



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Have you ever thought about how blessed you are to live in a land of law? And especially, as a child of God, do you remember to thank God for the blessing of His revealed word which gives us instruction in the way we should behave, insight into how we should live, and a means of confidence in intimate love with our Father?

Moses expressed his gratitude to God in the statement from **Deut. 4:8**: "What other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees as this body of laws I am setting before you today?"

Moses, who saw the tablets of law written literally by the finger of God, had deep appreciation for the holiness and blessing of the law.

Many have reflected on the beauty, power and benefit of the law as revealed to Moses. John Calvin postulated three purposes or functions of the law: First, it is a mirror to reflect God's righteousness and the sinfulness of man. Second, he said, it is a restraint of evil. Laws help to keep people in check. And third, the law is a model for the good works which we should be fulfilling.

Those are pretty good insights.

Our rebellious nature makes us tend to think in a negative way about rules and guidelines for our

behavior. We like the idea of doing as we please. But when we remember that God knows how to guard us from the snares of our enemy, and when we realize that the word of God is the light for our path, we ought to have a high view of it.

In the New Testament, Paul talks this way about the wonderful word of God: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)**

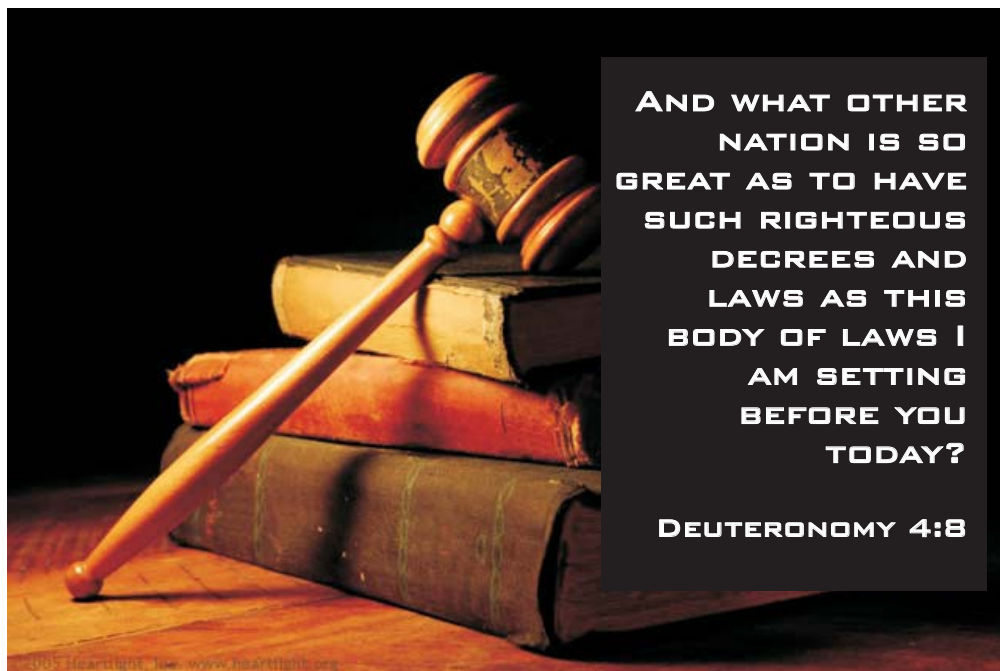
"God breathed." That's quite a description, isn't it!

How helpful for us to think of God's laws and instructions as providing life support, as giving us resuscitation after we have come close to expiring from lack of the oxygen we need to live.

If we cherish the word of God, its laws, its insights and teachings, we will be truly a blessed people.

In the early days of their existence as a nation, Israel came to delight and take pride in the fact that their God had come down to them and had written for them a code of life and a reflection of His very holiness for them to behold.

In these latter days, the law and will of God have been revealed to us in His Son who is the express image of God in us. He is our law and salvation.



