



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

You know, of course, that I'm a Yosemite-addict. I found these wonderful YouTube videos called "Yosemite Nature Notes" which are just fascinating. I was listening to one about the wildflowers of Yosemite. There's an orchid there which seems to grow nowhere else on earth, the Yosemite bog orchid. The video shows beautiful scenes of the brilliant wildflowers of spring.

Then, the botanist makes a remarkable comment. Surveying the colorful flowers, she remarked, "of course it's not for us." She then goes on to explain how the colors of the plants are important in helping the bees pollinate the right ones and thereby survive.

Now, I have no quarrel with her insight into the design of nature. But I find it extremely sad that the very bright young woman was so blind to the beauty of God's decision to coordinate color and all that insect-intuition magic to the soul and spirit of man.

I liked her humility in acknowledging how little, really, she

comprehends the inspiring world of Yosemite. I just think how much more joy she could experience if she could share friendship with the One who made it all.

It's true that we all look in relative ignorance at the

mysteries of God's handiwork. Our age, more than any other, has unlocked many of the marvelous insights and understandings of the ways of the plant and animal kingdoms. But wonder and delight at the beauty of it all, I think, is reserved exclusively for man.

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe the bees and bears and blow flies do buzz to one another about the beauty of it all. Maybe they soar an extra moment or two and remark at the grandeur of their habitat. But I suspect not. I think that rooting under rotting logs for juicy grubs pretty much fills up a bear's aesthetic capacity, but that's just me.

On the other hand. I love color and variation and variety and textures and sounds and sunlight and the majesty of scale and depth and height. Don't you think that's part of what the idea of *imago dei*, being in

God's image, is all about?

Nothing consistently gives me greater simple delight than looking at the amazing green feathers of a mallard duck. The play of sunlight gives his green helmet what seems to be



a thousand hues. And I think God did that for Himself, and for me.

I'm sad my little ranger friend can't see it. It was made for her. Maybe Yosemite will open her heart to faith.

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. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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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.

Order of Worship

Welcome Ian Voigts

Scripture Reading & Prayer Ian Voigts

Kids Connection Brian Gifford

Praise Songs Rick Root

#376 He Paid a Debt

#827 Sweet Hour of Prayer

#716 Sing to Me of Heaven

#414 Anywhere with Jesus

#353 One Day

#318 O Sacred Head

Communion Message Brian Gifford

Communion

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Rick Root

#947 Jesus is Tenderly Calling

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Rick Root

#144 O Worship the King

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

January 25 Tuesday Ladies Class

January 27 Teen Parent Connection

January 28 Men's Prayer Breakfast

January 30 Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!

February 1 Tuesday Ladies Class

February 3 Food Pantry Delivery

February 3 Teen Parent Connection

February 4 Men's Prayer Breakfast

February 6 Community Groups

February 8 Tuesday Ladies Class

February 14 Living Room Cafe

February 17-20 Winterfest

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 52

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 24

Contribution \$4,641.00

Nursery Workers Betsy Jett, Kim Sitler

Collection Counters Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

Lost and Found

A Blackberry charger was left in an outlet in the fellowship room. See Chuck or Sally if it belongs to you.

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is still very weak, but his kidney is working well. He is going in for routine tests this week.

Mary Lou Bertrand, Lynette Root's grandmother, is experiencing an undiagnosed pain in her side.

Lisa Rentschler, Sally Hearn's niece, is supposed to be induced tomorrow if she hasn't had her baby, yet.

Sandy Root, Rick's mother, is having rotator cuff surgery on February 8th.

Freeda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother, is still weak and fighting an infection.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Herman Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Dachielle - Blake Mullins's friend
 John Day
 Joyce Duke - Bobbie Whitman's sister
 Joyce Eakins's siblings
 Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew
 Josephine Haggerton
 Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Mason Hutchins - friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Myrna Levake
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother
 Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son
 Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Helen Plummer - Joan Avey and Cliff's mom
 J.D. Potts - the father of Cyndi Perez
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins
 Ernie Stirrup - Kelly Ieler's dad
 Joe Stone - a friend from RCC
 Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Katie Weishaar - Sally's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan
 Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew
 Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan
 Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria
 Living Room Café - Chicago
 Mission Lazarus - Honduras
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan
 Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago
 Students of Joe Voigts - China
 Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

Sermon on the Mount Series

Our series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount has a few more installments. If you would like to see videos, please let Chuck know.

Wednesday Evening Ladies Class

The Wednesday Evening Ladies Class will begin a series of lessons on 1 & 2 Peter beginning in February.

Ladies Retreat

Please see Barb Voigts today if you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for this year's Ladies Retreat. We are hoping to have a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

City of Children

Featured in *Christian Chronicle*, November, 2009, p. 12
www.cityofchildren.com



Ensenada, Mexico

Plans are being made for the 2011 Mission Trip to City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico. The City of Children has been in operation for almost 40 years and serves more than 100 children. It is located just 75 miles south of San Diego California. The trip is a great economical mission experience and costs around \$850 per person, all-inclusive. If you are interested in going but need financial assistance, that can be arranged, too. Please contact Kenn Watson or Chuck Miller with any questions or if you would like to go.



