



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

Some diners in a Cincinnati seafood restaurant got a special thrill on Friday. Their restaurant broke away from the mooring and began to float down the flooded Ohio River. Thankfully, all the diners were rescued safely. Still, they got more thrill than they bargained for!

The writer of Hebrews warns about drifting. "Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?"

**Hebrews  
2:1-3**

Drifting is a powerful strategy of our enemy in taking us off our aim and tempting us to blend the lies of the world with the truth of God. It's a simple plan.

We just take our focus off the target, and first thing we know, we are looking in the wrong direction.

We forget that we are at war. Especially for us in America, we have so much to enjoy. We read about war, and we hear of fiery trials, but our life is pretty

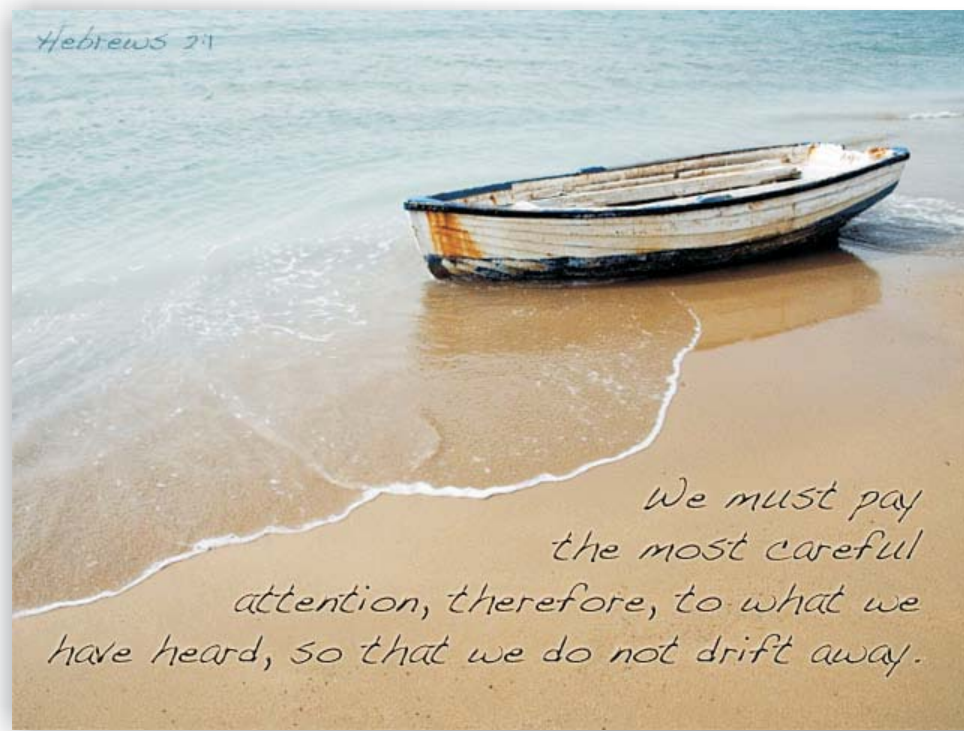
much a very good experience. So we drift. We lose the sense of urgency which can so prepare us for trials which lie ahead.

The emphasis of Jesus to His disciples was "watch." He warned them not to speculate about the date of the destruction of the temple or the time of the second coming. "Just be watchful," was His teaching.

Or you remember the story of the five wise and five foolish virgins. Those who were foolish forgot the importance of watchfulness. They drifted until they had run out of oil and were not in the place of readiness when the bridegroom came.

It has been a long time, by human standards, since

Jesus walked among us, since He established His church and gave us our marching orders to tell the world. But to Him, time is not a significant factor to consider. Instead, His perspective is simply the working out of the eternal plan. When "the fulness of time" has come, the Lord Jesus will return in the clouds.



Every eye will see Him.

On that day, we want to be certain we have not drifted from the call and the purposes of God.

