



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

Paul speaks very highly of the Christian community when he calls us "light in the world." But that is exactly what Jesus calls us in the Sermon on the Mount: "You are the light of the world... let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." **Matt. 5:14, 16**

I think that calling may be especially difficult for our young people. I do not remember in my youth wanting to stand out. I wanted to fit in.

Now, a generation or two later, it may even be more difficult for our young people to embrace the challenge of standing up and standing out. I find myself wanting to encourage the young people of today not to give up on themselves too quickly.

Simon Peter failed the friendship test around the campfire of the high priest. He had to grow to deeper faith and courage, and God gave him grace and time to do so.

I had to grow in my faith, as well. In my youth, it was very difficult for me to live outwardly as my conscience called for from within. I wrestled with my language and with control of my thoughts.

I am so grateful that I can see God's patient work in me. He taught me through many teachers, both

friends and adversaries. I have heard powerful sermons and I have known many loving Christians who illustrated what those sermons taught.

Christian camp was such an oasis for me. There, we could be open about our heart's love for God. We felt so close to the God of the stars of the night sky. The beauty of summer and the sincerity of our worship were powerful tonics for our souls. Over the years, I have seen that blessing of Christian camp continue for me, for my children, and now even for my grandchildren.

Children of light. I do believe that we are.

Dallas Willard says this means that "light is our parent."

The light of God and the Holy Spirit is alive in us. It is shaping us and changing us into a greater degree of the glory of God.

Young people, new believers, be patient. Let God complete his work in us. If we try to "light up the world,"

sometimes we make quite a mess of it. But if we allow the light to live in us, to change our souls, then that light radiates into the world as He would wish.

Being light in that way is like bearing fruit, I think. If we abide in the vine, He will produce fruit in us. If we walk in the light, He will use us to His glory.

I must say, you are beautiful to me.

*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.

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 - *Dewayne Smith*
- Announcements - *Rick Root*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Bob Jett*
- 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 - *Chester Sitrler*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- March 29 . . . . . Dana Howard, Cliff Plummer
- March 29 . . . . . Tim & Sandy Boyd (anv.),
- March 29 . . . . . Rob & Nancy Brewster (anv.)
- March 30 . . . . . Betty Stewart, Joe Voigts
- April 2 . . . . . Kent Triplett
- April 3 . . . . . Vincent Czernik

## Dates to Remember

- March 29 . . . . . Mexico Mission Team Meeting
- March 29 . . . . . Connection Point @ North Park/Teens
- April 2 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery
- April 5 . . . . . Small Groups
- April 9 . . . . . Preachers Breakfast
- April 11 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting
- April 12 . . . . . Easter

## Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 72
- Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 129
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 23
- Contribution . . . . . \$5,845.00

## Vacation

Sally will be on vacation this week. If you need assistance or need information added to the bulletin, please contact Cliff or Chuck.

## 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.

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother,** is back in the hospital. They are hoping he will get strong enough for a kidney transplant.

**Lisa Gleason, Dana Howard's sister,** had surgery on her back and neck this week.

**Josephine Haggerton** was given new medication for bone loss. She received good reports from her eye doctor.

**Steve Link** has been suffering from severe migraines.

**Rick Root's aunt Helen** has been fighting an infection. Rick's mother, Sandy, cares for her.

**Jim Whitman** will be having tests this week.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

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 & Bobbye's foster son and granddaughter

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

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

Avery Sternberg - the daughter of Jay Hearn's cousin

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Dan & Linda Vantreese

### 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 - is in Maryland for more auto mechanic training

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

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

## Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Theresa Link



## Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Jeff Ieler



# SINGING



**Come join us this evening  
at 6:00 in the fellowship room for  
Worship & Praise!**

## Small Group Fellowships

Our next Small Group Fellowship is next Sunday, April 5. Remember there is NO evening worship on Small Group Sundays. A small group meets at the building Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming small group dates: April 19 and the "grand finale" potluck is scheduled for May 3.