Ryan Heather, West Chicago

**Building
 a mission team
 NOW for 2011
 June 11-17**

**Contact: Kenn Watson
 630-776-0694
hydrakenn@gmail.com**

Community Groups Today

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today! The elders want to encourage everyone to get involved in their Community Group. If you are visiting with us or have not yet been a part of a group and would like to join one, see Chuck or Don.

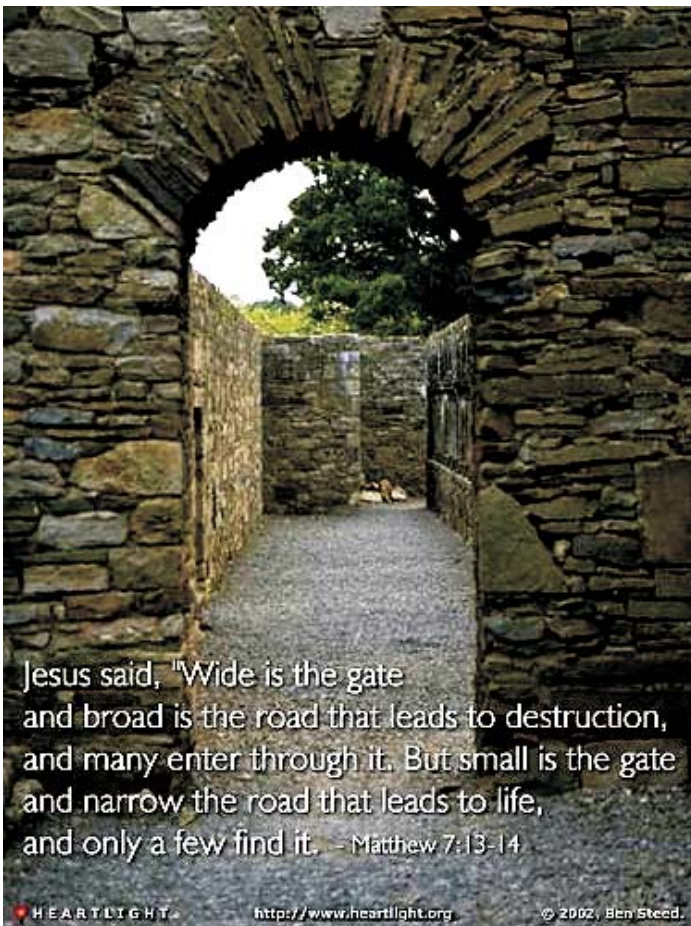
- **Get to know** your neighbors – those members who live the closest to you!
- **Keep up-to-date** on church activities, as well as, activities in which the youth of your group are involved.
- **Invite** your friends. What a great way to introduce them to your church family and to Jesus!

Directory!

A new edition of the church directory is in the works! Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for the directory that is posted. **Check your information, make any changes/ corrections/additions and INITIAL.** If you do not like your photo or you do not have one included in the directory, please see one of the Hearn's to get your picture taken as soon as possible!

Shults Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Annual Day is only 9 months away! We will have a booth again this year – so we need to come us with a plan! In a couple of weeks we will have a meeting, so think about what YOU can do and make this year!



February 18-20 Winterfest in Gatlinburg – See Brian Gifford TODAY if you would like to go, but haven't signed-up.

February 27 At the Boyds'

Interested in hosting a teen event – devotional, outing or service project? See Sandy Boyd!

World Relief

World Relief offers English and job classes for refugees. Emily Gray is the director for this area and has requested the use of our van to transfer students from Westwood Apartments to St. Andrews Lutheran Church Monday through Thursday of each week. We are grateful that the van can be useful to this humanitarian organization.

Youth Ministry

EDUCATION:

Teachers for February 6 - March 27
(there are still openings!):

Sunday morning

Cradle roll: Bev Day/Becky Pedersen

Ages 3-4: Joan Avey

Grades K-2:

Grades 3-6:

Teens: Brian Gifford/Jon Miller

Wednesday evening

Ages 0-4: Cyndi Perez

Grades K-6: Cindy Drumheller

Teens:

Substitutes are needed for every class!

EDUCATION WISHING TREE:

In the hallway downstairs you will find our "Wishing Tree." Each leaf contains the picture and price of an item. To donate, write your name on the leaf and give Sally the appropriate funds and the item will be ordered. You may also take the leaf and purchase the item yourself. Give the item and leaf to Sally.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! Let Cindy Drumheller know if you are interested in being involved – in any way, shape or form! A traditional VBS is tentatively scheduled for Monday - Thursday, June 20-23.

Food Pantry!

Item of the month – Donate hats, gloves and hot chocolate mix for the pantry.

