



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

[www.wcfamily.org](http://www.wcfamily.org)

Volume 42, Issue 12 • March 21, 2010

## A Preacher's Perspective

Some feel the Communion (the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist) is so important that it must only be taken on special occasions. We believe in and practice weekly communion based on what we believe to be the best evidence of history and scripture.

As we experience this event weekly, it is very easy to fall into an easy familiarity with the routine. It is wise to consider often the amazing dimension and significance of this simple meal instituted by the Lord on the night before his death on the cross.

I am struck by two thoughts about this amazing spiritual feast. First, it is so rich and full of meaning, theological significance, and divine presence that we cannot hope to completely understand it in a lifetime or to exhaust the ideas and associations which it brings to the context of our daily lives.

Second, this is such a simple act, a simple meal to be shared by those who love each other and who love the Lord of the Feast. The purpose of it is easily understood by the simplest of men, and it is as normal and uncomplicated as the meals we take every day to sustain us and to give us joy.

It is understandable that those who have the capacity for depth of thought should express those rich ideas with many layers. Those who think in that way have a special blessing in appreciation that may escape others. But if we become too obsessed with mining the depths of understanding

which surround the Feast, we may miss the obvious simplicity of the love-fest which is very near to the heart of it all.

I think Jesus, on the night He instituted the Supper, was very aware of a room full of fishermen, tax collectors, political activists, and assorted other personalities. Something in the simplicity of breaking off pieces of bread from a larger loaf, of passing to one another the bread and wine, made them feel the happiness of an eating event.

One text has given us great pause. When Paul speaks to the Corinthians of eating and drinking in an unworthy manner (and we know that some had too much while others had too little), we have set up a safety mechanism to keep us from un-worthiness. We take only a token amount of bread and of the fruit of the vine.

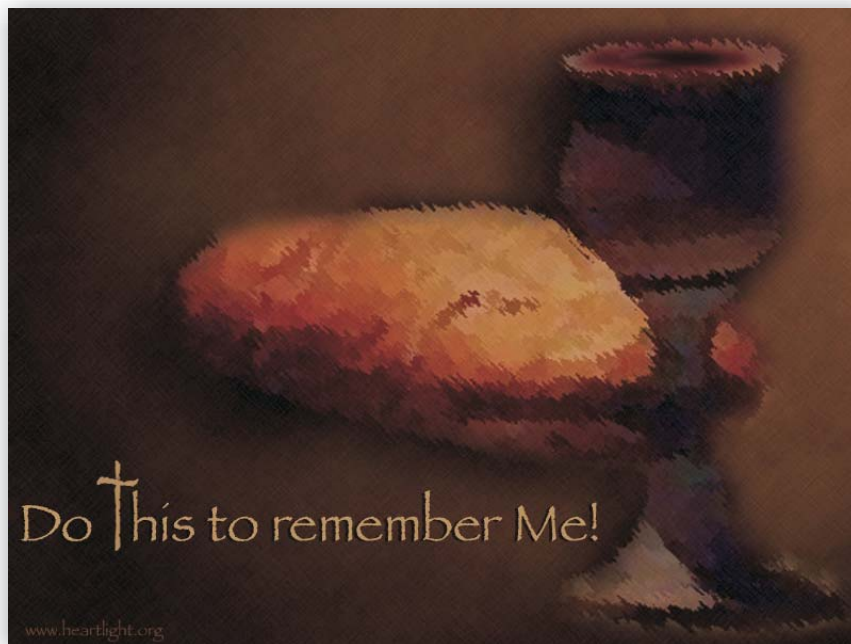
This is completely fine, of course. But it does make us tend to turn all our thoughts inward, and to engage

only in a vertical dialogue with the Lord. Nothing wrong with that, either. But part of the point of it all is to think about one another. To feel love, generosity, happiness and unity in a shared meal. That would be good for us to recapture, I think.

We take the Communion to remember Him, and to see Him in one another. It's about the past, the present, and the future.

What an amazing gift is this table event!

*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.



350 East James Avenue  
 West Chicago, Illinois 60185  
 (630) 231-2062  
[wcfamily@wcfamily.org](mailto:wcfamily@wcfamily.org) • [www.wcfamily.org](http://www.wcfamily.org)

## 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 . . . . . Dewayne Smith  
     #76    How Great Thou Art  
 Prayer Updates & Scripture . . . . . Kyle Wheeler  
     #797   Lord, We Come Before Thee Now  
     #51    Father of Mercies  
 Prayer . . . . . Steve Link  
     #318   O Sacred Head  
 Lord's Supper . . . . . Bob Jett  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
     #346   He Lives  
 Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller  
     #924   Just As I Am  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts  
 Announcements . . . . . Kyle Wheeler  
     #989   Soon and Very Soon  
 Closing Prayer . . . . . Jeff Ieler

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 22 . . . . . Linda Vantreese  
 March 24 . . . . . Ashley Pedersen  
 March 26 . . . . . Emma Boyd

## Dates to Remember

Today . . . . . Small Groups  
 March 25 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 March 26 . . . . . Men's Bible Study  
 March 28 . . . . . Sunday Night Light/Teens  
 April 1 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 April 2 . . . . . Men's Bible Study  
 April 3 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting  
 April 4 . . . . . Easter  
 April 8 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 53  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 103  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 28  
 Contribution . . . . . \$2,560.00

**Nursery Workers** . . . Molly Mullins, Becky Pedersen

**Collection Counters** . . . Paul Mullins, Rick Root

## In Our Prayers...

### Loss of loved one:

**Dane Potts**, Cyndi Perez's nephew, passed away last week.

### 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, had outpatient surgery to relieve pain in her spine due to arthritis. She is 86 years old.

**Cindy Drumheller** had good results from her surgery. She is waiting to hear from additional testing.

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

**Barbara Phipps**, Stacey Hearn's mother, had surgery this week for 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 last week. He is doing well, and he is off his crutches.

### 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

Bobbie 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

Ben & Kristin Livermore - Craig & Bev's son

Rob & Eryn Livermore - Craig & Bev's son

### 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 Headtko - 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



# youth & family news

**TEENS:** 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. We'll plan to leave the building around 4:00. If you signed up, turn in \$10 to Cliff.



**HARDING UNIVERSITY**

**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.

## 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.



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 in the foyer!** 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 NEXT Sunday, March 28.** If you have transportation or financial concerns or any questions, please see Barb Voigts.



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



## Small Group Fellowships

**TODAY** are Small Group Fellowships! The next Small Group Fellowship date is April 18 and then our Small Group Fellowships will conclude Sunday, May 2, with a potluck. **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.

## Honduras Meeting

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

## Tennis Shoes Needed

Mission groups to City of Children are going to help supply Christmas presents for each child. **Our project is girls' tennis shoes.** Sign up on the chart in the foyer for the size you will donate. Each box on the chart represents one pair of shoes. The deadline is June 1. Questions, see Frances.

## Directory Photos

There are several families that still need their photo taken - especially those with children! Please see Jay, Sally or Rachel Hearn and they will take your photo. Smile!

## 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](mailto: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.

## Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection would like to continue meeting here every Thursday night throughout the summer. **If you can assist preparing a meal or help with childcare,** see Molly Mullins. Also, if you are already on Molly's list of helpers and you cannot assist during the summer, please let her know. Monetary donations are also welcome.

## 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.