



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

I'm tempted to be a little apologetic here. But I won't apologize. I'm going to continue to reflect on my sense of loss at the passing of our brother Justin. I am so grateful to have been able to say some words at his funeral, but there are so many others I have thought to say.

A couple of times I have driven by his new grave, and I have thought how unlike his world that scene is. Quiet. Solitary. But he is surrounded by love and life and the aura of our Lord Jesus. And I love that.

But back to my reflections. I asked myself why I should feel such an impact at the passing of this sweet friend. One thought that has come to me several times is that in all the 20+ years I have known him, he was never angry with me. He never was critical of me or my work.

Now, he was very smart. I know he had to see my failings, just as you see them. But he always showed me perfect respect and courtesy. I believe that was not because of my flawless life, but because of his deep respect for my position as a minister and an elder.

His kindness and patience with me convicts me of my responsibility to show that kind of patience and kindness to others.

Isn't it remarkable how the Lord Jesus could walk

for those years with His friends and never question their suitability to carry on His amazing mission? He found them completely trustworthy to be His ambassadors.

Impetuous. Ambitious. Ill-tempered. Political activists. Materialistic. Un-educated. Unsophisticated. Hicks. Hayseeds. All these descriptors are pretty appropriate to describe the band of followers to whom

Jesus entrusted the salvation of the world and the demonstration to the angels and demons of the glory and perfection of His plan.

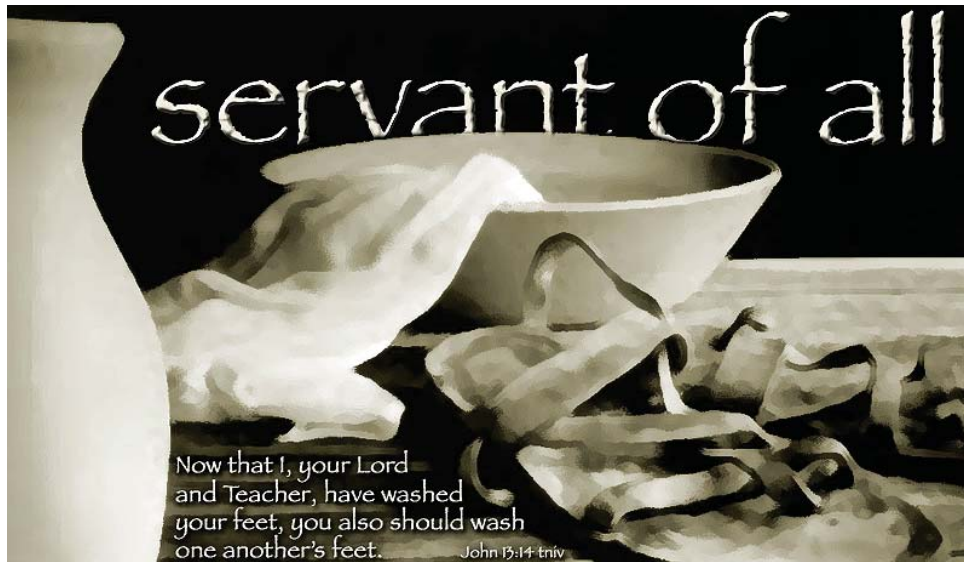
He never doubted them. Justin never doubted me (at least that I knew of). And we should never

doubt one another.

The point is that if we will be busy loving, forgiving and serving one another, it will be pretty hard to find reason or occasion to be upset with each other.

Justin and I often talked about the grace of God in our lives. We agreed that it made no sense that God should have poured out on us the blessings we both have enjoyed. I know so many of you feel exactly the same way. What a rich fellowship of gratitude we share in that. Let's commit to keep kindness and gratitude a growing reflection of Jesus in our lives.

You'll be patient if I have other reflections later, as well.



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.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following 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 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.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays. *Curt Robinson*
 Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*
 Praise Songs *Jon Miller*
 Romans 8:1-2 – Free from condemnation
 Wonderful, Merciful Savior
 #371 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*
 #113 *His Grace Reaches Me*
 Romans 8:35-39 – No separation from God
 #137 *Unto the Hills*
 #287 *There Is a Redeemer*
 Communion Message *John Johnson*
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #911 *Bring Christ Your Broken Life*
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 #718 *We Shall Assemble*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 13 John Day
 January 14 Frances Shearer
 January 23 Tom Doggett

Dates to Remember

TODAY! Community Groups
 January 21 Teen Parent Connection
 January 22 Tuesday Ladies Class
 January 23 Seniors Breakfast
 January 23 Wednesday Bible Classes
 January 25 Mens Prayer & Pancakes
 January 27 Praise Sunday!
 January 28 Teen Parent Connection
 February 6 Food Pantry Delivery

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 50
 Sunday Morning Worship 95
 Contribution \$3,000.30

Nursery Workers

Sandy Boyd, Theresa Lemley



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel



In Our Prayers...

Continue to pray for our leadership and the process of appointing additional elders and deacons.

