



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

A woman of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

¹¹ Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. ¹² She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.



¹³ She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

¹⁵ She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls.

¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. ¹⁸ She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

²⁰ She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

²¹ When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. ²² She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.



Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. ²⁵ She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

²⁶ She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. ²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ²⁹ "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. ³¹ Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31:10-31



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. 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. 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 this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. 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 - Cary Gray
- Announcements - Rick Root
- Singing
- Prayer - John Johnson
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - Steve Link
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Jeff Ieler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Dates to Remember

March 15 Potluck Fellowship
 March 18 Seniors Breakfast
 March 22 Small Groups
 March 28 . Northern Illinois Food Bank Volunteer Day
 March 29 Connection Point @ North Park/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 49
 Sunday Morning Worship 95
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 28
 Contribution \$6,465.50

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Cleta Watson



Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Jeff Ieler



In Our Prayers...

Aaron, friend of Marion Lake and Chris Czernik, overdosed and is waiting for space in a rehab center.

Heaven Alcorn, Chris Czernik's daughter, had a miscarriage last weekend.

Leona Boston, Lynette Root's aunt, had surgery this week to clean an infected wound and was diagnosed with MRSA.

Joan Gaza, Barb Voigts's aunt, passed away last weekend. She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer two weeks ago.

Avery Sternberg, the 3-year-old daughter of Jay Hearn's cousin, is having problems with acid reflux and very poor appetite. Test results, so far, have been inconclusive and the new medication isn't helping. They are talking about more tests.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother
Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law

Don & Pat Brewster

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

John Day

Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes's daughter

Al Dorsey and his son Doug

Joyce Eakins

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter

Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend

Rich Kern - Jackie Robinson's father has leukemia

Joe and Sky Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobby's foster son

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

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

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

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Stacey Schnaitman - daughter of Bev Scalone, the Johnson's neighbor

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Mothers-to-be:

Caitlyn Czernik - Chris's daughter-in-law

Jamie Holtin - Joe & Terrie's daughter

Shannon (Pedersen) Manny - due first of May

Cathy Miller

Jamie Miller

Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew has graduated basic training and is moving to Maryland for more training

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Nathan & Angie Stilwell - Bridgette Fordyce's brother & sister-in-law went to Japan with the Air Force for 3 years with their two small children

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)

Students of Joe Voigts - China

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

*If anyone has
material possessions
and sees his brother
in need but has no
pity on him, how
can the love of
God be in him?*

1 JOHN 3:17



Small Group Fellowships

The next Small Group Fellowship is next Sunday, **March 22**. Remember there is NO evening worship on Small Group Sundays. A small group meets at the building Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies Class

The Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Class has started lessons on how we got the Bible. To receive class notes send an e-mail to: joanie.m.johnson@comcast.net. If you are interested in leading a class or have topic ideas for the class, please contact Joanne Johnson.

RCC Junior Camp

Cliff will be looking for adults to teach at RCC Junior Camp this summer, July 25 to August 1. Please prayerfully consider if this is something the Lord is leading you to do.

VBS

We'll be considering some different options for our Vacation Bible School program this year. Are you interested in helping plan this special summer-time event? Please talk to Cliff if you're interested.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: The theme at Winterfest was "Love God, Love Others" taken from Matthew 22:34-40. This month we have several opportunities to practice some "L1" and "L2"...

There will be **no Sunday Night, Light** next week, March 22, because of Small Groups.

L1 There's a **Connection Point** at North Park on Sunday afternoon, March 29.

L2 Sign-up to volunteer at the **Northern Illinois Food Bank** on Saturday, March 28th, from 9 to 11 a.m. We'll work in the warehouse cleaning, sorting, and repackaging food and other products for distribution to area food pantries (like ours).

SENIORS: This Wednesday, March 18, is our **Seniors Breakfast**. Join us at 10:00 a.m. at the Colonial Restaurant located on Route 38 out by Randall Road. Everyone is welcome to come fellowship with our seniors!



Potluck Today!

There is a **Potluck Luncheon** today in honor of **Allison Brown**, the Director of Social Services at Mission Lazarus in Honduras. The luncheon will begin after worship this morning in the fellowship room. Please note: there is no worship service tonight.

The **Mission Lazarus Medical Ministry** is an instrument for the people it serves to know Jesus and His Church through direct medical treatment, health education, and direct and indirect evangelism. The medical ministry includes the Lazarus Clinic, a Nutrition Program and a Family Program.

The **Lazarus Clinic** is located in the rural mountain village of Las Pitias. The project began in 2003 and already has over 2400 families on file. Many of the patients come from several hours away traveling by foot, donkey, mule or horse.



The **Mission Lazarus Nutrition Program** began as a preventative measure in response to several early childhood deaths that the clinic encountered because of malnutrition. We welcome monthly sponsorship of children, of \$30 per child, which covers the cost of lab work, educational



seminars on child nutrition and health, vaccinations, monthly medical check ups, monthly medications including vitamins and food supplementation, as well as fresh fruits, vegetables, milk, meat and eggs through our yearly "chicken handout."

Our **Family Program** is new and developed as the clinic team recognized a need for health education to prevent common illnesses. The clinic team travels to different communities once a month to visit participating families. Once an initial accurate assessment of the family dynamics has been completed, the medical team visits once a month to do an assessment.

If you would like more information or if you would like to make a donation, go to their website: www.missionlazarus.org.



Mission Lazarus

