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West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

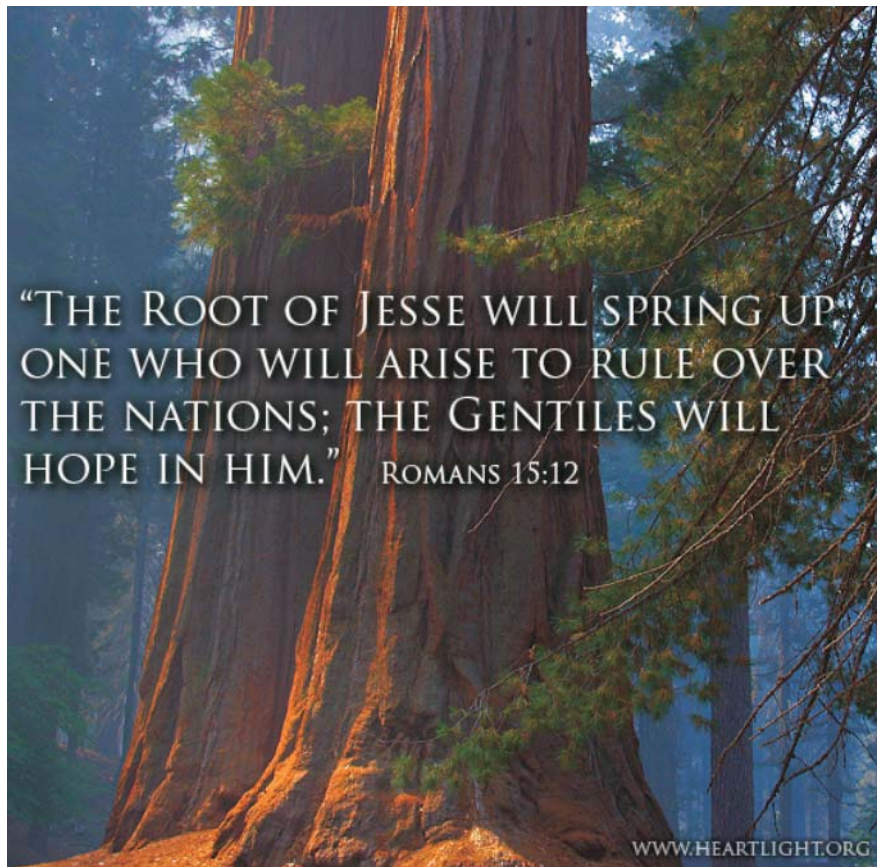
He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground... **Isaiah 53:2** (NIV)

It was not a time or place where you would expect anything great to spring up. Dry ground is a fitting description. Obscure some have said. From the perspective of the secular historian, nothing happening in that time and place which would merit great attention. But what a shoot grew up there! How has this "root of Jesse" spread to give shade and nourishment to the whole earth. And its spread continues.

God takes such pleasure in the small and forgotten. Remember the grand theme of **Psalm 118:22** The stone the builders rejected has become the chief of the corner.

God's soul sees the vanity of men and understands how that our search for the glory of the earth obscures the glory of our Creator. Those wonderful redwoods, as seen in the picture, begin from such tiny seeds. And the partnership of tiny animals is required to get the germination going and begin the centuries-long process of creation of a mighty tree. I like the description of the General Sherman tree in Sequoia National Park as the largest living thing on earth.

His grand design and patience in the cultivation of the redwoods and so many other of the wonders of earth are meant perhaps to help us put our own small existence into some perspective. We take some inner sense of security in understanding that our Maker is of eternity and that our place is made sure by the One who holds history and the timeless processes of earth in the grasp of His hand.



But His great work is in transplanting this God of Creation, this One who is maker of all things and Who upholds the universe by the word of His power. He has brought Himself into man's realm, born as a baby, and with no "form or comeliness that men should desire Him."

But desire Him they do. And the longing of the souls of men, in each new generation, finds full satisfaction and true identity only in the timeless Christ.

This Root of Jesse is spreading throughout the ages.

We have seen His shadow in Honduras and in the paganism of Nigeria. We see the seeds of His plantings falling throughout the whole earth and we join with the souls who look upward to His hand for nourishment and for His care.

Root of Jesse, we put our Gentile hopes in you.

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. 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 - *Tim Boyd*
- Announcements - *Curt Robinson*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Mike Henkel*
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - *Chuck Miller*
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - *Mike Mathews*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 1 Nana Lake
 February 2 Scott Drumheller
 February 4 Kelly Ieler, Marilyn Smith
 February 6 Logan Ieler, Alyssa Milam

Dates to Remember

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 65
 Sunday Morning Worship 121
 Contribution \$3,845.00

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Molly Mullins



Collection Counters

Steve Link, Rick Root



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 last week.

