



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

**D**iscipline. Without it, Satan gains great advantage over us. Paul's reflection in this text from **1 Corinthians** is a reminder to us that we must be on guard against the subtle influence of the body to partner with our carnal nature against the good interests of the Holy Spirit.

I confess that I do not like to think on these matters, especially after eating too much and getting no exercise. This conspiracy against God's work and our own best interest began, as I understand it, in Eden. Before sin reared its rebellious head, man's body and spirit were united and were joined in the tending of God's

magnificent creation. Man and his wife were given one another and all of the wonders of the plant and animal kingdom to enjoy and to be reminded of the greatness of God.

But when sin came in, all truth was covered over by lies, and it is only in partnership with the Holy Spirit that man can understand what is good and wise. Man's body inclines to pleasure, to rest and to self service. In heaven, I believe, our bodies will once again be in harmony with God's design and His own character.

In the meantime, it is through discipline that the flesh is kept in check and our wills are made free to serve the part of us which is in harmony with God.

We need discipline for our minds. We are not to

be conformed in our thinking and in our desires to the world, but we are to transform our minds according to the Spirit and according to the teaching and insights of scripture. Our society depends much on the power of our eyes to tell us what we desire and what we should seek. The Spirit teaches us to look to our inner vision, to the "eyes of our hearts" for true motivation and the setting of goals.

We need discipline for our bodies. We need to learn restraint and self control and we long to subdue the body to make it a suitable instrument of our heart's goals and the fine purposes of God's intent.

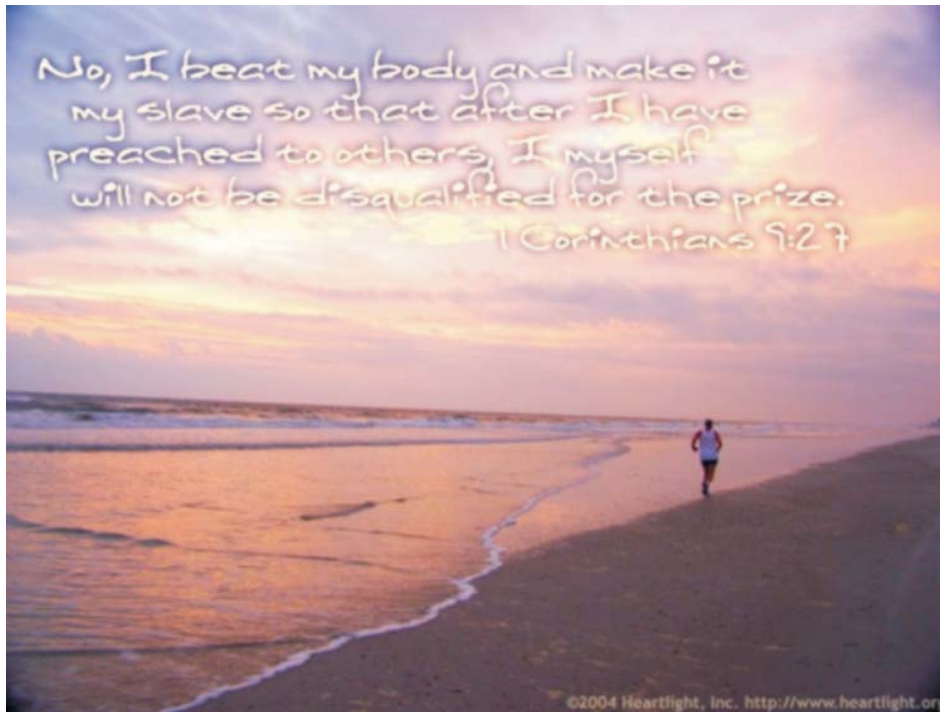
The great spiritual disciplines, both of abstinence and of action, are the activities which, though hateful and unappealing

to the flesh, are empowering and a joy to our spirits.

Prayer is hard work. We must subdue our flesh to achieve it. As Peter, James and John struggled to pray in Gethsemane, we struggle to be diligent in prayer.

Time in scripture is blocked by busy days, heavy eyelids and a thousand electronic distractions. We must choose to seek as for buried treasure if we are to have power and joy from the wondrous things of His law.

In these and in all the spiritual disciplines we find blessings if we persist in faith. Lord, help us to make our bodies your instruments.



*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 - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Curt Robinson
- Singing
- Prayer - Paul Mullins
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - Cary Gray
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Peter Drumheller

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- February 10 . . . . . Barb Voigts
- February 14 . . . . . Kim Sitler
- February 14 . . . . . Paul & Marianne Stirrup (anv.)