## Monthly Outreach Meeting



The Watson's are inviting everyone again to their home on Saturday, April 25, at 4:00 p.m. to talk about Local Outreach. March was another great meeting, and we would like to continue the momentum!

Some success from the first three meetings:

- A volunteer day at Lazarus House! Three current volunteers actively engaged at Lazarus!
- Sixteen people signed up for our Mexico Mission! (Our team is now meeting separately, please pray for us.)
- Good opportunities...New Focus Financial Training, Pray4Chicago, Ronald McDonald House, and more!

This meeting will be a fellowship with fun and food.

The idea is to get us all together, get to know each other and find ways to serve and love our community. Please bring ideas you have to get us involved. Please RSVP and invite anyone you would like.

If the weather is nice we will try to be outside and have some activities for kids and adults alike. We will grill burgers and dogs so bring a side dish, etc. We hope by doing it later in the day it works better with weekend schedules.

## Birthday Open House

Joanne Johnson's mother, Anne Librande, is celebrating her 80th birthday next Sunday, April 5. You are invited to drop-in at the Johnson's anytime from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for finger foods and cake. In lieu of gifts, Anne is accepting a small donation for the St. Charles Food Bank.



## Concert

The Memphis Harding Academy A'Cappella Chorus is presenting a concert at Cardinal Drive Church of Christ, next Friday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

## Food Pantry Delivery

The Northern Illinois Food Bank will deliver this Thursday, April 2. Volunteers are needed at 10:00 a.m. to help carry boxes down to the pantry and stock the shelves.

## Father/Son Retreat

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 13, through Sunday, June 14, for our first annual Father/Son Retreat. This spiritual retreat is being planned for our teen guys and their dads at RCC. Watch for details!

# Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** There is a Connection Point at North Park TODAY. We'll leave from the building at 2:00 p.m. and return around 8:00 p.m.

Most of you are on Spring Break this week, come and hang-out together!

**Mon.,** "Knowing" at Charlestown 18, meet at the ticket booth at 3:30 p.m., tickets are \$5:50

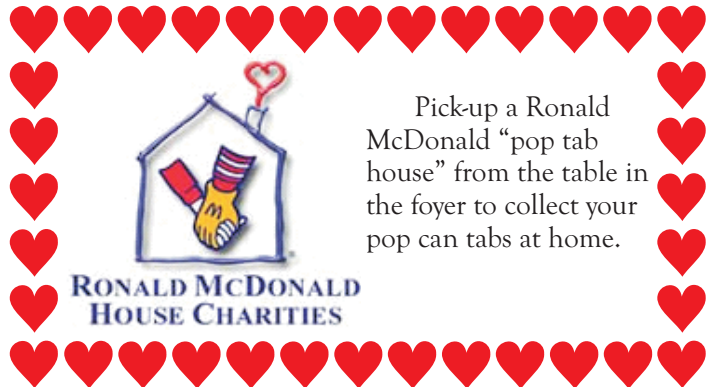
**Tue.,** bowling, \$8, then make lunches for homeless teens, meet at the building at 1:00 p.m.

**Wed.,** 6:00 p.m., dinner and Bible study at the building, free

**Thu.,** 9:30 a.m., help stock 2,000 lbs. of food into our food pantry, then have lunch together, \$3

**Fri.,** 7:00 p.m., "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed" at the building, free, bring a friend!

(PARENTS: you can read reviews of these movies online at [christianitytoday.com/movies](http://christianitytoday.com/movies))



Pick-up a Ronald McDonald "pop tab house" from the table in the foyer to collect your pop can tabs at home.

## Clothing Needed

A family from our community needs clothing for their six children. Please sign up for items on the bulletin board in the foyer. A couple of outfits per child would be nice, new or gently used. Try to have the items labeled and brought to the building by next Sunday, April 5. Questions, see Sally.



## Giving Garden

When you plan your vegetable garden this spring, plant an extra row to donate to our food pantry. Families appreciate getting fresh vegetables, fruit, and herbs.

