



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Sometimes on the road, we listen to the radio. There are many stations which broadcast Christian-related messages, lessons and sermons virtually non-stop. Probably at no time in history has the availability of hearing the word of God been more universally within reach of the masses of people.

Now, it's true that many of the messages conflict with one another. Many preachers and experts claim to have the correct understanding of scripture, in contrast to others who do not.

Some promise wealth and prosperity if only the listener will send a generous contribution of seed-money as a show of faith. Others use strong language to condemn the heresies of other media personalities.

Mixed in with crass appeals for quick money are some outstanding lessons on living powerful lives for God. There are rich insights into scripture and helpful suggestions for growing deeper in the word. Marriage counsel is offered which reflects the

wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In short, the Christian radio waves include the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.

It was just so in Jesus' day.

As the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims made their way to the city of Jerusalem for annual high feast days, there were all sorts of charlatans trying to take advantage of the sincere hearts seeking to honor God.

At the temple, Jesus was cut to the heart so that He drove the crooks from their stalls and turned over their money tables.

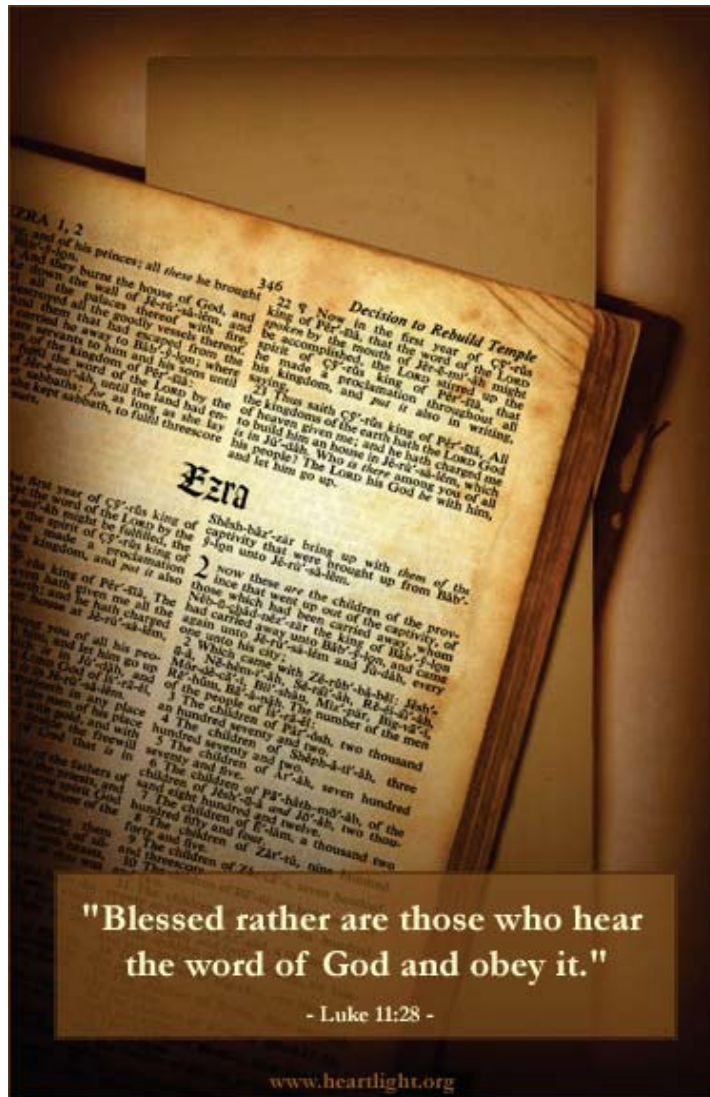
The chaos then was no less than today.

How then did, do we, hear the voice of God in all the shouting and clamor?

Jesus, ever the voice of sanity, clarity and calm amid the noise, said simply, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

The Holy Spirit is searching hearts. He knows who hears the Master's voice. He calls them to the places where they can be taught, and in the Word, their spirits join with Him to know the truth that makes them free.

Listen. He is still to be found in the Word. If we obey what we read.



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 *Jay Hearn*
 Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*
 Praise Songs *Rick Root*
 #100 *Holy Ground*
 #167 *Hosanna*
 #447 *The Greatest Commands*
 #469 *Faith is the Victory*
 #364 *Come Share the Lord*
 Communion Message *Dewayne Smith*
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #905 *Yield Not to Temptation*
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 #77 *Glorify Thy Name*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 25 Jon Miller

Dates to Remember

TODAY Praise Sunday!
 February 25 Teen Parent Connection
 February 26 Tuesday Ladies Class
 February 27 Wednesday Evening Bible Classes
 March 1 Mens Prayer & Pancakes
 March 3 Community Groups
 March 4 Teen Parent Connection
 March 5 Tuesday Ladies Class
 March 6 Wednesday Evening Bible Classes
 March 7 Food Pantry Delivery

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 35
 Sunday Morning Worship 68
 Contribution \$18,704.75

Nursery Workers

Sandy Boyd, Jamie Miller



Collection Counters

Paul Mullins, Rick Root



In Our Prayers...

