



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Worthy! That's the theme of the Winterfest program this year. What a concept! Don't you just naturally drop your head in humility when you think of the gospel? How could we ever be worthy?

But Paul gives us some clear direction about how to conduct ourselves in a worthy manner. ²⁷ "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel," ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents...." **Philippians 1:27-28**

The first secret is to "stand firm in one spirit." When God looks at His church, nothing gives Him more joy than that His people are united in heart and in faith.

For that condition to prevail, there must be a unity from common focus on the word of God and hearts that are joined together through the love supplied by the Holy Spirit. If teachers are careful to hold up God's word rather than to speak their own thoughts, there will be a deeper power in their message.

In **Jeremiah 23**, God says that prophets who prophesy their "dreams" do not profit the people at all. He asks, "What has wheat in common with straw." God's word is wheat, it is hammered gold. God's spokesmen should

always make His word their text and theme.

But even when teachers fail and offer up their own imperfect ideas, when the hearts of the church are united in love in the Holy Spirit, there can still be a "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." No preacher or prophet is perfect in his walk and his message, but if the heart of the church is united in love, each will help the other to grow in God's grace.

A final blessing to note is that where there is unity, there will be no fear of opponents. The united power of a loving faithful church is a mighty defense against the

attacks of the enemy. Remember Jesus' words? "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

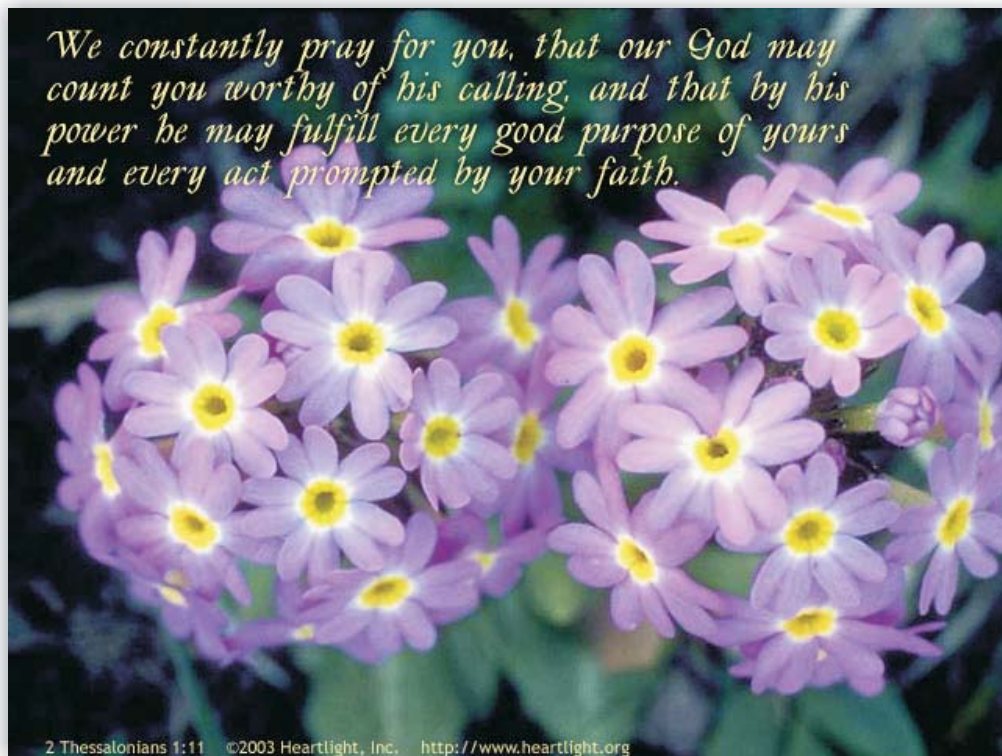
Fear is one of Satan's greatest weapons against the people of God. By nature, God's children are often kind and meek. They do not seek conflict or the use of power to gain their way. (A bad exception was Diotrefes in **3 John** who was a bully.) When the church is united in love and

in love, it is very difficult for a false teacher or enemy of the gospel to gain an advantage.

The worthiness we have of the gospel is entirely a gift of the Spirit when we walk in faith and love.

Pray that in our travels and time together in Tennessee, we will be worthy of your confidence and love.

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. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

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

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>

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Password: 6302312062

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

Don Brewster Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership

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.

Order of Worship

Welcome & Prayer Curt Robinson

Kids Connection Jon Miller

Praise Songs Jon Miller

#528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

#287 There Is a Redeemer

#514 Redeemed

#250 The Great Redeemer

Communion Don Brewster

#366 By Christ Redeemed

Communion

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Scripture Sermon

Invitation Song Jon Miller

#324 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jon Miller

#346 He Lives

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 22 Peter Drumheller

February 23 Bev Day

February 25 Jon Miller

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

February 22 Ladies Bible Class

February 24 Teen Parent Connection

February 25 Men's Prayer Breakfast

February 27 VBS Planning Meeting

February 27 Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!

February 27 Teen Gathering @ Boyd's

March 1 Ladies Bible Class

March 3 Food Pantry Delivery, TPC

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 49

Sunday Morning Worship 92

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 21

Contribution \$3,718.00

Nursery Workers Sandy Boyd, Missy Day

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Paul Mullins

Lost – A Blackberry charger was left in an outlet in the fellowship room. See Chuck or Sally if it belongs to you.

In Our Prayers...

