



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

The beauty of our young people in worship is something I never tire of seeing, especially at camp.. I remember, from age 12 (in a different camp), how the world changes there. Under beautiful trees, with the river and the night sky, God seems very near and there is a peace which is very special. We sing songs of worship, of hope, of determination to finish the course we have begun.

Then, session after session, year after year, we return to a world not in tune with such thoughts. Some get discouraged and think the escapism we pursue is not real. But from my own vantage point of over 50 years experience, I have come to believe very certainly that the times we hold to each other in love and worship are in fact the only things about this life that are, in fact, totally real.

Those teens who worship so well are not living in ivory towers. Some attend schools where gang violence routinely takes lives. Some are mistreated and abused. Almost all know the pressure from friends who reject holiness, worship and God.

Last week, some of our beautiful young people faced

some hard things. Kavan Elwood lost his dad to cancer. His heart was broken and he reached out to his friends from RCC. They reached back. One who felt very intensely the pain of his friend was Dane Potts. His pain for Kavan took him to a sad place. Unfortunately, he didn't make it back, this time.

So Dane is gone. His quiet, gentle soul made it easy to feel his unique ability to create a sense of peace and love. But inwardly, he didn't have it so easy. We loved Dane from

when his Aunt Cyndi would bring him to help with the food drives. I always looked forward to his visits because I nearly always got a hug from his strong arms.

Dane was just short of his 20th birthday. He didn't have time to accomplish the things he might have, but he did accomplish the most important of all tasks of the earth: he accepted Jesus as Lord. He was baptized at

camp during the Columbus Day Retreat in 2008.

He was part of our community, part of our hearts. I know that many of our teens have a special heartache because of the loss of this sweet friend.

We look forward to our next vision of him. He will always be fixed in our minds in the beauty of his youth.

I am grateful that Jesus arranged for Dane to know us and to come to know Him. I'm grateful for all the ways Cyndi showed how much she loved him and how proud she was of him.

Rest in peace, sweet friend.



Dane Potts with Ashley at RCC, 2009

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 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 fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

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 in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow 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 Bob Jett
 Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

Our Deacons are:

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

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 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 Chuck Miller
 Singing Jay Hearn
 #121 Cone Let us all Unite to Sing
 #134 The Lord's My Shepherd
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Kyle Wheeler
 #800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 #791 On Bended Knee
 Prayer Scott Drumheller
 Lord's Supper Bob Jett
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Kyle Wheeler
 #1025 God of our Fathers
 Closing Prayer Mike Henkel

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 14 Emily Robinson
 March 15 Jay Hearn, Shelby Root
 March 17 Darrell Vaden
 March 19 Pat Brewster

Dates to Remember

Tonight Sunday Night Light/Teens
 March 17 Seniors Breakfast
 March 18 Teen Parent Connection
 March 19 Men's Bible Study
 March 21 Small Groups
 March 25 Teen Parent Connection
 March 26 Men's Bible Study
 March 28 Sunday Night Light/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 55
 Sunday Morning Worship 91
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 33
 Contribution \$3,573.75

Nursery Workers Theresa Link, Kim Sitler

Collection Counters . . Paul Mullins, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Loss of loved ones:

Dane Potts, Cyndi Perez's nephew, passed away Wednesday night. The funeral is at 2:00 pm today at the Maple Park American Legion, 203 Main St., Maple Park.

Chris Czernik's friend had her newborn grandson pass away. The mother's name is Alyssa.

Those with health issues:

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, will be having a kidney transplant. Donors are being tested.

Phyllis Cissne, Cindy Drumheller's mother, is having outpatient surgery to relieve pain in her spine due to arthritis on March 15. She is 86 years old.

Nana Lake's future mother-in-law is having surgery.

Henry & Candra Phillips are waiting to see if their foster daughter, **Lina**, needs heart surgery.

Dee & Barbara Phipps, Stacey Hearn's parents, are both suffering with health issues. Dee is very weak from being in the hospital for over a month. Barbara has just been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Susie, a young woman from Guatemala, obtained a visa to come to the U.S. due to a high-risk pregnancy. She is in Nashville with friends of the Millers, Russ & Donna King.

Bob Voigts had orthoscopic knee surgery on Friday. He is doing well, but will be on crutches for four weeks.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

John Day

Al Dorsey & his son, Doug

Joyce Eakins, her brother, Hubert and

her two sisters, Eunice and Frances

Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew

Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Bobby Miller

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of

Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Tammy Urso - Dan & Linda Vantreese's daughter

Rob & Eryn and Ben & Kristin Livermore -

Craig & Bev's sons

Armed forces:

James Bartels - the son of Lynette Root's friend - in Iraq

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew - Baghdad

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan

Jeremy Riley - great-great-nephew of Josephine

Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of

Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Chris Yauch - the husband of Wendell & Margaret Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

Jonathon Young - a former member is a Warrant

Officer in the army and plans to fly helicopters.

He's in Alabama, at Fort Rucker.

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts - China

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan



The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

Habakkuk 3:19

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Small Group Fellowships

Upcoming Small Group Fellowship dates are: March 21, and April 18. There will be no evening worship at the building on Small Group Sundays.

However, the Small Group led by Dewayne Smith meets at the building at 5:30 p.m. Our Small Group Fellowships will conclude Sunday, May 2, with a potluck.

Honduras Meeting

A Honduras Mission Team Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, at 5:00 p.m. here at the building. See Chuck if you have any questions.

National Teachers Workshop

Sheldon Heights Church of Christ is holding their National Teachers Workshop from Thursday, April 22, through Saturday, April 24, at the Hilton - Northbrook. Advanced registration is \$75 per person. If you would like more information a flyer is posted in foyer or you may send an e-mail to nationalteachersworkshop@gmail.com or call 773-568-2929.

Needs for Community

A family from our community needs baby wipes, size 6 diapers and size 4T/5T pull ups. Donations may be placed by the table by the restrooms.

Living Room Cafe

We are scheduled to go the Living Room Café the second MONDAY of every month through the end of the year. If you've wanted to help, but haven't been able to participate, check your calendar and make plans to join us! An April sign-up sheet is also available in the foyer.

Wednesday Ladies Class

The Ladies Bible Class is going through a series of lessons on the Holy Spirit. If you have any questions or would like to lead a class, please see Joanne Johnson.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meets here on Thursday evenings. If you can assist preparing a meal or help with childcare, see Molly Mullins. Monetary donations are also welcome. Their website is: www.teenparentconnection.org.

Men's Bible Study & Coffee

The Men's Bible Study, hosted by Bob Voigts and Kenn Watson, meets Fridays from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building. They are studying the prayers of Jesus.

TEENS: There is a Sunday Night Light tonight at Brian & Shannon Gifford's home, 760 Newberry Drive, in Batavia. See Cliff if you would like a map.

Harding University is hosting dinner and a Cubs game on Tuesday night, April 27th. All you can eat pizza begins at 5:45, the game starts at 7:05. Tickets are just \$10 and must be ordered soon! See Cliff if you're interested.

PARENTS & ADULTS: We need families to host Sunday Night, Lights on March 28, and April 25. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.



HARDING UNIVERSITY



The 2010 Ladies Retreat, "O How I Love Jesus!" is scheduled for Friday evening through Saturday noon, April 23 & 24. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Warrenville. Registration forms are available TODAY! Each person needs to complete a registration form and list their roommates. Return the form with payment to Molly Mullins. Please note: make checks payable to West Chicago Church of Christ. Registration closes Sunday, March 28. If you have transportation or financial concerns or any questions, please see Barb Voigts.

Bring your family, friends, neighbors & co-workers!

