



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Our trip to Gatlinburg was a joy! We joined voices with about 6500 teens and sponsors (in our early sessions; about 13,000 total) in praise to God. We heard challenging messages and saw inspiring examples of faith. We were reminded of the importance of reaching across generations to worship the eternal God.

Our adult sponsors were just outstanding in their leadership and service. Brian and Shannon Gifford, and Ian and Christina Voigts led the trip. Our teens included Alec Boyd, Alex Drumheller, Charlie and Rachel Hearn, Emily Robinson, and Kaylie Ross. Emily's friends Sarah and Jackie also went with us. (Good job, Emily!) Bobbye and I also made the trip.

Jeff Walling, James Waugh, Jeff Vines and Mike Cope were featured speakers. Entertainment included the comedian Michael Jr. and the improv group 3-2-1.

Jeff Walling and his son did a presentation which reminded us that worship can look very different across generational lines. Jeff Vines had an amazing story about an ambush dinner in which he was called

on to defend Christian faith to a room full of skeptics. He did a powerful job! (His book, *Dinner with Skeptics*, is recommended.)

James Waugh gave us a lesson on perspective from the God who created, upholds, and fills the universe. The highlight was a prayer victory of two baby girls who were diagnosed with severe, irreversible brain damage. They walked out on stage as healthy 3-year-olds. The recovery was in a week's time!

Mike Cope shared from the pain of his own life story in the death of his 10-year-old daughter and in the near death of his teenage son in an accident coming home from Winterfest a few years ago.

The group took a hike during free time on Saturday. (Bobbye and I went to the outlet mall.) One of the highlights for me was the devotional on Saturday evening after the large group session. It was a blessing to hear our group sing together and to hear them share spiritual struggles and insights.

I want to encourage you to get involved in the activities of our teen group and in the teaching program which Cindy Drumheller has put together for us. Our young people are our greatest treasure.

Chuck Miller



2011 Winterfest Group (Alec Boyd, not pictured)

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>

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:

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 Don Brewster
 Kids Connection Brian Gifford
 Readers Donnie Lemley & Daniel Triplett
 Praise Songs Rick Root
 John 14:25-27 Donnie Lemley
 #477 There Is A Place of Quiet Rest
 Philippians 4:4-7 Daniel Triplett
 #479 Peace, Perfect Peace
 Ephesians 2:14-18 Donnie Lemley
 #961 Balm in Gilead
 Colossians 1:15-20 Daniel Triplett
 #490 It is Well With My Soul
 Communion Bob Jett
 #364 Come Share the Lord Rick Root
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 Invitation Song Rick Root
 #909 There's a Fountain Free
 Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts
 Closing Song Rick Root
 #227 On Zion's Glorious Summit Stood

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 3 Paul & Molly Mullins (anv.)
 March 5 Taylor Dean

Dates to Remember

TODAY VBS Planning Meeting
 TODAY Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!
 March 1 Ladies Bible Class
 March 3 Food Pantry Delivery, TPC
 March 4 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 March 6 Community Groups
 March 8 Ladies Bible Class
 March 10 Teen Parent Connection
 March 11 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 March 14 Living Room Cafe

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 28
 Sunday Morning Worship 61
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 26
 Contribution \$1,771.00

Nursery Workers Lynette & Shelby Root

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...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, continues to do well since his kidney transplant.

Jean Day, John's mother, passed away last Sunday morning from a massive heart attack.

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.

Josephine Haggerton has been feeling weak the last week or so. The doctor said she is fighting a virus.

Cleta Watson is walking around with a cane now after her lengthy recuperation from a broken hip.

Freeda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother, fell this week and got some bumps and scrapes. We are thankful that she didn't break any bones.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

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

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, due the end of March

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 Klinton Wheeler - in training, going to Afghanistan in June

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.

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class is beginning a study on Ephesians and Colossians on March 8. See Sally if you would like to order the book.

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.



Contact
Kenn by
April 15th!

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

Contact: Kenn Watson
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Ryan Heather, West Chicago



Today is Praise Sunday!
 9:30 a.m. Bible classes
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 12:00 noon VBS Meeting
 (see below)
 4:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Worship/Song Service
 Finger-food/Dessert
 Fellowship

Vacation Bible School

There will be a brief meeting immediately following worship this morning at the front of the auditorium for anyone interested in helping with VBS. A traditional VBS is 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.

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. Please contact Sally if you can provide a meal or part of a meal. Monetary donations are also welcome!



Boyd's teen event will be rescheduled. TBA

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

Food Pantry Delivery

This **Thursday, March 3**, we will receive our delivery from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. We need volunteers to carry boxes of food down to the pantry, stock the shelves and tear down boxes. **We will start working at 10:00 a.m.**

Ladies Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 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.

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.

Teen blog & Twitter

There is a new blog for our Wednesday night teen class. We encourage teens to log on and participate. The address is www.wcteens.wordpress.com. The Twitter account is also wcteens. We're trying to learn how to use connectivity to make our Wednesday study more widely available. We will also use ooVoo. If you have a webcam, join ooVoo (it's free) and send us your login info. We also need all email addresses. See you online!