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. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is 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 to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. 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 - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Paul Mullins
- Singing
- Prayer - Kyle Wheller
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - John Johnson
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Jon Miller

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 9 Don Lemley
 March 10 Bev Livermore
 March 13 Carson Boyd
 March 14 Emily Robinson
 March 15 Jay Hearn, Shelby Root

Dates to Remember

March 9 Ladies Scrapbooking
 March 9 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 March 11 VBS Planning Meeting
 March 13 Preachers Breakfast
 March 14 Flower & Garden Show
 March 16 Small Groups
 March 19 Seniors Breakfast
 March 19 Mission Alive Visit
 March 23 Easter
 March 28 Friday FUN Night
 March 29 Ladies Day Out/Quilting
 March 30 Sunday Night Light/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 92
 Sunday Morning Worship 140
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 28
 Contribution \$12,913.43

In Our Prayers...

Leona Boston, Lynette Root's aunt, suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago. She is struggling and is very agitated.

Bob Czernik, Chris's husband, is experiencing many complications due to cancer.

Doug Dorsey, Al's son, is having lung problems due to mold or asbestos.

Janice Gard, the sister of Sally Hearn's brother-in-law, has pancreatic cancer. The prognosis is very bad.

Josephine Haggerton is having problems with her back. She will also have a repeat CT scan in April. Pray for negative results.

Kelly Ieler had the flu and strep throat last weekend. She is doing better.

Cyndi Perez's sister-in-law, Christine, is recuperating from a job-related accident. She lives in Mexico and the company is beginning to help her financially.

Jim Whitman is recuperating from pneumonia.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother
 Andrea Bailey – a former member from California
 Irene Barnes – Lynette Root's aunt
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents
 Lisa Beverly – Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS
 Bonnie Bingham
 Jim Brannon – Pat Brewster's brother-in-law
 Mary Brent – Joe Kirts' sister
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 John Day
 Lisa DeVaney – Marie Hayes' daughter
 Al Dorsey
 Chad Englebach – Marie Hayes' grandson
 Amy Ferguson – a former member from Montana
 Jean Gray – Linda Vantreese's sister
 Elizabeth Griffin
 Sarah Hayden & family – Maria Zeisler's relative
 Mary Henkel – Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Amy Kalupski – sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend
 Joe and Star Kuhnle – Chuck & Bobbye's foster son
 Sue Lake – Marion's sister-in-law
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother
 Steve Link
 Jack Lockett – the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,
 Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett – Joan's son
 Laura Mahan – Shirley Rucker's daughter
 Steve & Melissa Massie family
 Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's niece
 Tim Miller
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of
 Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Melinda Poff – the sister of Jason Willis
 Neal & Pat Ronzheimer

Fintan Schiltz – the infant son of the Hearn's neighbors
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitrler
 Margo Smetana – infant daughter of Steve Link's friend
 Bruce Snyder – Bob Voigts cousin
 Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousin
 Ollie Taylor – the niece of Lynette Root's friend
 Linda Vantreese
 Bob Voigts
 Eudie Voigts – Bob's mother
 Jim & Jamie Winner
 Jeremy Whitman
 Rick & Gina Zamora

Mothers-to-be:

Renell Johnston – former member
 Erin Livermore – Craig & Bev's daughter-in-law –
 due this week

Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings – Justin Avey's employee
 Dustin Meritt – Justin Avey's employee
 Chris & Jennifer Roberts – Cathleen Longfellow's
 sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16
 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter
 Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of
 Lori Plummer's
 David Teel – Justin Avey's employee

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown – Honduras
 (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)
 Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria
 Dry Bones Ministry – homeless teens in Denver, CO
 Juan & Roxanna Flores – Honduras
 Leonardo Ken & family – Honduras
 Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango
 – Brazil
 Makinde Olufemi – Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan
 Joe Voigts – China – also pray for the churches and all
 the new Christians

Nursery Workers

Carrie Drumheller or Lynette Root



Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



Please Note:

The March calendar that was distributed last Sunday is missing the last day of the month – March 31st. There are no events, birthdays or anniversaries on that day.

Wednesday Ladies Class

The book reviews continue the next several weeks with the following:

March 12 Power of the Praying Women/Wife/Parent
 March 19-26 Ultimate Book Review: Survey of the Bible
 The atmosphere is casual and refreshments are served.



Baptism!

