished her battle with breath. She is now at peace with Breath, itself, the loving Father. She knows now what it means to be carried by angels to Abraham's bosom. She knows about Paradise. The mysteries which still perplex our minds are now open to her understanding. She had a keen mind.

She was a bearer of gifts among us. Her smile was full of grace and kindness. Her easy way did not mask an ability to be firm and resolute, but she was a gentle soul.

Her love and concern for her family was a constant presence in her spirit, and she longed for them all to have peace with God.

Paul's words, as he looked ahead to the coming end of his battles for the kingdom, are full of confidence and power. He had finished what he had begun.

The result was a clear expectation of reward. That confidence in reward is one of the great ideas

from the "Faith Chapter," Hebrews 11: "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Heb. 11:6

I am very grateful to have confidence-for you, for me, and for Marie-that God is fully prepared to make good on his promises. That he is eager to welcome us to his table and to show us delights

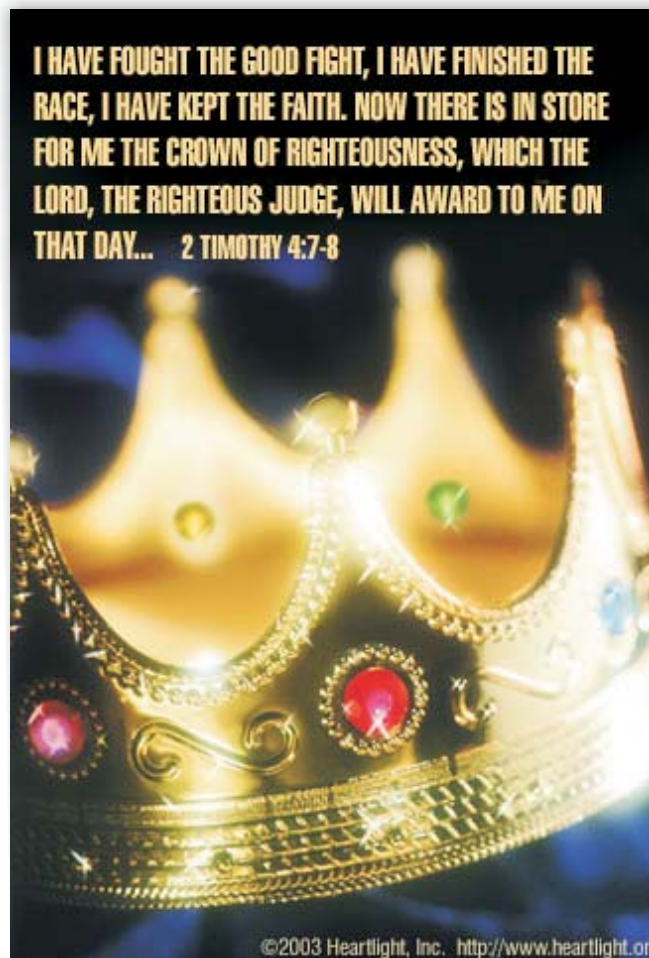
beyond our imagining.

The psalmist wrote, "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." **Ps. 116:15**

How like a father with surprises hidden behind him is the God who receives us into glory. What treasures he has to reveal to our eyes. What comforts he brings to wipe away our tears.

We are thankful that our friend finished her race.

Chuck Miller



Marie Hayes

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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
 #91 Praise to the Lord
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Kenn Watson
 #167 Hosanna
 #846 God of Grace
 Prayer Bob Jett
 #337 Hallelujah, What a Savior
 Lord's Supper Steve Link
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #501 Though Your Sins be as Scarlet
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Kenn Watson
 #71 As the Deer
 Closing Prayer Dan Vantreese

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 23 Tom Doggett

Dates to Remember

TODAY 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
 January 31 Honduras Trip Deposit Due
 February 18-21 Winterfest/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 65
 Sunday Morning Worship 107
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 36
 Contribution \$3,646.00

Nursery Workers

Carrie Drumheller, Sabrina Link



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel



In Our Prayers...

Loss of loved ones:

Marie Hayes passed away Thursday evening. The funeral is today at 2:00 p.m. at Yurs-Wittenberg Funeral Home on Route 38 in Geneva.

Erik Darby, a friend of Tracy Wright, lost his mother this week, Lizbeth Ann Darby-Schulze.

Mitch McKay, the son of Rob Brewster's friend, lost his best friend in a car accident. The families are having a difficult time.

Those with illnesses:

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.

Holly Eckhart and her kids were in the Dominican Republic during the earthquake in Haiti. There was no damage in their area. Several of you know her and her husband, Milton. Milton grew up in Park Forest and was a missionary in Haiti for quite awhile.

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

Lesly Velez, one of our deaf interpreters, had a mass removed from her hand that had gotten infected.

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)

Bobbye 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



1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chili Potluck Luncheon

Our Chili Potluck Luncheon is TODAY immediately following worship in the fellowship room. *Beware of Dan's red-hot chili, you may be able to breathe fire after eating!*



City of Children Mission Trip

There will be a meeting TODAY at 1:30 p.m., after the potluck, for anyone planning to go or for anyone who would like more information about the City of Children Mission Trip. The Mission Trip is scheduled for June 12-18, Saturday through Friday, and should cost approximately \$850 per person (all-inclusive). For information contact: Kenn Watson at 630-776-0694 or hydrakenn@gmail.com.

Honduras Mission Trip

Remember that the first payment of \$300 and your confirmation of going are due by January 31 to either Chuck Miller or Molly Mullins. If you have any questions, contact Blake Mullins in the evenings at 630-885-3440.

Small Group Fellowships

Small Group Fellowships meet next Sunday, January 24! Upcoming dates are: 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!



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.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection will be meeting here on Thursday evenings through the end of June. If you can assist preparing a meal or help with childcare, see Molly Mullins. Monetary donations are also welcome. Their website is: www.teenparentconnection.org.

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.

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TEENS: We have a **Sunday Night, Light TONIGHT** after evening services at the Root's. Please bring \$3 for pizza. Get your homework done so you can come!

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

We're hosting a **Valentine's Dinner** for our parents and adults on Saturday night, February 13th. Be sure to mark your calendars!

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.

Wednesday Ladies Class

Come to the Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Class the next few weeks, January 20, 27 and February 3, to gain practical tools to live a lifestyle of purity - falling head over heels in love with Jesus! Lynette Root will lead our discussion based upon the book "And the Bride Wore White" by Dannah Gresh.

Are you thinking, "What can I learn from this book?" The world rages after all of us - married, single, young and old. Women struggling every day to be children of God. It never hurts you to be reminded of how precious you are to the Lord and how much He loves you! Hope to see you there!

Stocking Pick-Up

Stockings for each "family" are located on the table by the restrooms. Be sure to pick yours up and take it home. A big "thank you" to Frances Shearer for making our stockings and encouraging us to encourage one another!

**The Lord is
in His holy
temple;
let all
the earth
keep
silence
before Him.**
Habbakuk 2:20

