



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

**C**utting straight is probably what is meant by Paul's words *rightly dividing* in the familiar text of **2 Timothy 2:15**. We don't know just what image he was drawing on in the statement, but the simple meaning is clear: we want to be careful to handle God's word with respect.

As a child, I always thought the idea was that we should study the word so that we would know how to interpret it correctly. That really is not the idea Paul seems to have in mind. He is challenging Timothy to be a good worker, a laborer, for God. God wants us to live and work in a way of which He approves. This includes, of course, using scripture with reverence and respect.

I must admit that I like the understanding I had as a child. I like the idea of being approved by God for studying His word and being able to correctly apply it and understand its application to life situations. Our heritage is one which has highly valued knowledge of the Bible and its right meaning.

The blessing of **Psalm 1** is for those who meditate on the Law of the Lord day and night, who delight themselves in it.

I am struck lately by how much distraction there is in our world, distractions from love and consideration for the Word of God.

First, of course, is the busyness of life. Work, family, dealing with money and health and those little urgencies which seem always to be lurking are in constant competition with time with God's word. How can the mother of young children find a moment of quiet for meditation?

Then, there is our entertainment obsession. When we have a moment to rest, we reach for the remote control and depend on high definition and hundreds of channels to satisfy some deep inner hunger. Keep surfing, you'll find it.

And, of course, there is the business of acquiring

things. Garage sales, white sales, post Christmas bargains, the latest and most improved products to make our lives easier all call for us to realize how much we need them. Destruction by obsolescence awaits if we drop our guard and don't clip those coupons.

Doesn't this all make it seem a very peaceful thing to pick up your Bible and sit

with it to encounter your Creator? How sweet to take into our hearts the immortal and life-giving words of the Holy One of Israel. How blessed we are to know the fellowship of the Holy Spirit which flowed through inspired men to show us the purposes of Eternal God. And how amazing to feel Him prompting our thoughts as we consider the depths of its riches.

Cut it straight.

*Chuck Miller*

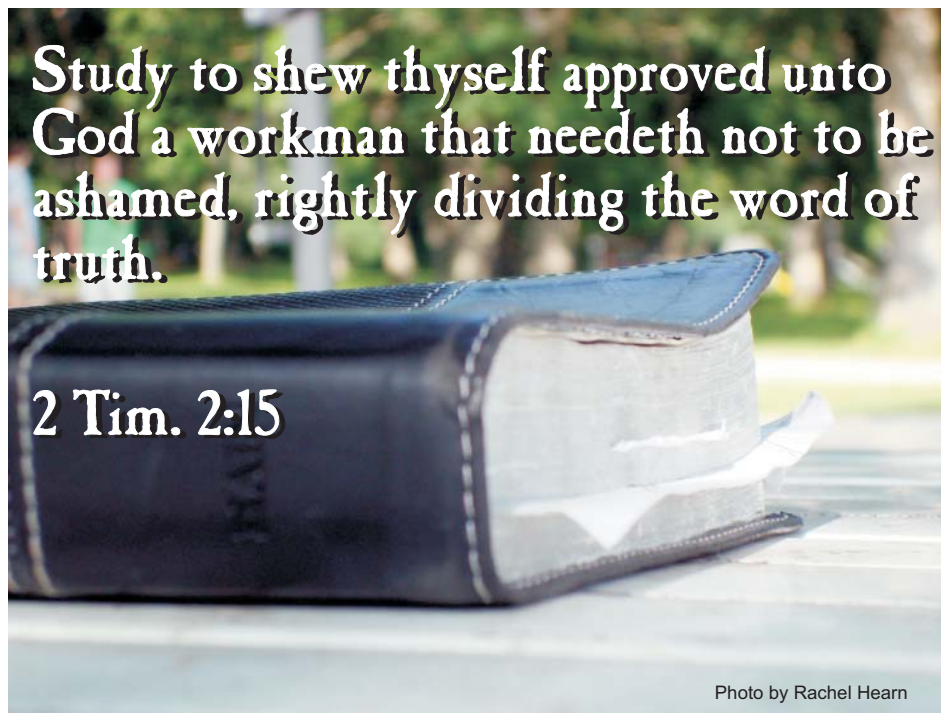


Photo by Rachel Hearn

# 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. 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. 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 this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. 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 - Rick Root
- Announcements - Steve Link
- Singing
- Prayer - Justin Avey
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Ryan Stirrup