Justin Avey passed away last Friday.

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, passed away last week

Stacy Howard, Dana's sister, has been struggling with effects of medications.

Waseem James, Dana Howard's friend, is out of the hospital and doing much better.

Sue Lake, Marion's sister-in-law, needs a liver transplant. If you have type O blood, between the ages of 18 and 55 and in excellent health, see Marion. Sue's mother also passed away this week.

Helen Plummer, Joan Avey and Cliff's mother, passed away last week.

Eryn Tribble, a former member, is on bed-rest until she is induced this Wednesday, January 23.

Bob York is gaining weight and feeling stronger. His wife **Betty's mother** fell and injured her hip. She is not doing well in rehab (in Florida).

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Nancy Brewster

Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey – Al's son

Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew

Josephine Haggerton

Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller's

Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd

& Rourke Mullins

Pat Johnson – Dana Howard's aunt

John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Joan Mullins – Paul's mother

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son

of Marion Lake's cousin

Henry Phillips, the youth minister at Rockford Church of Christ

Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Kay Schrader

Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Jim Whitman

Today!

Community Groups will not meet TODAY due to flu. "...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – Acts 2:46-47



West Chicago Community Groups

Seniors Breakfast

The **Seniors Citizens Breakfast** is scheduled for this Wednesday, January 23. Join us at 10:00 a.m. at the Colonial Restaurant at the corner of North Avenue and South Tyler Road in St. Charles.

New Directory

A current directory is posted on the bulletin board.

1. Please check your information.
2. Mark any changes needed.
3. Place an initial next to your name signifying that you have checked your info and everything is OK.

If you are new to our congregation, forms are available to have your information included in the directory. Please include your address, phone number(s), e-mail address, birthdays and anniversaries (including year) and give it to Chuck or Don.

We also need your photograph. Please see Jay, Sally or Rachel Hearn to have your photo taken.

Please note: Let's try to get this completed in the next couple of weeks! And...please don't be camera-shy!



Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meetings are starting again tomorrow evening. A group of 12-18 teenagers meets every Monday evening in our fellowship room and we supply and serve the meal. **Please let Sally know what Monday you are available to prepare and/or serve the meal.** You may give your receipts to Chuck or Don to receive reimbursement for the food you purchase. A chart of meal ideas is posted in the foyer.

Southern Sudan

Kelsey Drumheller is collecting funds to provide training for literacy instructors for women in Sudan. Check the flyer she posted in the foyer and visit the website www.rebuildingsouthernsudan.org.



**...but we also
rejoice in our sufferings,
because we know that...**

**suffering produces
perseverance;
perseverance,
character; and
character, hope.**

Romans 5:3-4



Who I Am in Christ

Neil Anderson, *Victory Over the Darkness*

I am Accepted

I am God's child. – *John 1:12*
I am Christ's friend. – *John 15:15*
I have been justified. – *Romans 5:1*
I am united with the Lord,
and I am one spirit with Him.
– *1 Corinthians 6:17*
I have been bought with a price.
I belong to God.
– *1 Corinthians 12:27*
I am a member of Christ's Body.
– *1 Corinthians 6:20*
I am a saint. – *Ephesians 1:1*
I have been adopted as God's child.
– *Ephesians 1:5*
I have direct access to God through
the Holy Spirit. – *Ephesians 2:18*
I have been redeemed and forgiven of
all my sins. – *Colossians 1:14*
I am complete in Christ.
– *Colossians 2:10*

I am Secure

I am free from condemnation.
– *Romans 8:1, 2*
I am assured that all things work
together for good. – *Romans 8:28*
I am free from any condemning charges
against me. – *Romans 8:31-34*
I cannot be separated from the love
of God. – *Romans 8:35-39*
I have been established, anointed and
sealed by God.
– *2 Corinthians 1:21, 22*
I am confident that the good work God
has begun in me will be perfected.
– *Philippians 1:6*
I am a citizen of heaven.
– *Philippians 3:20*
I am hidden with Christ in God.
– *Colossians 3:3*
I have not been given a spirit of fear, but
of power, love and a sound mind.
– *2 Timothy 1:7*
I can find grace and mercy in time of
need. – *Hebrews 4:16*
I am born of God and the evil one
cannot touch me. – *1 John 5:18*

I am Significant

I am the salt and light of the earth.
– *Matthew 5:13, 14*
I am a branch of the true vine, a
channel of His life. – *John 15:1, 5*
I have been chosen and appointed to
bear fruit. – *John 15:16*
I am a personal witness of Christ.
– *Acts 1:8*
I am God's temple. – *1 Corinthians 3:16*
I am a minister of reconciliation for
God. – *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*
I am God's coworker. – *2 Corinthians*
6:1 (see 1 Corinthians 3:9)
I am seated with Christ in the
heavenly realm. – *Ephesians 2:6*
I am God's workmanship.
– *Ephesians 2:10*
I may approach God with freedom and
confidence. – *Ephesians 3:12*
I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me. – *Philippians 4:13*