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

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

Kathy, a friend of Dana Howard's, has cancer. Also, continue to pray for **Sylvia Atten, Waseem James and her aunt, Pat Johnson**. Dana's cousin, **Keri Johnson**, is having tests for chest pain.

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

Sharon Weissing, a friend of Tom & Nancy Doggett, is in a rehab center. She fell and is having memory issues.

Freda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother, is home and under hospice care.

Roger Wood, friend of the Miller's, passed away on Saturday. Roger was Business Manager for Shults-Lewis for many years, and he succeeded Chuck as Director at Potter Children's Home in Kentucky. He and his wife Brenda were dedicated to the care of children.

Bob York is in hospice care in Barrington.

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

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 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 – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

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

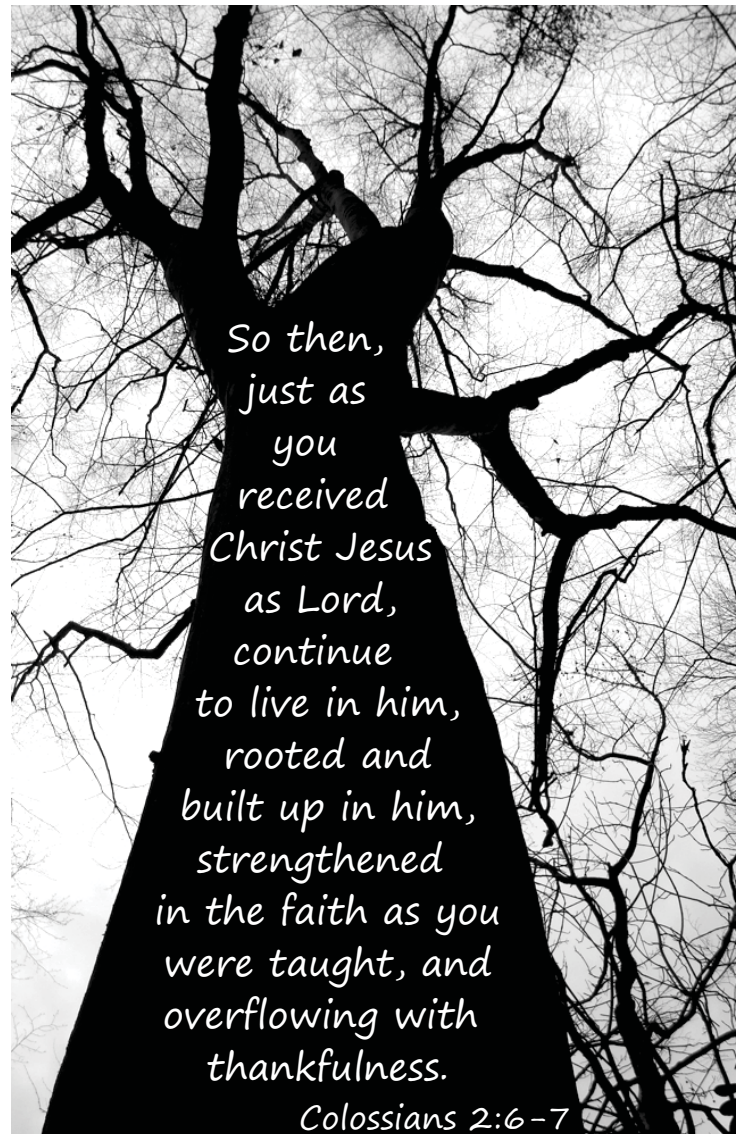
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria





Today is Praise Sunday!

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Leadership meeting

6:00 p.m. Worship/Singing/Finger-food/dessert fellowship

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.


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.

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. Please see Don if you would like paper copies of the hand-outs.

Reading Dates	Scriptures	Title, Theme
2/13 - 2/20	Acts 5-6:7	Trouble Within & Without
2/20 - 2/27	Acts 6:8-8:1a	Martyrdom of Stephen
2/27 - 3/6	Acts 8:1b-9:31	Preaching, Persecution and Conversion of Saul

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.

...FAITH

is being
sure of what
we hope
for and
certain
of
what
we
do not
see.

Hebrews
11:1

