



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Our youth group has a logo. I like it. The Youth Group. I like that they have a sense of identity, that they have a Facebook presence and that they are the unique blend of amazing individuals who God has brought together at this particular time.

Over the years, the characters and personalities of the group changes. Don Brewster worked with the Youth Group when he was a beginning deacon.

Bob Voigts, Rob Brewster, Kim Sitler – and many of our other present members – were a part of our “Youth Group” in their growing up days.

There is no greater way to glimpse the purposes and faithfulness of God than to look at the children of each generation. They are a wonderful gift.

Yet, in each generation, there is an intruder who is always a part of the group. The Enemy always has a plan to disrupt, discourage, and defeat all the efforts which go into the work of blessing our young people.

We try to hold up scripture and to equip our young people with knowledge through our Bible class programs. The Enemy tries to distract them and to snatch away the power of the Word. On Sunday night, Cliff shared one of the lessons he has presented to the teens on the importance of authority. Satan hates that lesson and tries to steal its effectiveness.

In each generation, the culture around us is at war with the objectives and prayers of parents, teachers, and families of the church. Those of us who are older can see the erosion in our land of respect for authority,

reverence for God, appreciation of Christianity and acceptance of the Bible. Moral standards which make up the movies and music of our day are more worldly and the dangers of drugs and promiscuity seem at horribly high levels.

Now, those of us who get to be with our young people at camp, or those who spend time with them personally, know that God has given the young people of our day wonderful vision of Him and tender hearts,

especially, toward the hurting and the poor.

We need to commit ourselves as parents, grandparents, Christian friends and members of this Body, to hold up our young people in prayer. In just a few days, a large group from this area (Cliff says over 150 from all the churches combined) will be traveling to Gatlinburg, TN to participate in Winterfest. More than 10,000 will be there for excitement, adventure, and also for worship and a sense of common purpose in praising God.

The Enemy will be in attendance, also. We pray for our teens, the chaperones and drivers, for Cliff and Lori and all the area youth workers and supporters to be strong in their vision of God.

We pray that this generation will find unique identity in their personal gifts and talents, and that they will move beyond those who have gone before them in fulfillment of the plans of God through the Youth Group at the West Chicago Church of Christ.



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 - *Dewayne Smith*
- Announcements - *Curt Robinson*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Steve Link*
- 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 - *Chester Sitler*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- February 16. Terri Bray
- February 18 Alexis Kissane
- February 19 Mike Henkel, Steve Link
- February 20. Hunter Mathews

Dates to Remember

- February 15 Small Groups
- February 18. Seniors Breakfast
- February 19-22 Winterfest/Teens
- February 23 Career Networking @ Naperville
- March 7 Ronald McDonald House/Teens

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 67
- Sunday Morning Worship 120
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 35
- Contribution \$3,098.63

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Marianne Stirrup



Collection Counters

Steve Link, Rick Root



In Our Prayers...

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
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Career Building Seminar & Networking Group

The Service ministry at Naperville Church of Christ is developing a Career Networking Group to provide encouragement and assistance for folks in career transition. If you are under-employed, unemployed or anticipate a career transition this may be a place for you.

We will kick off this group with an 8-week facilitated Career Workshop beginning on **Monday, February 23rd**. Sessions will be offered at **10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.** Participants will work on developing skills to build life value and make career transitions. Sessions include development of career vision, values and goals, resume preparation, marketing plans, network development, referral and recommendation resources. Registration is available on the Naperville church website: www.napervillechurch.org.

Participants are asked to cover a \$75 material cost. The workshop is open to the entire community. Please contact Eryn Tribble (630) 551-5589 with questions or to register via phone. At the conclusion of the workshop we plan to continue providing on-going support with regular meetings for the community.



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.



Ladies Class

Rhonda Triplett will be continuing her lessons on Jesus, which will be followed by a discussion of topics to cover in the next few months.

Pop Can Tabs

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

Coming Soon!

Tom Doggett is hosting another Family Movie Night featuring the film **Fireproof**. Join us with your family on **Friday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m.** for this inspiring movie.



Phone Lists Available

A list of our member's phone numbers are available in the foyer. They are half-sheets of paper and laminated, which are convenient to put in your car or post by your home phone.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: This Thursday, February 19, at 1:30 p.m. we go to Winterfest! You must have a completed Medical Release form to go on the trip. It is included in the info packet. All luggage will be loaded into the Drumheller's car, and may arrive at the hotel an hour later than us. Keep money and necessary items with you.

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

SENIORS: This Wednesday, February 18, is the **Seniors Breakfast at 10:00 a.m.** at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 by Randall Road.

The **Flower Show is Tuesday, March 10**, at Navy Pier. We'll plan to meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12, but you can get a \$2 discount from a Diet Pepsi can. Please sign up in the foyer.



Thank You!

A BIG thank you goes out to the teens and Cliff and Lori for the Valentine's Day dinner last Sunday!