Brad Fowler, Joan Lockett's nephew, has crohn's disease. He has had multiple surgeries and suffers with many health issues. Notes of encouragement can be sent to 376 Shannon Drive, South Gate Estate, Bloomington, Illinois 61704.

Wayne Harrison, a former member, had a heart attack and is in the hospital in Houston.

Klinton Wheeler is in the reserves and is going for training at the end of February. He is being sent to Afghanistan in June.

Winterfest: Alec Boyd, Alex Drumheller, Charlie & Rachel Hearn, Kaylie Ross, Emily Robinson and her two friends, Jackie Bangert and Sarah Clancy, along with Brian & Shannon Gifford, Ian & Christina Voigts and Chuck & Bobbye Miller are traveling home TODAY from Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where they attended Winterfest.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Herman Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Dachielle - Blake Mullins's friend

John Day

Joyce Duke - Bobbie Whitman's sister

Joyce Eakins's siblings

Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew

Josephine Haggerton

Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins - friend of Alec Boyd &

Rourke Mullins

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Myrna Levake

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and

the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Helen Plummer - Joan Avey and Cliff's mom

J.D. Potts - the father of Cyndi Perez

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart -

Bob Voigts's cousins

Ernie Stirrup - Kelly Ieler's dad

Joe Stone - a friend from RCC

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Katie Weishaar - Sally's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke - 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 & Family - Nigeria

Living Room Café - Chicago

Mission Lazarus - Honduras

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Students of Joe Voigts - China

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

Wednesday Ladies Class

The Wednesday Evening Ladies Class is studying a series of lessons on 1 & 2 Peter.

City of Children

Featured in Christian Chronicle, November, 2009, p. 12
www.cityofchildren.com



Ensenada, Mexico

Plans are being made for the 2011 Mission Trip to City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico. The City of Children has been in operation for almost 40 years and serves more than 100 children. It is located just 75 miles south of San Diego, California. The trip is a great economical mission experience and costs around \$850 per person, all-inclusive. If you are interested in going but need financial assistance, that can be arranged, too. Please contact Kenn Watson or Chuck Miller with any questions or if you would like to go.



Ryan Heather, West Chicago

**Building
a mission team
NOW for 2011!
June 11-17**

**Contact: Kenn Watson
630-776-0694
hydrakenn@gmail.com**



GROUPS Today!

Community Groups meet today! The elders want to encourage everyone to get involved in their Community Group. If you are visiting with us or have not yet been a part of a group and would like to join one, see Chuck or Don.

- **Get to know** your neighbors – those members who live the closest to you!
- **Keep up-to-date** on church activities, as well as, activities in which the youth of your group are involved.
- **Invite** your friends. What a great way to introduce them to your church family and to Jesus!

Vacation Bible School

There will be a meeting next Sunday, February 27, immediately following worship for anyone interested in helping with VBS. Let Cindy Drumheller know if you are interested in being involved – in any way, shape or form! A traditional VBS is tentatively scheduled for Monday - Thursday, June 20-23.

Youth Ministry

EDUCATION:

Teachers for February 6 - March 27

Sunday morning

Cradle roll: Bev Day/Becky Pedersen

Ages 3-4: Joan Avey

Grades K-2: Terri Bray

Grades 3-6: Christina Voigts

Teens: Brian Gifford/Jon Miller

Wednesday evening

Ages 0-4: Cyndi Perez

Grades K-6: Cindy Drumheller

Teens: Chuck Miller

Substitutes are needed for every class!

EDUCATION WISHING TREE:

In the hallway downstairs you will find our "Wishing Tree." Each leaf contains the picture and price of an item. To donate, write your name on the leaf and give Sally the appropriate funds and the item will be ordered. You may also take the leaf and purchase the item yourself. Give the item and leaf to Sally.

Directory!

A new edition of the church directory is in the works! Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for the directory that is posted. **Check your information, make any changes/corrections/additions and INITIAL.** If you do not like your photo or you do not have one included in the directory, please see one of the Hearn's to get your picture taken as soon as possible! Special appointments can be made to get your photo taken, if needed.



February 27 At the Boyds'

Interested in hosting a teen event – devotional, outing or service project? See Sandy Boyd!

Ladies Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9**, for this year's Ladies Retreat. If you would like to help in the planning, see Barb Voigts.

Kids Club

Kids Club is an after-school program for Turner Elementary School students which takes place on **Wednesdays from 2:45 - 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship room.** It is led by Christina Cortez and Rhonda Triplett assists her. Volunteers are always needed to help kids with homework, serve snacks, visit, etc. A Bible story is also an important part of their activities. If you have any questions call Christina at 630-440-0356.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection, an organization serving teen parents, meets Thursday evenings in our fellowship room. We provide and serve a meal for 15-20 people. Meals are needed for March, except for the 31st when they are on spring break. Please contact Sally if you can provide a meal or part of a meal. Monetary donations are welcome!

Shults-Lewis

Located in Valparaiso, **Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services** is a treatment program for struggling teens and their families. Following are ways you can get involved:

- **Prepare** a craft item to sell at Annual Day in September. See Lynette Root with any questions.
- **Golf** in their outings: May 13 and September 16.
- **Save** Campbell soup labels. There is a box on the table by the photo directory.
- **Bring** used printer cartridges. Place these at the end of the coat rack.

Daily Prayers

Copies of **Daily Prayers for Your Children** are available in the foyer. Feel free to take one for your family. Thanks to Bob & Betsy Jett for these wise words.

