



West Chicago Church of Christ

Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

The Christian experience is not just a ride, it's a race. It must be run. We must strive against the resistance of our own bodies and the world in which we live. We have to shake off the sin which constantly tries to entangle us. We have to run with perseverance.

It's easy to neglect the emphasis of heroic effort because it can sound so much like salvation by our own effort. Of course, that's not true. But God has always required that His people have "skin in the game."

When Moses battled the Amalekites, his hands had to be in the air. Doesn't sound like much contribution, does it? It wasn't much contribution. But without that posture, the battle went very differently. Those soldiers were very grateful Moses did his part.

When David faced Goliath, he had to finish the job. There were stones to choose, and there was natural fear to overcome. But David had to choose the stones, he had to aim and fire. The massive giant had to be beheaded and there were lots of fleeing Philistines to catch and kill.

God's work? Of course, but David had a part to play.

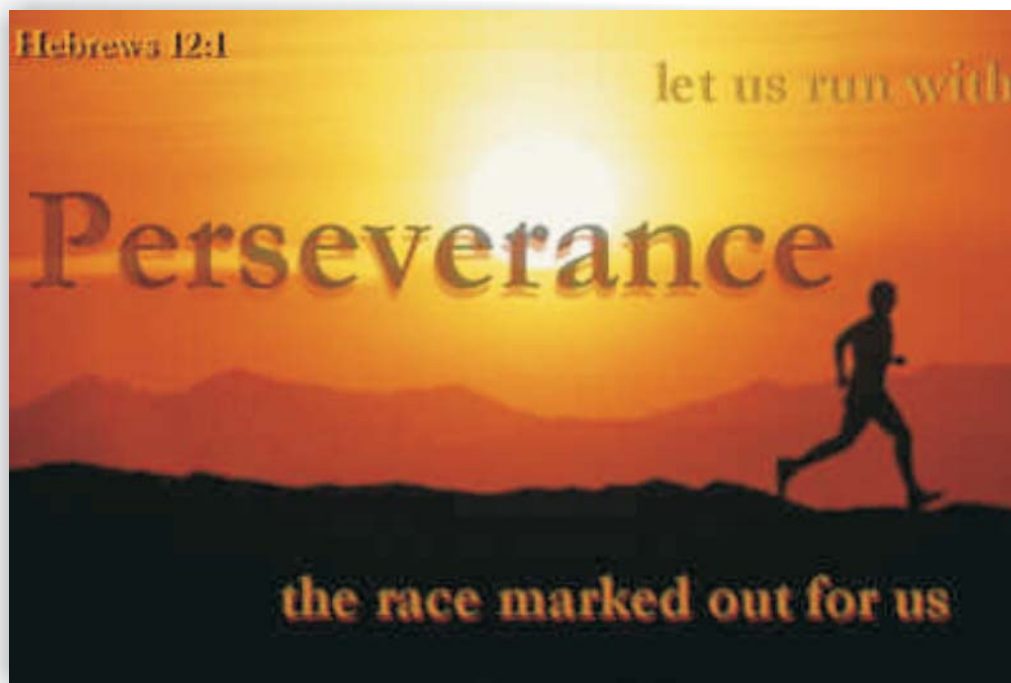
And so it goes. From the days of Noah's building of the ark to our time of daily faithfulness, we have to be in the process of subduing our flesh and presenting ourselves as living sacrifices.

One of the clear messages to the just-converted Saul was that he was to suffer much for the Name he had so recently persecuted. His glory, influence, and integral role in the breaking out of the Holy Spirit's mighty plan for the church were all well and good. But still, he had to suffer. In fact, it was that same Paul who reminded us that he had to daily discipline his own body lest he fail in his calling (1 Cor. 9:27).

So, there is a race to be run,

There is discipline and effort and striving to encounter.

But the guarantee of success is the grace and purposes of God. It is because of His sovereign, irresistible rule over time and history that we cannot fail. In fact, our only chance of defeat is not to run the race. To run is to win.



²⁶"I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air..." **1 Corinthians 9:24-26**
Run, with perseverance.

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>

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 Curt Robinson

Praise Songs Tim Boyd

Worship Medley:

There is a Redeemer - I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Redeemed - Holy, Holy, Holy - Christ We do All Adore Thee

O Sacred Head - There is a Redeemer

Communion Kyle Wheeler

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Kids Connection Brian Gifford

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Tim Boyd

#944 *What Will it Be?*

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Tim Boyd

#230 *Worthy Art Thou (1st stanza only)*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 3 Paul & Molly Mullins (anv.)

March 5 Taylor Dean

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

March 8 Ladies Bible Class

March 10 Teen Parent Connection

March 11 Mens Prayer Breakfast

March 13 Community Groups

March 14 Living Room Café

March 15 Ladies Bible Class

March 16 Seniors Breakfast

March 17 Teen Parent Connection

March 18 Mens Prayer Breakfast

March 20 Community Groups

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 61

Sunday Morning Worship 86

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 26

Contribution \$4,542.96

Nursery Workers Betsy Jeff, Kim Sitler

Collection Counters Scott Drumheller, Rick Root

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...

Jean Day, John's mother, passed away a week ago.

Bob Flenar, Sally Hearn's uncle, has cancer and is under hospice care. We praise God that he was baptized recently.

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

Katie Weishaar, Sally Hearn's niece, is due to have her baby at the end of March. She is having issues with high blood pressure

Freeda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother, is struggling with health issues.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman

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

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey - Al's son

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

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.



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

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



Ryan Heather, West Chicago

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to 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

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday - Thursday, June 20-23. Our theme this year is **God's Creation**. Please see Cindy Drumheller if you would like to lead registration or publicity or assist with decorations or food.

Youth Ministry

Sunday morning teachers:

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 teachers

Ages 0-4: Cyndi Perez

Grades K-6: Cindy Drumheller

Teens: Chuck Miller

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!

Ladies Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 9, from 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.** for this year's Ladies Retreat. Our theme is, **Do you know who I am?** and our guest speaker is Emily Gray. Flyers are available this morning. Make sure you get the one with your name and then feel free to take extra (those without names) to use to invite your family, friends and neighbors. Any questions, 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!