



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Jerry Jones said it like this: "Until you've heard grace explained in such a way that it sounds too good to be true, you haven't heard it right." Too good to be true. But too true because it's from God.

I don't know what your experience is with grace. I don't know how deeply you have been mired in hopelessness and total despair. But whether you are a true veteran of the wars of sin or only a new recruit, you must take account of grace, and of the cost by which it comes.

Adam's act brought the penalty of death. "And death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam." (Rom. 5:14)

In other words, death became the rightful destiny of all Adam's children. But God, who is rich in mercy, would not leave us in that pitiful and powerless condition.

God devised a redemptive plan which would rescue us from death and make it possible for the fellowship which began in the beautiful garden to resume. But the simple truth of that redemption does not reflect the terrible centuries of sin and suffering and it does not begin to reflect the cost to God for such a redemption.

That the Father and Son would agree to crush the

heart of God and slaughter the innocent and perfect Jesus, to violate His sovereign nobility and to require Him to be sin, this is beyond the power of mortals to comprehend.

His perfect, obedient, and completely loving heart was dedicated to our salvation and the consequence to His own soul and the accommodation of Satan's ransom demand is of a nature to make us turn our

heads away overwhelmed and in confusion.

So, "because the sinless savior died, my sinful soul is counted free."

Because we live under grace, Law and sin have no more dominion over us.

We are those whose sins are not imputed to us.

We are the redeemed who have the right



to become children of God.

Our true expectation is eternal joy and relationship with God Almighty and the Holy Lamb.

All this is because of grace. God's completely generous gift, God's empowering Spirit dwelling within our hearts are true measures which define the boundaries of grace. And perhaps the only word, the best word, which suitably can be summoned to express it is "Amazing!"

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 - Jon Miller
- Announcements - Curt Robinson
- Singing
- Prayer - Bob Jett
- 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 - Rick Root

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 22 Peter Drumheller
 February 23 Bev Day
 February 25 Jon Miller
 February 27 Mike Mathews

Dates to Remember

February 19-22 Winterfest/Teens
 February 23 Career Networking @ Naperville
 February 27 Family Movie Night
 March 1 Small Groups
 March 5 Food Pantry Delivery
 March 7 Ronald McDonald House/Teens
 March 8 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 March 8 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 March 10 Flower & Garden Show @ Navy Pier
 March 12 Preachers Breakfast
 March 15 Small Groups
 March 18 Seniors Breakfast
 March 22 Sunday Night Light/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 73
 Sunday Morning Worship 123
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 30
 Contribution \$4,686.00

Small Group Fellowships

The next Small Group Fellowship is Sunday, March 1. 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.

Coming Soon!

Tom Doggett is hosting another Family Movie Night featuring the film **Fireproof**. Join us with your family this **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. Also, let Sally know if you would like an electronic version of the directory.

Ladies Class

The Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Class will begin lessons this week on how we got the Bible followed by an overview of the Bible. If you are interested in leading a class, please contact Joanne Johnson.

Thank You

Thank you for the love and support you have given us through your kind words, cards, and prayers during this time of loss for our family. We were especially strengthened by the thoughts of care and concern that Chuck delivered on your behalf at Dad's funeral.

Don's mother sends a very special thank you to all of you for caring so much for our family.

We are truly blessed to be part of this special church family.

Don, Theresa, Katherine & Donnie Lemley

Library

The library has been organized to some degree. There is a clipboard to sign out books on the honor system.

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Caitlin Mullins



Collection Counters

Steve Link, Rick Root



Youth & Family News

TEENS: 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.

Make sure you check the calendar for events coming up in March - two Sunday Night Lights and a Connection Point at North Park.

SENIORS: 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.

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 tomorrow **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.

Food Pantry Shop & Drop

Wondering where you're going to do with the case of salsa you bought at your local wholesale club? What about that "buy 1 get 1 free" sale for the 64 oz. bottle of ketchup? Are you buying large quantities of items to get a better deal but running out of room at home? **Bring it to the pantry!**

The pantry can always use:

Canned fruit, vegetables, tuna, & soup

Boxed dinners "Hamburger Helper"

Crackers, Cookies

Cereal, breakfast bars and "Pop-Tarts"

Condiments, pickles, olives, relishes

Salad dressings and croutons

Cake, brownie, muffin and cookie mixes and frosting

Laundry detergent, cleaning products, paper towel

Bath and personal hygiene items, toilet paper, diapers

