



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

The enormity of the forces at work in Japan are mind-numbing.

First, consider the earthquake, so powerful that it moved the coastline of Japan by eight feet according to at least one report. Then, at a much smaller scale, the nuclear plants which were depended on by Japan for much of its energy needs, have become a source of deadly radiation and may threaten the lives of thousands of Japanese people. We fear meltdown.

When the power you depend on turns against you, there is a helpless and hopeless despair. It's an idea that the spiritual thinker sees in Biblical and cosmic terms.

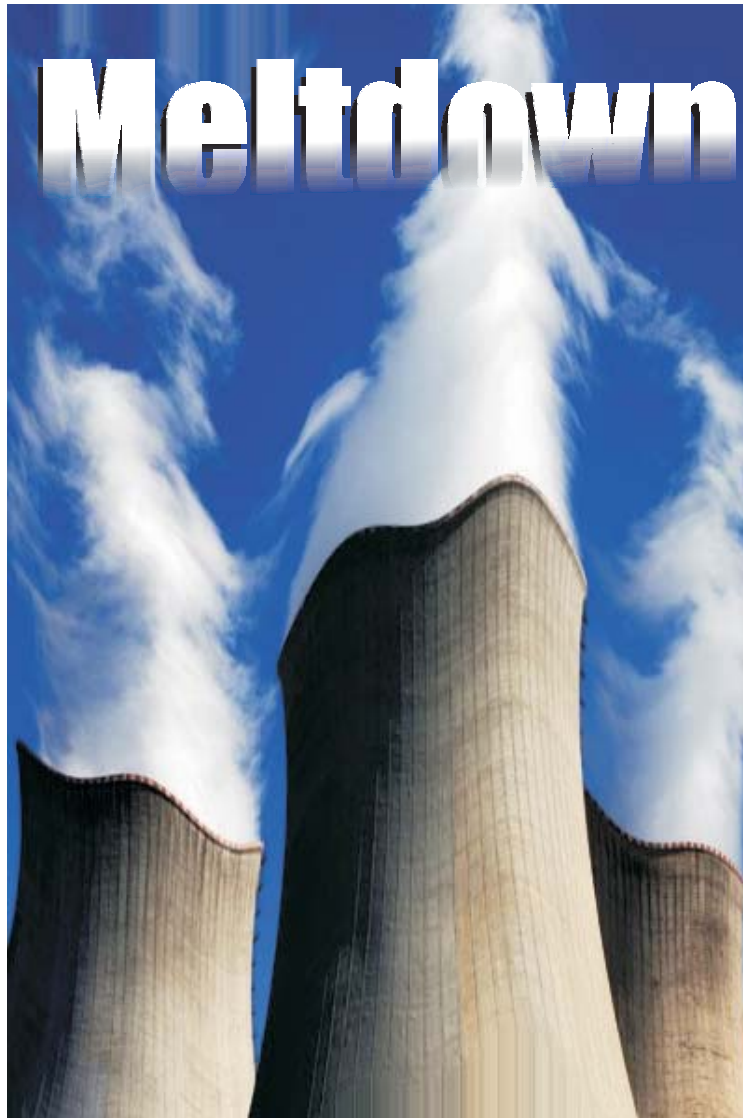
Satan is capable of great displays of power. In Job's story, he is able to create storms, or at least direct them to his purposes, and he boasted to Jesus that power over the nations of the earth had been given to him. Apparently, that was true.

Satan is called "god of this world" by Paul (2 Cor. 4:4), and Satan clearly has limited power to do some impressive things.

But God has decreed his defeat and

destruction. He maintains influence through deception and someday his counterfeit power will be totally defeated.

Satan dominates the thinking of many of the most powerful and prestigious minds of our day. Many who are reporting on the events in Japan are living without spiritual faith under the delusion of the lies of the enemy. The power to succeed and advance in the world arena often utilizes the arguments and ideas of the one with whom we do battle.