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 29 . . . . . Molly Plummer  
 January 31 . . . . . Lori Plummer

## Dates to Remember

January 25 . . . . . Connection Point/Teens  
 February 1 . . . . . Small Groups  
 February 5 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 February 7 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting  
 February 8 . . . . . Valentine's Day Dinner/Seniors  
 February 12 . . . . . Preachers Breakfast  
 February 15 . . . . . Small Groups  
 February 18 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast  
 February 19-22 . . . . . Winterfest/Teens

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 61  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 101  
 Contribution . . . . . \$4,629.51

## Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Jackie Robinson



## Collection Counters

Paul Mullins, Paul Stirrup



## In Our Prayers...

**Isabella Larsen is related to a friend of the Root's.** She is 5 years old and going through lengthy tests because of a seizure.

**Don Lemley, Sr., Don's father,** passed away Thursday morning in Charleston, WV. Don was on his way to see him.. The funeral will be on Monday.

**A friend of the Root's has a nine-year-old niece** who was diagnosed with leukemia recently and going through chemotherapy.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother  
 Justin Avey  
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents  
 Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS  
 Bonnie Bingham  
 Leona Boston - Lynette Root's aunt  
 Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law  
 Don & Pat Brewster  
 Nancy Brewster  
 Jim & Julie Chavez  
 Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother  
 John Day  
 Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes's daughter  
 Al Dorsey and his son Doug  
 Joyce Eakins  
 Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson  
 Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana  
 Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative  
 Marie Hayes  
 Mary Henkel - Mike's mother  
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister  
 Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter  
 Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend  
 Rich Kern - Jackie Robinson's father has leukemia  
 Joe, Star and Sky Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son  
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece  
 Don Lemley  
 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  
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece  
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and  
 the son of Marion Lake's cousin  
 Doug Peterson  
 Pat Ronzheimer  
 Stacey Schnaitman - daughter of Bev Scalone, the  
 Johnson's neighbor  
 Kay Schrader  
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler  
 Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin

### Mothers-to-be:

Heaven Alcorn - Chris Czernik's daughter  
 Caitlyn Czernik - Chris's daughter-in-law  
 Jamie Holtin - Joe & Terrie's daughter

Shannon (Pedersen) Manny  
 Cathy Miller  
 Jamie Miller  
 Jennifer (Doggett) Pielh

### Armed forces:

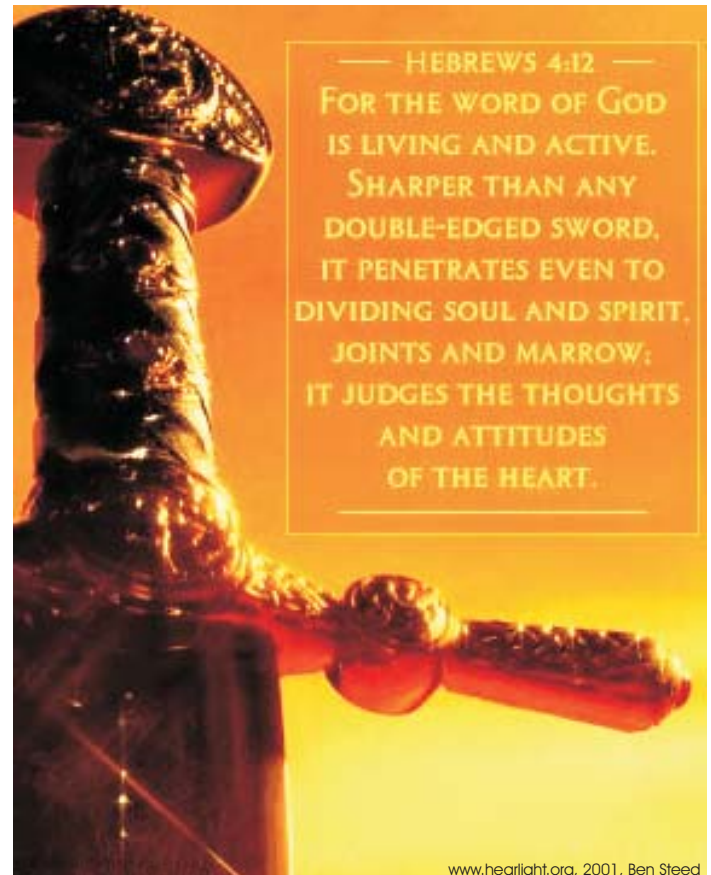
Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew is in  
 basic training in Oklahoma  
 Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of  
 Lori Plummer  
 Nathan & Angie Stilwell - Bridgette Fordyce's brother  
 & sister-in-law went to Japan with the Air Force for  
 3 years with their two small children

