



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the

tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

10 Then the disciples went back to their homes,

11 but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where

you have put him, and I will get him."

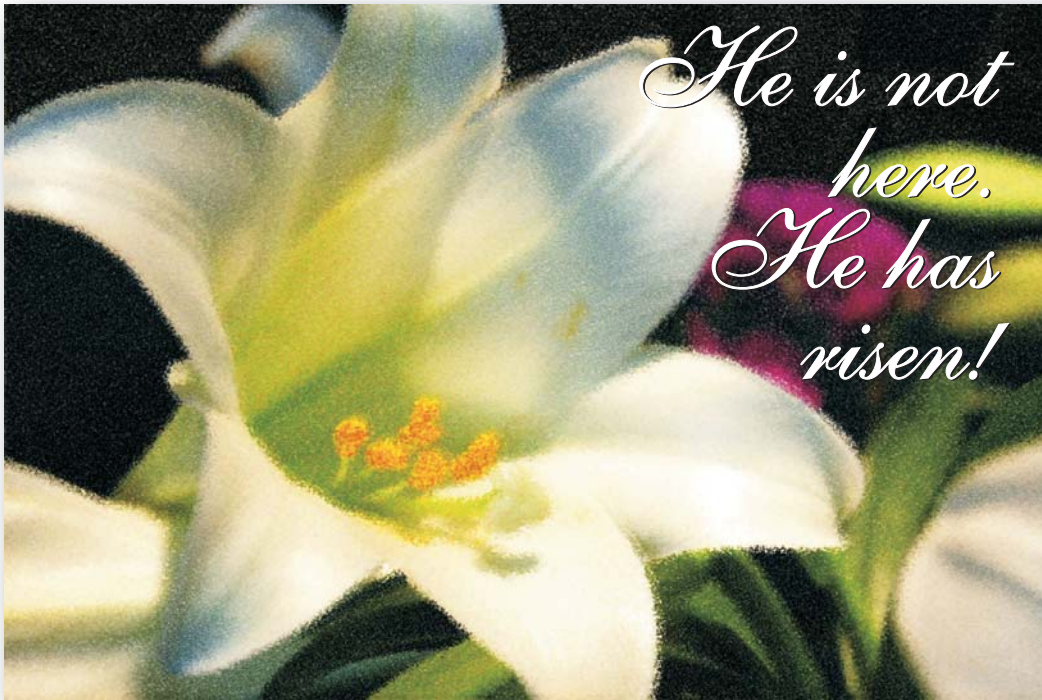
16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers

and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18 (NIV)



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. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is 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 to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. 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 & Announcements - *Paul Mullins*

Prayer - *Bob Jett*

Our worship today will consist of songs and scriptures which focus on Resurrection

Coordinator: *Chuck Miller*

Song Leader: *Rick Root*

Scripture Readers: *Steve Link, Jon Miller, Cliff Plummer, Curt Robinson*

Communion: *John Johnson*

Prayer cards: *Bob Voigts*

Closing Prayer - *Cliff Plummer*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 24 Ashley Pedersen, Marianne Stirrup
 March 26 Emma Boyd
 March 28 Alan Young
 March 29 Dana Howard, Cliff Plummer
 March 29 Tim & Sandy Boyd (anv.)
 March 29 Rob & Nancy Brewster (anv.)

Dates to Remember

March 30 VBS Picnic Meeting
 March 30 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 April 3 Food Pantry Deliver
 April 5 Leadership Meeting
 April 6 Connection Point @ North Park
 April 6 Small Groups
 April 10 Preachers Breakfast
 April 12 RCC Board Meeting

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 78
 Sunday Morning Worship 138
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 45
 Contribution \$4,384.24

*Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up,
 let righteousness grow with it;
 O, the Lord, have created it. Isaiah 45:8b*

In Our Prayers...

The grandfather of Lauren Avey, Jay's wife, passed away this week.

Justin Avey's uncle broke his hip and had surgery on Thursday.

Mary Brent, Joe Kirts' sister, has been on our prayer list for quite awhile. She continues to struggle with health issues and needs a liver transplant.

Josephine Haggerton has several health issues and will be going through tests the beginning of April.

Sue Lake, Marion's sister-in-law, has been on our prayer list for awhile. She has several health issues which are monitored. She is stable at this time.

Norval McCord, Shelby Root's grandfather, passed away on Saturday. Our special prayers are with Shelby.