We are so happy to announce that **Margaret Henkel**, the daughter of Mike & Lisa, was baptized last Sunday morning. Her siblings are Daniel, Elizabeth & Catherine. May God richly bless our young sister in Christ!

Mission Trip Meeting

This morning, immediately following worship, there will be a 30-minute meeting for those planning to go to Honduras this summer. The dates for the trip are set at August 2-10 (leaving Saturday and returning Sunday). Emily Gray has information from Jarrod Brown about what he needs for the team to do and a work/meeting schedule will be set for now to when we leave.

There will also be a Mission Committee meeting at 4:30 at the building.

New Baby!

Robert William Livermore was born to **Rob and Erin** by C Section on March 6th. He was 7lbs. 9oz., 20" long. Congratulations to Bev and Craig!

Chicago Celebration for Women

Plans are underway for the next **Chicago Celebration, October 25 - 26, 2008**. We are inviting our Christian women to utilize some of the convention space which will be available to have a special women's event at Chicago Celebration 2008. We believe that Christian women are the heart and soul of the Lord's church. For more information pick up a flyer in the foyer or check the bulletin board. **Please reply to Chuck Miller, miller.chuck@comcast.net, by NEXT Saturday, March 15, if you are interested.**

VBS

Would you like to help plan this year's Vacation Bible School program? We're having an "early planning" meeting on **Tuesday, March 11, at 1:00 p.m.** here at the building (note time change). Please see Cliff if you'd like to attend. (This year's VBS program is tentatively scheduled week of June 22.)

Food Pantry

The food pantry could really use cereal, such as Cherrios, Life, Rice Krispies, etc. Place your donations in the bin under the table by the restrooms. Thank you!

Also, we were really blessed this month when we received the food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank on Thursday. Cyndi Perez brought some of her students and their assistants to the building and they



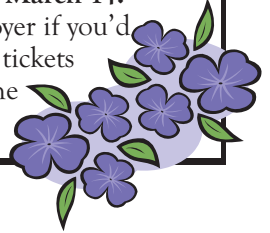
Youth & Family News

TEENS: We have a **Sunday Night, Light** tonight at Jon & Jamie's after evening worship. Carson is leading our devotional. Guys bring pop; girls bring veggies or dessert.

Cliff is considering a trip to Oklahoma Christian University **March 27-29**. See him TODAY if you're interested.

SENIORS: Join us for a trip to the **Chicago Flower and Garden Show** this **Friday, March 14**.

Sign-up TODAY on the sheet in the foyer if you'd like to go because Cliff needs to order tickets (\$12 each) in advance. We'll meet at the building at 8:30 on Friday.



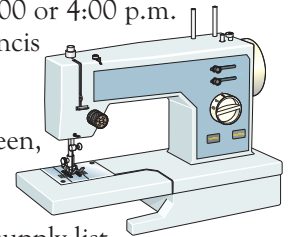
Scrapbooking Today

Some of the ladies and girls will be scrapbooking this afternoon in the fellowship room. See Barb Voigts with any questions.

Ladies Day Out – Quilting

Francis Shearer is hosting a **Quilting Party** on **Saturday, March 29**, in the fellowship room. It will start at 10:00 a.m. and will finish around 3:00 or 4:00 p.m.

Bring a salad to share for lunch. Francis is putting kits together, so PLEASE sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer to make a color choice (red, green, brown, etc.). Also, let her know if you really dislike floral prints. After you sign up, Frances will give you a supply list.



Friday Fun Night

A Friday Fun Night is on the calendar for **Friday, March 28th**, but we need someone to organize an activity. These are great opportunities for adults and kids to have fun and fellowship with one another, and they don't have to take a lot of time to prepare. Please talk to Lori or Cliff if you can help.

Blood Drive

The Heartland Blood Center is interested



in holding a blood drive at our address. We must have at least 20 people guaranteed to give blood for them to bring their mobile unit and at least 25 people to have it in the church building. Please sign up in the foyer and mark the areas which refer to you – whether as able to give blood or as a volunteer. Also, please refer to the information posted to find out if you are eligible to give blood. See Sally Hearn with any questions.