



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **1 Corinthians 13:5**

What excellent standards of love these verses emphasize. Not rude. Not self-seeking, not easily angered. These all flow from being other-centered rather than self-centered.

One of the great challenges to our selfish nature is the simple practice of courtesy. I confess that this is not one of my best traits. I often become so self-absorbed that I do not listen attentively or stop my train of thinking to hear someone else. My family could give you many illustrations.

When we experience being the object of someone's undivided attention and receive deference and good manners, it makes us feel significant and gives us a special satisfaction.

Being slow to anger is a great mark of maturity. We are reminded by the proverb, "Good sense makes a man slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense." **Proverbs 19:11**

Forbearance and forgiveness are words we associate with overlooking offenses. Peter reminds us that God is forbearing with us (**2 Peter 3:9**), and Paul calls us to be forbearing with each other

(**Eph. 4:2, Col. 3:13**). The idea is that we put up with each other. We just don't look for an excuse to react.

For me, however, the gem of this little section may be this last idea: "... it keeps no record of wrongs." I often remember a lesson by my friend Tim Curtis from **Psalm 130**: "If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?"

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness..." **Psalms 130:3-4 (NIV)**

What a blessing and encouragement to be reminded that God does not keep a record. A powerful companion text is **Psalms 103:12**: "as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." That's really far!

Aren't you glad that God doesn't keep up with your

sins! But how can a God who knows everything forget anything? It's only because the sins are covered with love, with the blood of Jesus.

God wants our fellowship so much that He devised a plan of redemption so that the sin of our lives cannot separate us from Him any longer.

These few verses give us a great standard to strive for in this season of love. Let's be alert to good manners. Let's try to think more about others rather than ourselves. Let's make an effort to forbear, forgive and forget.

Happy loving.

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 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. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow these instructions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster Bob Jett
 Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

Our Deacons are:

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

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 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 Chuck Miller
 Singing Tim Boyd
 #72 Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
 Ancient Words
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Don Brewster
 #390 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
 #837 I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour
 Prayer Cliff Plummer
 #18 Faithful Love
 Lord's Supper Rick Root
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #948 I am Resolved
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Don Brewster
 Lord I Lift Your Name on High
 Closing Prayer Kyle Wheeler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 10 Barb Voigts

Dates to Remember

TODAY Small Group Fellowships
 February 8 Living Room Café
 February 11 Preachers Breakfast
 February 11 Teen Parent Connection
 February 12 Men's Bible Study
 February 13 Valentine's Dinner
 February 14 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 February 17 Seniors Breakfast
 February 18-21 Winterfest/Teens
 February 18 Teen Parent Connection
 February 19 Men's Bible Study
 February 21 Small Group Fellowships

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 66
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 35
 Contribution for Haiti \$5,738.30

Nursery Workers Joan Avey, Cleta Watson

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Jeff Ieler

In Our Prayers...

Prayers for the people of Haiti and those who are giving aid.

Alene Anderson, Linda Vantrees's cousin, had another surgery a week ago. She is doing much better.

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, has pneumonia, but they are still planning to start the process for his kidney transplant this week.

Brad Fowler, Joan Lockett's nephew, is suffering with serious health and mental issues.

Josephine Haggerton had outpatient surgery on Thursday for a new pacemaker. She is doing very well.

Jim Quinlan, the husband of Rick Root's boss, has an 80% blockage to his brain. He needs surgery, but needs to be on blood thinners for awhile.

Katie Sunday, the wife of a teacher from Shelby Root's school, was diagnosed with cancer last weekend. She has some type of nerve damage and is unable to speak.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

John Day

Al Dorsey & his son, Doug

Joyce Eakins, her brother, Hubert and her two sisters, Eunice and Frances

Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Bobbye Miller

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart -

Bob Voigts's cousins

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Tammy Urso - Dan & Linda Vantrees's daughter

Armed forces:

James Bartels - the son of Lynette Root's friend - in Iraq, he and his wife are expecting a new baby and they have a 4-year-old

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew in Baghdad

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law will be deployed to Afghanistan as early as this weekend

Jeremy Riley - great-great-nephew of Josephine Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Chris Yauch - the husband of Wendell & Margaret Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

Jonathon Young - a former member is a Warrant Officer in the army and plans to fly helicopters. He's in Alabama, at Fort Rucker.

