



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

What a profile, this Savior of ours has! He bore the brunt of payment for our sins. He was despised and rejected. He became sin, who knew no sin. He was spat upon and reviled. The creation which should have honored Him with praise and glory mocked Him and clamored for His cruel execution.

Is that how you would have arranged things if you were God? I'm quite sure I would not have planned those experiences for myself.

However, His concern, unlike mine would have been, was not for Himself, but for me, and you. He understood that without the loving redemption of a savior, we had no hope of escape from Satan's wicked heart.

Proverbs 24 describes "... those being led away to death... those staggering to slaughter." That would have been our fate if the Shepherd had not intervened.

I believe David wrote **Psalms 119**. At the end he cries, "I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant...."

What is suggested in this sheep-shepherd relationship? So many of the familiar passages simply describe Jesus as the Good Shepherd and scripture often calls His people His sheep.

So, in God's view, that's who we are.

How interesting that God, who is the ultimate figure of power and might, so often describes Himself in terms of tenderness and compassion. (David, himself, is very paradoxical as a man of war and violence whose heart is full of tenderness, worship and praise.)

I love to remember the tenderness of God

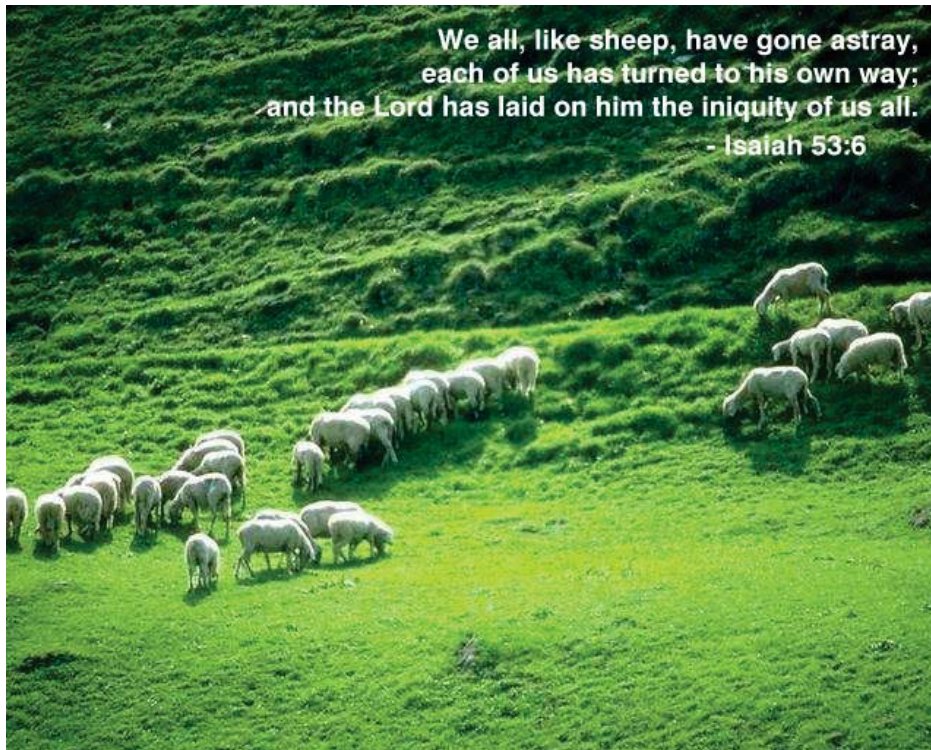
toward us in **Hosea 11:**³ It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them.

The God of "the widow, the fatherless and the alien" defines Himself by mercy

and compassion. This is His highest glory, and it should be our true ambition.

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.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>
 Username: wcfamily
 Password: 6302312062
 Click "SINGLE" tab
 Allow any Active X controls

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

Don Brewster
 Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

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.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays *Curt Robinson*
 Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*
 Praise Songs *Jay Hearn*
 #226 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
 #288 *Fairest Lord Jesus*
 #202 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*
 #873 *The Spacious Firmament On High*
 #318 *O Sacred Head*
 Communion Message *John Johnson*
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #876 *Where He Leads Me I Will Follow*
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 #710 *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 10. Barb Voigts
 February 13 Cory Dean
 February 14. Kim Sitler
 February 16. Terri Bray

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
 February 11 Living Room Cafe
 February 11 Teen Parent Connection
 February 12 Tuesday Ladies Class
 February 13. Wednesday Evening Bible Classes
 February 15. Mens Prayer & Pancakes
 February 14-17. Winterfest
 February 17. Community Groups

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class. 57
 Sunday Morning Worship. 72
 Contribution. \$11,745.00

Nursery Workers . . Carrie Drumheller, Kelly Ieler

Collection Counters
 Paul Mullins, Rick Root



In Our Prayers...

