



West Chicago Church of Christ

Volume 40, Issue 4 • January 27, 2008

A Preacher's Perspective

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **Isaiah 53:6**

It's not hard to visualize a sheep following the lure of the green grass in front of its nose, which wanders in a crooked path until he is further and further from the supervision and safety of the shepherd. It is our "own way" which we seek and that path is the one which leads to distress and destruction.

The Proverb warns us, "there is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." **Proverbs**

14:12 So, all we have to do to fall into the snare of the Enemy is to do as we please; to follow our own best judgment.

Evil and sin are not just the consequence of our failing to obey God, they also reflect the presence and effect of Satan who wanders about seeking whom he may devour.

Now, all these ideas are in a negative context.

From God's point of view, iniquity is avoided when we have a strong bond with our Shepherd and when we remain close to him. The Shepherd's voice is to be

the call to which our soul responds. The Shepherd's path is to be the direction of our lives.

One of the most positive descriptions of that kind of relationship is found in **Psalm 1**.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." **Psalms 1:1-3**

When we live lives which flow from

delight in the law of the Lord and from meditation upon that law, it will have great impact on where we walk, where we stand, and where we sit.

The result: success in all we do.

Now that's not a bad outcome. Much better than aimless wandering like a sheep, don't you think?

"... for the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish."



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



350 East James Avenue
West Chicago, Illinois 60185
(630) 231-2062
wcfamily@wcfamily.org
www.wcfamily.org

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 – Rick Root
- Announcements – Bob Jett
- Singing
- Prayer – Paul Mullins
- Singing
- Lord’s Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon – Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer – Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer – Paul Mercer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- January 29 Molly Plummer
- January 31 Lori Plummer
- February 1 Nana Lake
- February 2 Scott Drumheller

Dates to Remember

- January 27 Honduras Mission Trip Meeting
- January 27 Connection Point/Teens
- February 2 Ladies Day Out
- February 3 Small Groups
- February 7 Food Pantry Delivery
- February 7 VBS Presentation/John’s Christian Store
- February 10 Valentine’s Dinner
- February 10 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- February 14-17 Winterfest/Teens

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 62
- Sunday Morning Worship 102
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 33
- Contribution \$6,562.81

Items Left at the Building

Please check the table by the restrooms for items that have been left at the building.

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is in the hospital in Memphis with a very high fever and vomiting.

Kevin and Christi Bowman left for Swaziland, Africa on Wednesday. You can check his "blog" on his website at www.kevinjbowman.com.

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

Pray for the family of Brock Pigorsch, a sophomore at York College. Brock was killed in a van accident on a trip to Iowa with the York College wrestling team. Several others from the team and the coaches were injured. Brock's brother was also on the trip.

Neal Ronzheimer, Pat's husband, has been placed on hospice care. Pat has been an outstanding example to us in her unflinching devotion to Neal. We continue to pray for her and for Neal.

Sandy Root, Rick's mother, had knee surgery last week. She is recuperating at home and doing very well.

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.

Richard Welch, the friend of a former member, Sid Fryer, is home from the hospital. His lungs are so susceptible to infection that he needed to be out of the hospital environment. They are all very grateful for our continued prayers.

Roxanne Whitman is having problems with her eyes again. She had surgery last week, but may need more.

A teacher in China where Scott and Bridgett worked was seriously gored by an elephant. His condition is critical.

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
 Kelly Ieler

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

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

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin

Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Linda Vantreese

Bob Voigts

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

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

Molly & Caitlin Mullins

Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Stirrup



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. This meeting was postponed from last Sunday.

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 to visit. Please 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 Store 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.**

New Members

Make sure you get to know our new members:

Cathleen Longfellow
215 Lakeside Court, Apt. 1228
St. Charles, IL 60174
(269) 873-1506

David, Trisha & Jerimiah Bernstein
1421 North Washington Street
Naperville, IL 60563

Terri, Hannah & Nicholas Bray
(Frances Shearer's daughter & grandchildren)
3535 Othello Drive
Naperville, IL 60564

Youth & Family News

TEENS: Cardinal Drive is hosting a **Connection Point this afternoon**. Join other teens from the Chicago and Rockford areas for an afternoon of worship and fun. We will leave right after the Honduras Trip meeting and stop for lunch along the way.

The Teens are 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.



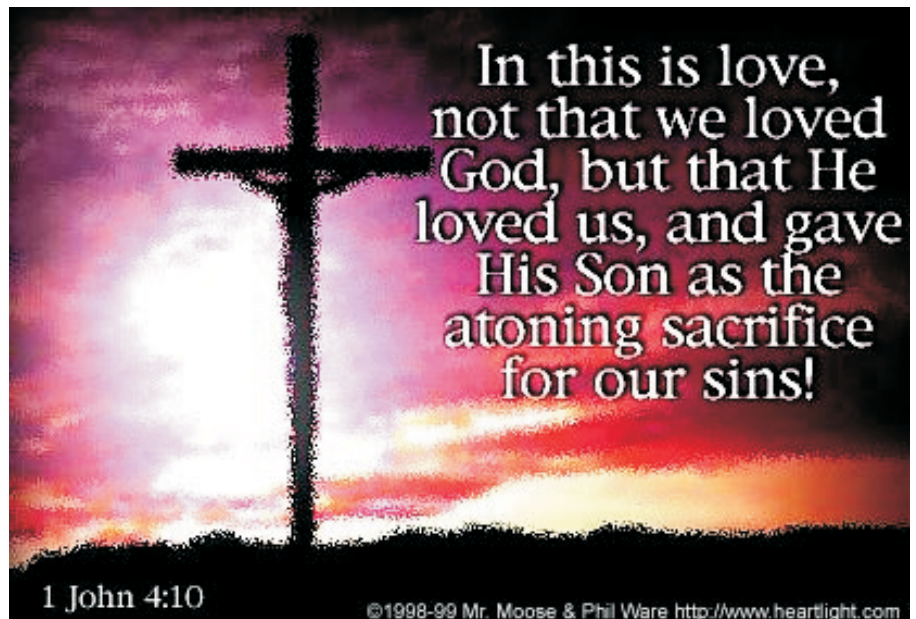
WINTERFEST: Be sure to pick-up your Info Sheet and Medical Consent Form. We'll leave from the building at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday,



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. **Today is the last day to sign-up!**

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

West Chicago Church of Christ

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 Ieler
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.