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts - China

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

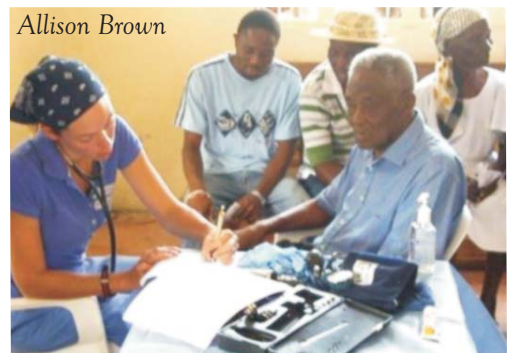
Milton & Holly Eckhart - Haiti

Mission Lazarus in Haiti

Tent hospital created after people left the hospital building because of aftershocks.



Rebecca Brown



Allison Brown



Small Group Fellowships

Today is Small Group Fellowships! Upcoming dates are: February 21, March 7, 21, and April 18. **There will be no evening worship at the building on Small Group Sundays.** However, the Small Group led by Dewayne Smith meets at the building at 5:30 p.m.

Living Room Cafe

We are serving at the Living Room Café tomorrow and will be leaving from the building at 2:30. We'd love to have you join us! Sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you can go.

Media Booth Assistance

There is an opportunity for those who would like to work in the media booth on Sunday mornings on an ongoing basis. **Anyone who is interested** in learning how to run the equipment and how to use the new software should speak with Chuck. Training sessions will probably take place on Sunday afternoons.

Wednesday Ladies Class

Come to the Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Class on this week! Lynette Root will be finishing up our discussion of purity. On February 17, we will begin a series of classes on the Holy Spirit. If you have any questions or would like to lead a ladies class, please see Joanne Johnson.

Men's Bible Study & Coffee

The Men's Bible Study, hosted by Bob Voigts and Kenn Watson, meets Fridays from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building.

It's a Girl!

Lizz Bartalone, Doris Biancalana's daughter, gave birth to Miura Eve on Friday, January 29. She weighed 6 lbs., 11oz. and was 18.5" long. Everyone is doing great!



You are cordially invited to attend our

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 13, 2010

at

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room

"Limousine" service provided.

Please RSVP as soon as possible.

This Saturday!

youth & family news

TEENS: We're hosting a **Valentine's Dinner** for our parents and adults this Saturday night, February 13th. Please be at the building at 5:00 pm to help set-up. Dinner starts at 6:00.

We have a **Sunday Night, Light** next Sunday, 2/14, at Jon & Jamie's. While everyone is welcome, those of you going to Winterfest are strongly encouraged to attend.

PARENTS: Winterfest information packets were e-mailed this week. The packet includes a schedule, information on what to pack and a medical release form. Teens will not be allowed on the trip unless they turn-in a completed medical release form. **Let Cliff know if you did not receive a packet.**

We need families to host **Sunday Night, Lights** on the following dates: February 28, March 14, March 28, and April 25. Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer.

Seniors Outing

We're planning an outing to the **Chicago Flower and Garden Show**, downtown at Navy Pier, on Friday, March 12th. We'll leave from the building about 9:00 am and return after lunch. Tickets are \$15. Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you're interested.

Secret Keeper Girl Event

A **Secret Keeper Girl Event** will be held on **Thursday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m.** at Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin. This event is for 8 - 12 year old girls and their moms. Tickets are \$12 per person or \$10 for a group of 10 or more. Check the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer or go to www.secretkeepergirl.com. See Lynette Root by Sunday, February 14, if you are interested in going.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection will be meeting here on Thursday evenings through the end of June. **If you can assist preparing a meal or help with childcare**, see Molly Mullins. Monetary donations are also welcome. Their website is: www.teenparentconnection.org.

Ladies Retreat

Mark your calendar for **April 23 & 24** for our **Ladies Retreat**. Invite your mothers, sisters, friends and neighbors! The theme is "O How I Love Jesus." If you would like to help or have any questions, see Barb Voigts.