



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

He shook his fist at God and growled through clenched teeth, "You said you would find your lost sheep! Well, you'd better come get me because I'm sure lost." Then he continued into the intake process at Stateville Prison in Joliet, IL. For years, he locked his heart and hardly considered the life he had once led as a preacher of the gospel. That was before he had yielded to lust and abducted a 16-year old girl. Before he had wrecked and humiliated his young wife who had one small child and was expecting another one.

R. C. Bell contacted him to see if he might be willing to share some ideas which might encourage young people and keep them from the wretched path he had taken. Bitterly, he rejected the invitation. But R. C. asked again, and this time he agreed to share some words.

But his story wasn't very heroic or inspiring. He longed for death but was afraid to take his own life. He tried to escape but was unsuccessful. He ended up in Leavenworth Federal Prison. After 18 ½ years, he was paroled. It was during a prison ministry workshop. His wife, who had raised two sons alone, and who had divorced him

was there. They were remarried. He had already begun to have a major impact on more than half the attendees at the conference. That was over 30 years ago.

On this past Thursday, I drove through Raytown, MO, where he settled into ministry and outreach to other men and women who were behind bars. Now, he is an elder of the church. Those who don't know his story would never dream God could work such change in the life of a man.

From disgrace and shame and occasion for enemies of the gospel to reject and ridicule his hypocritical preaching, his life message has matured and reflects profound gratitude for unspeakable grace lavished upon him.

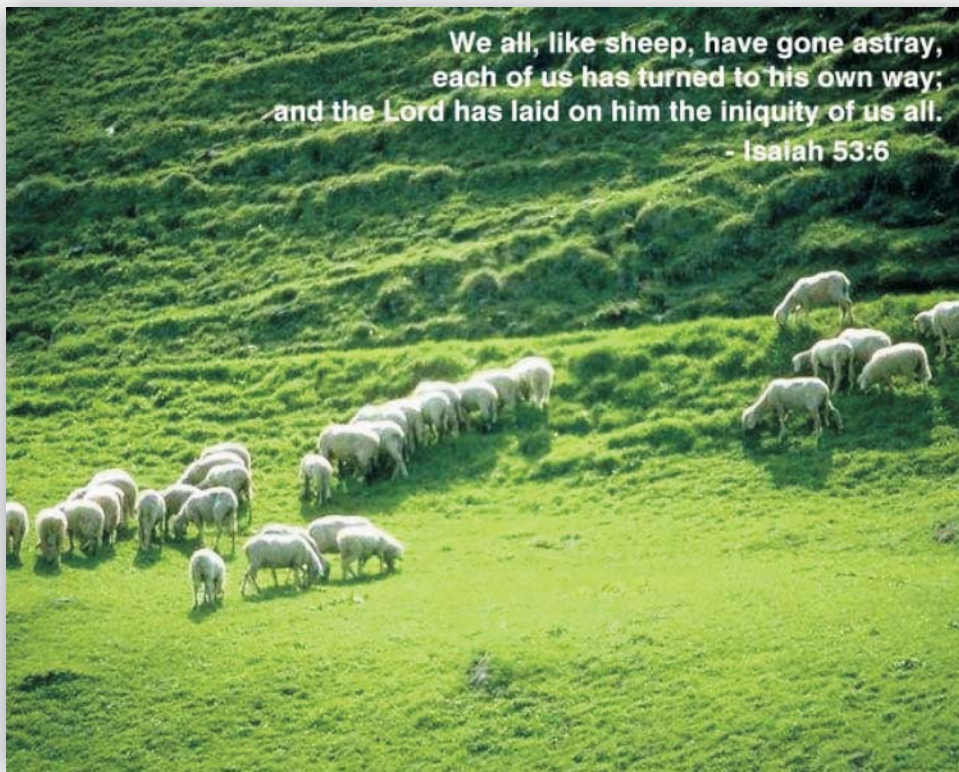
I have been blessed to spend time with this brother, many years ago, now, but I am always moved to a prayer of thanks for God's mercy in this one life which I have been privileged to know.

His life, my life, your life all remind us of the amazing meaning of Isaiah's words: "All we 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."

Thank you, Father. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Thank you for bearing our sins.

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 Jon Miller

Days of Elijah

#26 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

There's a Stirring

As the Deer

#315 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Communion Message Dewayne Smith
 Communion

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Jon Miller

#907 *Hark! The Gentle Voice of Jesus Falleth*

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jon Miller

#705 *A Common Love*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 23 Tom Doggett

January 31 Christina Voigts

February 2 Scott Drumheller

February 4 Kelly Ieler, Marilyn Smith

Dates to Remember

TODAY 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 57

Sunday Morning Worship 92

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 27

Contribution \$2,536.00

Nursery Workers . . .

Bev Day, Bev Livermore

Collection Counters . .

Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is still very weak, but his kidney is working well.

Mary Lou Bertrand, Lynette Root's grandmother, is doing better.

Stacey Howard, Dana's sister, is out of the hospital and doing well.

Lisa Rentschler, Sally Hearn's niece, had a baby girl this week by C-section. They are both doing well.

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

Freeda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother, seems to be doing better.

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.

Lost and Found

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

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.

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

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



Ryan Heather, West Chicago



Today is Praise Sunday!

- 9:30 a.m. Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 12:00? Shults-Lewis Meeting (see below)
- 4:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Song Service
Finger-food/dessert fellowship

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 up with a plan! Let's meet in the teen room for 20 minutes after worship this morning!

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!

Food Pantry Delivery

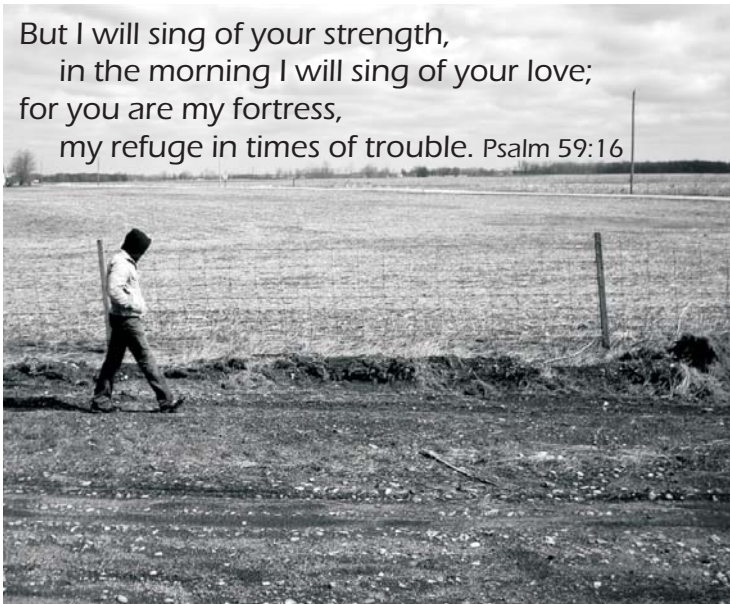
This Thursday, February 3, we will receive our delivery from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. We need volunteers to carry boxes downstairs, tear down boxes and stock the pantry shelves. We will start working at 10:00 a.m. and it only takes an hour. See you there!

Food Pantry!

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



But I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress,
my refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 59:16



February 18-20 Winterfest in Gatlinburg – TODAY is the last day to sign-up! See Brian Gifford with any questions.

February 27 At the Boyds'

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

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: Terri Bray

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.

Wednesday Ladies Class

The Wednesday Evening Ladies Class is beginning a series of lessons on 1 & 2 Peter this week.

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. A meeting will be scheduled soon.