Mike Mathews has had back pain since a car accident in the summer. He had an MRI and they found problems with several discs and a tear. They have not decided on treatment.

A friend of the Root's has a nine-year-old niece who was diagnosed with leukemia recently and is 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 & Bobby'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) Piehl

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

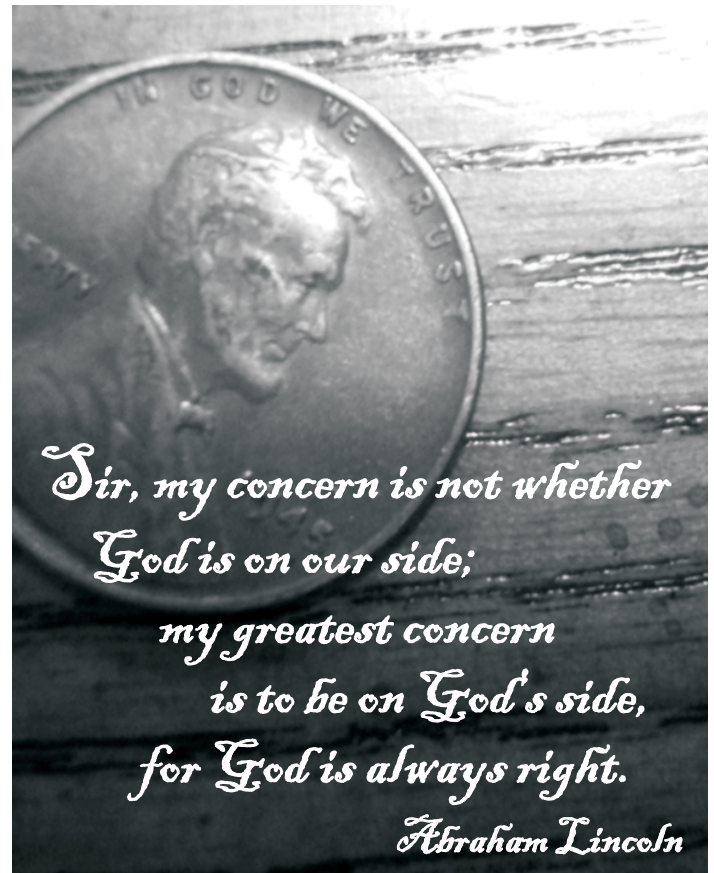
Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan



*Sir, my concern is not whether
God is on our side;
my greatest concern
is to be on God's side,
for God is always right.
Abraham Lincoln*

Small Group Fellowships

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



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.

Children's Library

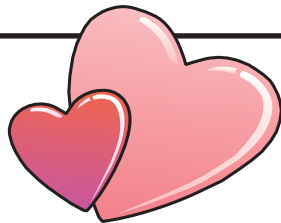
We are looking for elementary Christian books to create a library for the children. If parents want to donate their used books that their kids have outgrown, they can give the books to either Joan Avey or Cindy Drumheller.

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.

Seniors & Families of Our Teens



You are invited to a special
Valentines Dinner

NEXT
Sunday, February 8
following morning services.

Enjoy fellowship and a wonderful meal
provided by our Teens.

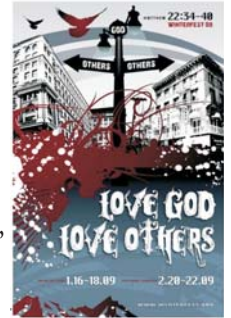
Youth & Family News



TEENS: The Teens are hosting a Valentine's dinner for seniors and parents of teens next Sunday, February 8. Meet us at the building on Saturday, February 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 if you can help set-up.

If you haven't turned in your \$25 deposit, please see Cliff TODAY. Also, be sure to pick-up an **info packet** from the downstairs classroom. Medical Release forms, which are required for the trip, are included in the packet. Winterfest is Thursday, February 19, to Sunday, February 22.

Heads-up! We're going to the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, March 7th, to help clean and cook lunch.



Pop Can Tabs

Save the tabs from your empty pop cans! The teens can take them to the Ronald McDonald House on March 7th.

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.

Ladies Class

Starting this Wednesday evening, Rhonda Triplett will be leading several lessons on Jesus.

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.

Food Pantry Delivery

PLEASE see Sally if you plan to help with the Food Pantry delivery this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Cyndi Perez may be bringing some of her students to help and Sally needs to make sure there is enough work for everyone.