## Dates to Remember

- 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 . . . . . 81
- Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 129
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 43
- Contribution . . . . . \$3,845.00

## Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Betsy Jett



## Collection Counters

Steve Link, Rick Root



## In Our Prayers...

**Betsy Addams is a long-time member** of the Park Forest Church of Christ. She had surgery this week because of a slow rupture in her appendix and removal of some of the small intestine because of cancer.

**Dee**, one of the dear, sweet ladies who attends our Bible study at Franciscan Court, passed away yesterday.

**Isabella Larsen is related to a friend of the Root's.** She is 5 years old and went through lengthy tests for seizures. All the tests came back with good results, so they are optimistic that the episode was a one-time occurrence.

**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.

**Mike Stiger, Chuck and Bobbye's nephew**, has just lost his job. Mike and Beth are expecting another child this spring.

### 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 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 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) Piehl

### Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew has graduated basic training and is moving to Maryland for more training

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 -

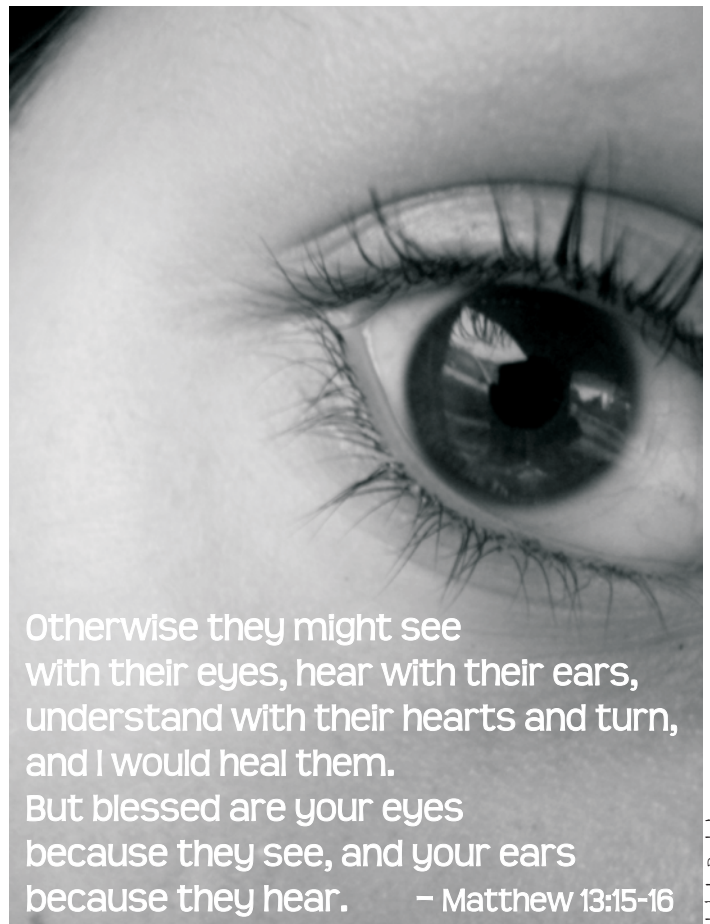
Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)

Students of Joe Voigts - China

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria



Otherwise they might see  
with their eyes, hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts and turn,  
and I would heal them.  
But blessed are your eyes  
because they see, and your ears  
because they hear. - Matthew 13:15-16

## Outreach Ministry

Join our Outreach Ministry this 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 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 **Sunday, February 15**. Remember there is NO evening worship on Small Group Sundays. A small group meets at the building Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

## Pop Can Tabs

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

## Ladies Class

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

## Address Correction

Please note on your new directory the following information for Roxanne Whitman: 2225 Pepper Valley Drive #2, Geneva, IL 60134, 630-809-6998. Thanks!

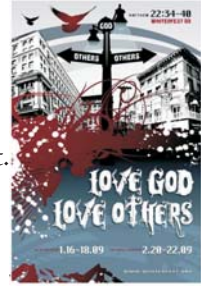
## Coming Soon!

Tom Doggett will be hosting another Family Movie Night featuring the film **Fireproof**. Watch for the date and plan to join us with your family for this inspiring movie.



## Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** Be sure to pick-up a **Winterfest info packet** from the downstairs classroom. Medical Release forms, which are required for the trip, are included in the packet. On Thursday, February 19, meet at the building at 1:30 p.m. ready to go!



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



## Seniors & Families of Our Teens

You are invited to a special **Valentines Dinner TODAY** following morning services.

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



*2 Timothy 2:22*

*Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

*photo by Rachel*