



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Isaiah writes to Israel about her hope in the text featured in the graphic: "When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned... for I am the Lord your God." **Isaiah 43:2**. Israel will be delivered from trouble and exile, and she will be redeemed. God loves her. He has been faithful all the years of man's sin and rejection of His love. He will fulfill the covenant promises He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Not only will God's people escape the devastation of the fire, He uses the fire of trials to perfect His people. That which destroys the impurities of the precious metal leaves behind pure gold. George Muller wondered why we so dread the refining of God in trials when He has made it so clear that all which is worthwhile must be given its strength and enduring value through the flames of testing.

In the world, there is a resistance to pay the price demanded by character to produce a responsible and powerful individual who has been proven by testing. The formula of **Romans 5** is one which speaks to believers of every age. "... we rejoice in our sufferings,

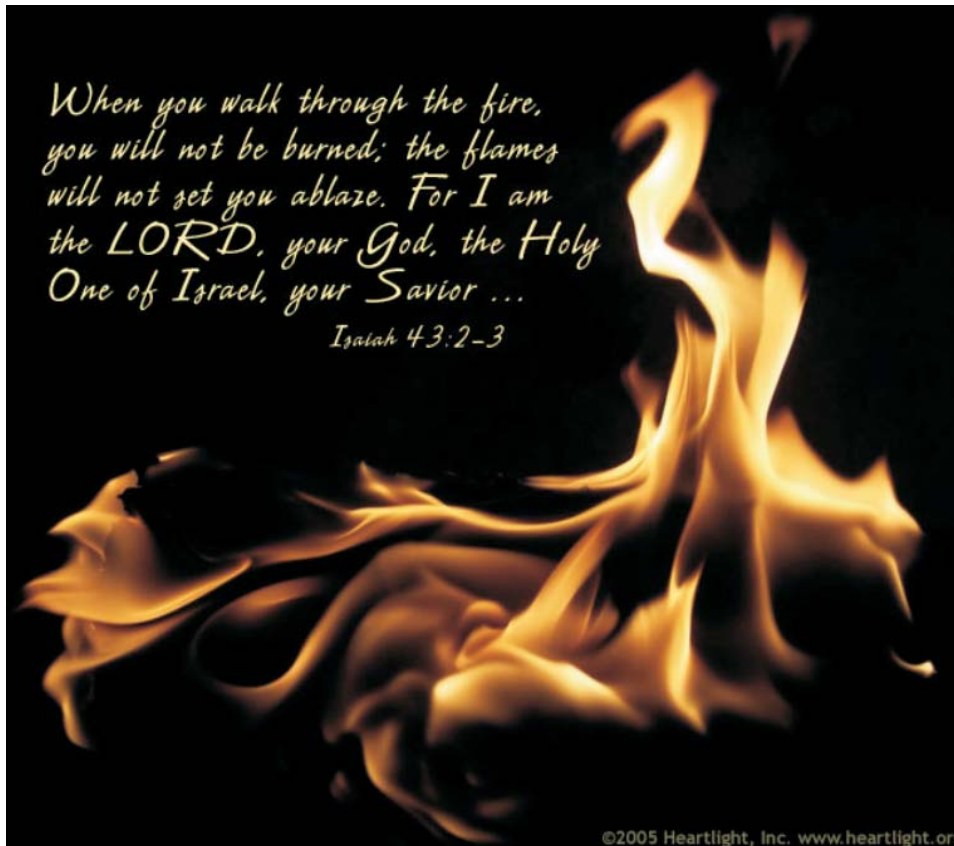
knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. **Romans 5:3-5 (RSV)**

We must admit that only because we trust God can we look forward to that sequence which begins in pain and ends in love. Yet, because we do trust the word, we want to pray that God will complete His work in us to bring us to the satisfaction of the Spirit's love.

In the meantime, we need to consider that some of the days of frustration and loneliness, times of being misunderstood and taken advantage of, and other ways that we "endure" to character are all part of God's refining work.

Look up from your painful struggles and anticipate the filling with love for which our souls thirst.

It is this principle which leads James to admonish "Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." **James 1:2-4**



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 - *Cliff Plummer*
- Announcements - *Bob Jett*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Curt Robinson*
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - *Chuck Miller*
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - *Steve Massie*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- January 23 Tom Doggett

Dates to Remember

- 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
- February 3 Small Groups
- February 7 Food Pantry Delivery
- February 10 Valentine's Dinner
- February 10 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 14-17 Winterfest/Teens
- February 17 Small Groups

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 69
- Sunday Morning Worship 106
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 44
- Contribution \$5,509.75

**Thy word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105**

In Our Prayers...