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown -  
 Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)  
 Students of Joe Voigts - China  
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria  
 Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria  
 Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria  
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers  
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

## Thanks from Croatia

**Ivan Tessic** called on Saturday to express his deep appreciation for the love, prayers, and support shown to him during his visit and his emergency surgery. He would love to hear from any of you who would like to be in touch and he extends a warm invitation to any who could come visit in Croatia.



## It's a Girl!

Joan Lockett is a grandmother - for the 12th time! Joan's daughter and son-in-law, Shelley & Bob Prosser, have a new baby girl, Madelyn Joan. She was born on Thursday, January 15, weighing 7 lbs., 6 oz., and was 20 inches long. They are all doing great!

## It's a Boy!

Patrick and Jenn Kirts have a new baby boy, Tate James. He was born on Thursday, January 22, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz. and 20.5 inches long. They are all doing very well! Joe & Terrie are the proud, and very happy, grandparents! Wendell & Margaret Mott are the great-grandparents.

## Gift for Scott & Bridgette

This is the LAST SUNDAY to make a note in the Bible for Scott & Bridgette Fordyce. PLEASE find your favorite verses, highlight them with the colored pencils and write your name in the margin.

## Outreach Ministry

Join our Outreach Ministry on Saturday, February 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Lazarus House in the downtown area of St. Charles. We will help fold and insert their monthly newsletter, have lunch with the residents and tour the facility. Lazarus House is an emergency shelter for low-income families in the Kane County area and operates 365 days a year. Also for those interested in volunteering on a personal basis there will be a **volunteer orientation on Saturday, March 7th** from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions contact Ryan Heather.

## Small Group Fellowships

The next Small Group Fellowship is February 1! Remember there is NO evening worship on Small Group Sundays. A small group meets at the building Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

*Seniors &  
Families of  
Our Teens*



*You are invited to a special  
Valentines Dinner*

*on  
Sunday, February 8  
following morning services.*

*Enjoy fellowship and a wonderful meal  
provided by our Teens.*

# Youth & Family News

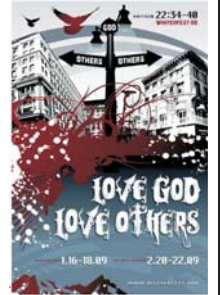
**TEENS:** There is a **Connection Point** today at Cardinal Drive! Plan to have lunch together, then leave from the building at 2:00.



The Teens are hosting a **Valentine's dinner** for seniors and parents of teens on Sunday, February 8. This tradition has always been a fun way to serve our congregation.

See Cliff or Lori if you'd like to help plan the event.

If you didn't sign-up for **Winterfest** but still want to go, please see Cliff **today**. Also, please turn-in your \$25 deposit today, if you haven't already. The dates for Winterfest are Thursday, February 19, through Sunday, February 22.



## Children's Library



We are looking for elementary Christian books to create a library for the children. If parents want to donate their used books that their kids have outgrown, they can give the books to either Joan Avey or Cindy Drumheller.

## Ladies Class

This month Barb Voigts is leading a discussion on refreshing and rejuvenation for weary women.



## Winterfest "Sponsors"

Many of our teens who are going to Winterfest will be earning their own money to pay their way. If you have odd jobs around the house that need to be done, you can "hire" one of our teens to do it for you!

Also, if you'd like to help "sponsor" one of the kids, you can make a special contribution to the youth account. See Cliff if you're interested.

## 2008 Pepperdine Lectureship

Recordings of the 2008 Pepperdine Lectureship, **The Upside Down Kingdom: Living the Sermon on the Mount** are available for you to check out. Please use the clipboard chart to sign out each disk. The disks are located on the missions table in the foyer. Some of the disks are audio and some are video. If you have any of the disks from 2007, please return them to Sally when you are finished.

## Directories Available!

New directories are available in the foyer. **Please take the copy with your name in the upper right corner.** Extra copies are available if you need. Please let Sally know of any corrections that should be circulated.