The teens, **Brian & Shannon Gifford, Cyndi Perez and Jon Miller** are going to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN. They are meeting at the church building at 2:45 p.m. and plan to leave by 3:30 p.m. this Thursday, February 14, and will return 9:00 p.m. Sunday, February 17. Please pray for their safety.

Continue to pray for our leadership and the process of appointing additional elders and deacons.

Betsy, Bob Voigts's supervisor, is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Nelson Cunningham, a friend of the Triplett's, had surgery last week for cancer on his tongue.

Kathy, a friend of Dana Howard's, has cancer. Also, continue to pray for **Sylvia Atten, Waseem James and her aunt, Pat Johnson**.

Liz Pritchett, the wife of a college friend of Joe Voigts, has cancer.

Frances Shearer has been suffering with several health issues for the last few weeks.

Freda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother, was in the hospital this week with a kidney infection and pneumonia.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Nancy Brewster

Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey – Al's son

Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew

Josephine Haggerton

Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller's

Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins

Sue Lake – Marion's sister-in-law

John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

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

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Joan Mullins – Paul's mother

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Henry Phillips, from Rockford Church of Christ

Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Kay Schrader

Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Jim Whitman

Bob York

Mom-to-be:

Sarah Rentschler – Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew, Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey's, Afghanistan

Jacob Headtko – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

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 – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet **TODAY**. "...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – Acts 2:46-47



West Chicago Community Groups

New Directory

Please get your photo taken today for the church directory that will be distributed soon. Jay, Sally or Rachel Hearn are prepared to take your photo this morning.



If you are new to our congregation, please have your photo taken this morning, too. Forms are available in the foyer for your information to be included in the directory. Please include your address, phone number(s), e-mail address(es), birthdays and anniversaries (including year) and give it to Chuck or Don.

Let's try to get this completed as soon as possible! And please...don't be camera-shy!

Living Room Café

We are serving at the Living Room Café tomorrow, Monday, February 11. The volunteers will leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. and arrive back around 8:30 p.m. Please let Chuck or Don know if you plan to go.

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Ladies Class will begin a new course of study next week, February 19. The ladies meet every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship room. Please see Pat Brewster if you are interested.

Southern Sudan

Kelsey Drumheller is collecting funds to provide training for literacy instructors for women in Sudan. The last possible day to donate is this Wednesday, February 13. Check the flyer she posted in the foyer and visit the website www.rebuildingsouthernsudan.org.



Winterfest 2013 is this week! Brian e-mailed an itinerary which includes a "Medical Consent Form." You MUST have this form completed to go on the trip! Let Brian or Sally know if you did not receive the e-mail and they will provide a paper copy. Please be at the church building by 2:45 on Thursday so we can leave by 3:30!



Wednesday Evening Class

Plan to meet with the combined Men's and Women's classes on Wednesday evening. The study is "The Growth of the Church" and we will be using the Chronological Daily Bible as a guide starting with the book of Acts. However, you do not need the Chronological Daily Bible to follow the study. Please see Don if you are not receiving the e-mails regarding the class or if you would like paper copies of the hand-outs.

Reading Dates	Scriptures	Title, Theme
2/6 – 2/13	Acts 3-4	Growth of the Church
2/13 - 2/20	Acts 5-6:7	Trouble Within & Without

Sinners Anonymous



Do you struggle with anger, resentment, unforgiveness, anxiety, substance abuse, food, fear, loneliness, depression?

Is Jesus Christ your higher power?

Would you like to study God's Word and the 12 Steps together?

If your answer is yes, join us in a Christian-based recovery group.

We meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at the West Chicago Church of Christ

For more information see Dan Vantreesse or Bob Voigts. Flyers are posted and available in the foyer.