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 . . . . . Jay Hearn

#522 O God our Help in Ages Past

#900 The Sands of Time

#853 Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus

#613 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

#890 In the Land of Fadeless Day

Communion . . . . . Ian Voigts

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller

Invitation Song . . . . . Jay Hearn

#948 I am Resolved

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer . . . . Bob Voigts

Closing Song . . . . . Jay Hearn

#712 Jesus is Coming Soon

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 13 . . . . . Carson Boyd

March 14 . . . . . Emily Robinson

March 15 . . . . . Jay Hearn, Shelby Root

March 16 . . . . . Maryssa Dean

March 17 . . . . . Darrell Vaden

March 19 . . . . . Pat Brewster

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . 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

March 22 . . . . . Ladies Bible Class

March 24 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection

March 27 . . . . . Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 65

Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 87

Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 21

Contribution . . . . . \$2,464.20

Nursery Workers . . Carrie Drumheller, Becky Pedersen

Collection Counters . . . . Scott Drumheller, Rick Root

## In Our Prayers...

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

**Sachiyo Koester, Julie Dean's sister-in-law**, has family, including her parents, in Japan. Pray for their safety.

**Bob Flenar, Sally Hearn's uncle**, passed away this week. We praise God that he was baptized recently.

**Lynette's niece, Jessica**, has tonsillitis and high fever.

**Tammy Ross** was in the hospital this week for tests.

**Emma Turner**, daughter of Kenn's coworker is 3. She had a bad fall and a broken leg.

**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

### 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 this week. Books are on the bulletin table in the foyer.

# 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.



Ryan Heather, West Chicago

Contact  
Kenn by  
April 15th!

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

Contact: Kenn Watson  
630-776-0694  
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## Baptisms!

We are so thrilled that some of our young people have chosen to put on Christ in baptism the last several weeks. **Winter Ann Massie** was baptized by her father, Steve. Her mother is Melissa. **Taylor Dean** (pictured) was baptized last Sunday. His mother is Julie and his siblings are Nathan, Cory and Maryssa. Blessings to everyone!



## 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.

## 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.



## Campbell Soup Labels

Campbell Soup Labels are being collected for Shults-Lewis. It is very important that the correct part of the label is brought. On the back of the label there is a "Labels for Education" portion that includes a bar-code within a dotted-line box. That is the most important section to save.

## 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. **Meals are needed beginning in April.** Please contact Sally if you can provide a meal or part of a meal. Monetary donations are also welcome!



## Host a Gathering!

**Interested in** hosting a teen event - devotional, outing or service project? Tom & Nancy Doggett hosted a movie night a few months ago and Tim & Sandy Boyd got them together for lunch after church last Sunday. Please see Sandy Boyd if you would like to host a "Gathering" - we have ideas, too!

## Teen blog & Twitter

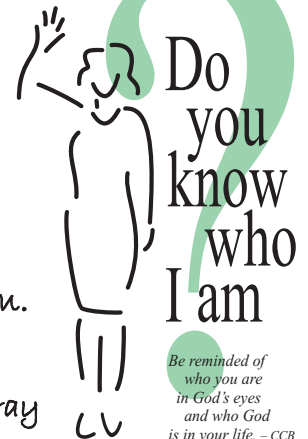
There is a new blog for our Wednesday night teen class. We encourage teens to log on and participate. The address is [www.wcteens.wordpress.com](http://www.wcteens.wordpress.com). The Twitter account is also wcteens. We're trying to learn how to use connectivity to make our Wednesday study more widely 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! Any login questions can be directed to Chuck.

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April 9, 2011

8:52 a.m. to 3:09 p.m.  
Fellowship Room

Guest Speaker: Emily Gray



Ladies  
Retreat



All ladies are invited to this year's Ladies Retreat. Registration forms will be distributed next week. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please contact one of the committee members: Joan Avey, Sandy Boyd, Shannon Gifford, Sally Hearn, Betsy Jett, Molly Mullins, Frances Shearer, Marilyn Smith, Rhonda Triplett, Barb and Christina Voigts.

**Be sure to invite their family, friends & neighbors!**