Paul reminds us that "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:"⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ"

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (KJV)

Those who have borrowed from the arsenal of Satan will cry out in despair when the hosts of heaven rout his armies and reveal the perfect plan of God. Those who have trusted in the Lord will exult in the redemption and salvation of the power of God in the Day of Wrath.

That will be the true meltdown!

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

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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, Scripture & Prayer Curt Robinson

Kids Connection Brian Gifford

Praise Songs Jon Miller

Romans 1: 19, 20

#266 Majesty

Hebrews 1:1-3

#162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#76 How Great Thou Art

Psalms 8:1-4

#873 The Spacious Firmament

Psalms 19:1-4

#74 Praise the Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him

#689 Be Still My Soul

Communion Don Brewster

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Jon Miller

#230 Worthy Art Thou

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jon Miller

#96 I Stand in Awe

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 22 Linda Vantreese

March 26 Emma Boyd

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

March 22 Ladies Bible Class

March 24 Teen Parent Connection

March 25 Mens Prayer Breakfast

March 27 Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!

March 29 Ladies Bible Class

March 31 NO TPC

April 1 Mens Prayer Breakfast

April 5 Ladies Bible Class

April 7 Food Pantry Delivery/TPC

April 8 Mens Prayer Breakfast

April 9 Ladies Retreat

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class NA

Sunday Morning Worship NA

Wednesday Evening Bible Class NA

Contribution \$4,684.00

Nursery Workers Bev Day, Molly Mullins

Collection Counters Scott Drumheller, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Joyce Eakins's siblings are suffering with health issues. Her older brother, Hubert, is having surgery for bladder cancer. Her sister, Kathy, has arthritis in her back. Her brother, Lawrence, is in the hospital and can't eat.

Shelby Root is having her wisdom teeth removed tomorrow.

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 any day now. She is having issues with high blood pressure and is on bed-rest.

Lloyd Winkelman, neighbor of Jake & Sarah Tinch, lost his son. Lloyd is 85 and lost his wife last year.

Tony Witty, friend of the Miller family, has cancer of the lymph nodes and other areas. Tony is 54.

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

Mom-to-Be:

Sarah Rentschler - Sally Hearn's niece

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.

City of Children

Featured in Christian Chronicle, November, 2009, p. 12
www.cityofchildren.com



Contact Kenn by April 15th!

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

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



West Chicago Community Groups

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today! The elders ask 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.

Directory

Get your family photo taken TODAY!!

The new edition of our church directory needs to be completed as soon as possible! Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for the directory that is posted. **Check your information and make any changes/corrections/additions and INITIAL.** Please see one of the Hearn's to get your picture taken as soon as possible!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday - Thursday, June 20-23. Our theme is **God's Creation.**



Please see Cindy Drumheller if you would like to lead registration or publicity or assist with decorations or food.

Teen Parent Connection

Please contact Sally as soon as possible if you can provide a meal or part of a meal for **Teen Parent Connection in April.** 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. Monetary donations are also welcome! NO TPC on March 31!

Campbell Soup Labels



Campbell Soup Labels are being collected for Shults-Lewis. It is very important that the correct part of the label is clipped. On

the back of the can label there is a "Labels for Education" portion that includes a bar-code within a dotted-line box. Please make sure to bring in that most important section of the can label. A box is available by the photo directory in the foyer.

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class is studying Ephesians and Colossians.



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

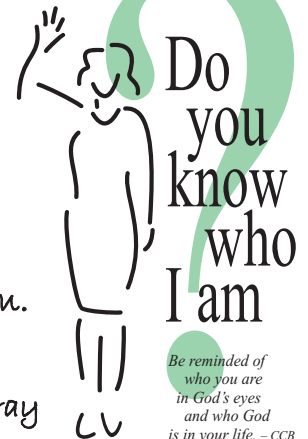
There is a new blog for our Wednesday night teen class. We encourage teens to log on and participate. The address is www.wcteens.wordpress.com. The Twitter account is also wcteens. We're trying to learn how to use connectivity to make our Wednesday study more widely available. We will also use ooVoo. 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 are available TODAY. 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 your family, friends & neighbors!