Don Lemley is taking some medications which will hopefully provide some benefit to his recent problems. They hope to avoid surgery.

Cole Livermore had shoulder surgery on Friday.

Sandy Root, Rick's mother, is had knee surgery last Monday. She is recuperating at home.

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 in critical condition, but doing better.

Bob Voigts has lymphoma. He began chemotherapy treatments last week and will have 3 weeks between each treatment. The stomach pain he had is related to his gall bladder. They are going to monitor the problem.

Richard Welch, the friend of a former member, Sid Fryer, is in the hospital with pneumonia, a collapsed lung and kidney problems.

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

Fintan Schiltz - the infant son of Jay & Sally's neighbor
Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitrler

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

Bridgette Fordyce, Sabrina Link



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Stirrup



Items Left at the Building

Please check the table by the restrooms for Bibles, dishes and clothing that have been left at the building. Except for Bibles, items left on the table after Sunday, February 10, will be taken to a thrift store.

Food Pantry Needs...

The food pantry needs grocery bags/sacks. Please make sure the bags you donate are clean and not torn.

Adult Classes

Two adult classes are available on Sunday mornings. Scott Fordyce is leading a discussion on spiritual warfare. This class meets at the end of the foyer behind the partition. Chuck Miller's class is doing a week-by-week study of great chapters in the Bible. It meets in the auditorium. The elders want to encourage everyone, of every age, to attend our Bible classes. They offer rich lessons from the Word.

Honduras Mission Trip

There will be an informational meeting **TODAY** 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!

This Friday, January 25, is a **Family Fun Night** here at the church building from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bring a board game and finger foods. **EVERYONE** is invited!

Seniors Outing

Seniors are invited to enjoy a matinee of "The Water Horse" on **Friday, January 25**, at the Charlestowne 18 Cinema. We'll leave from the building at 11:30, tickets are \$4. Contact Cliff or Lori if you plan to go.

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 sign-up on the sheet in the foyer. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. See Lori Plummer with questions.



VBS

You may feel like it's a little early to start thinking about Vacation Bible School, but we need to start planning now for this summer's event. John's Christian Stores is hosting a VBS Presentation on Thursday, February 7th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., which will include themes from several different companies. **If you'd like to attend this event, or if you'd like to be involved in planning our VBS program this year, please contact Cliff.**

Women's Spiritual Disciplines Class Schedule

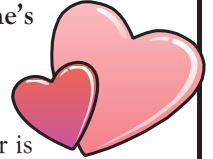
Date	Topic
January 23, 2008	Stewardship of Time
January 30, 2008	Discipline Perseverance

If you are interested in leading one of the Wednesday evening ladies classes, please see Joanne Johnson.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: Cardinal Drive is hosting a **Connection Point next Sunday afternoon, January 27th**. Join other teens from the Chicago and Rockford areas for an afternoon of worship and fun. We will 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.

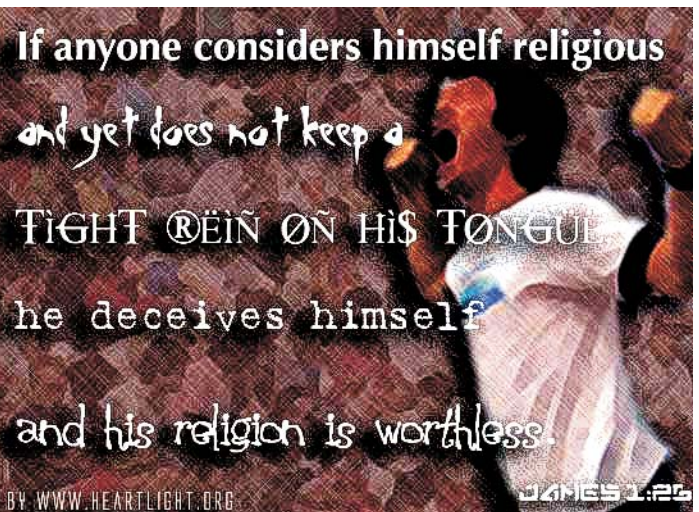


WINTERFEST: The theme this year is "The Mission," with a focus on sharing the gospel, Matthew 18:19-20. We'll leave from the building at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14th, and return Sunday night, February 17th. Cost is \$115, and includes Winterfest registration, Kutless concert and lodging. You'll also need money for about 10 meals. **Sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer by next Sunday, January 27.**



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. 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.



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)
Nadine McCormick
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 have any questions or would like to participate in the Small Group Fellowships, please contact Don Brewster, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.

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