David Morgan, Chris Czernik's brother-in-law, had triple bypass surgery on Friday.

Frances Shearer suffered a moderate heart attack last week. She is home and doing very well.

Chester Sitler had gall stones removed last week. Pray that he will not need his gall bladder removed.

Margo Smetana, the infant daughter of Steve Link's friend, is home from the hospital. She had a heart transplant several months ago with complications.

Mike Urso, Dan & Linda Vantreese's son-in-law, was in the hospital with pneumonia last week. He is home and doing better. He has been diagnosed with diabetes which he can regulate with diet and exercise.

Darryl Vaden had knee replacement surgery last week.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother
 Andrea Bailey - a former member from California
 Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS
 Bonnie Bingham
 Leona Boston - Lynette Root's aunt
 Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Bob & Chris Czernik
 John Day
 Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes' daughter
 Al Dorsey
 Doug Dorsey - Al's son
 Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson
 Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana
 Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister
 Elizabeth Griffin
 Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative
 Mary Henkel - Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Kelly Ieler
 Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend
 Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye'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
 Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter
 Steve & Melissa Massie family
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece
 Tim Miller
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Melinda Poff - the sister of Jason Willis
 Neal & Pat Ronzheimer
 Fintan Schiltz - the infant son of the Hearn's neighbors
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin
 Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin
 Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend
 Linda Vantreese
 Bob Voigts
 Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother
 Jim & Jamie Winner
 Jim & Jeremy Whitman
 Rick & Gina Zamora

Mothers-to-be:

Renell Johnston - former member

Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings - Justin Avey's employee
 Dustin Meritt - Justin Avey's employee
 Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter
 Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer's
 David Teel - Justin Avey's employee

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria
 Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO
 Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango - Brazil
 Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan
 Joe Voigts - China - also pray for the churches and all the new Christians

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Bridgette Fordyce



Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



The West Chicago Church of Christ Story

Tom Doggett has produced a DVD about the West Chicago Church of Christ. Pick up your copy, which is the DVD with your picture on the cover, located on the table in the foyer.

Ladies Day Out – Quilting

Francis Shearer will reschedule the quilting party when she has recuperated more fully from her recent heart attack.

Blood Drive

The Heartland Blood Center is interested in holding a blood drive at our address. We must have at least 20 people guaranteed to give blood for them to bring their mobile unit and at least 25 people to have it in the church building. Please sign up in the foyer and mark the areas which refer to you – whether as able to give blood or as a volunteer. Also, please refer to the information posted to find out if you are eligible to give blood. See Sally with questions.

Food Pantry

The food pantry could use cereal, such as Cheerios, Life, Rice Krispies, etc., and grocery bags. Place your donations in the bin under the table by the restrooms. Thank you!



Wednesday Ladies Class

The book reviews continue the next several weeks with the following:

- March 26: Power of the Praying Wife/Parent – continued
- April 9: Ultimate Book Review: Survey of the Bible
- April 23: The Epistles of John

National Teachers Workshop

The Sheldon Heights Church of Christ is hosting a teachers workshop, “Teaching All Things.” It will be held at the Holiday Inn, 500 Holiday Plaza Drive, in Matteson, Illinois from Thursday, April 17, until Saturday, April 19.

There is package registration or a la carte registration. Check the information on the bulletin board and sign up if you are interested. Cliff will contact you about registration. **Please sign up as soon as possible.** We are already registering late.

Honduras Trip

The Honduras Mission Trip is scheduled to depart on Saturday, August 2 and will return Sunday, August 10. **The commitment deadline to go is Sunday, April 20.** A \$250 deposit to the church is due that day. Apply for a passport NOW, if you do not have one. For more information or if you have any questions, see Emily Gray.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: There’s a **Sunday Night, Light** next Sunday, March 30, at the Chavez’s. Christian Mathews is speaking.

Mark your calendars for a **Connection Point at North Park** on Sunday, April 6. Be sure to sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to go.

PARENTS: We may need an extra van and driver for the Connection Point at North Park. Please talk to Cliff if you can drive.

VBS Meeting

“God’s Big Back Yard” is the theme for our VBS program this summer. If you’d like to be involved and help plan this year’s program, join us for a “picnic” lunch and informational meeting on **Sunday, March 30th.** Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer.



Vacation Days

Sally Hearn will be on vacation Tuesday, March 25, through Friday, March 28. If you need assistance, please contact Chuck or Cliff.

