



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

**W**e have been sent. Jesus said it of His band of disciples; He says it, by extension, to us. Just as the Father sent Him, He sends us.

That is the plan.

The sending takes many forms. Last Wednesday, we had Gailyn and Becky Van Rheenens with us. Gailyn

has a doctorate in missions and taught at the university level for almost two decades. He and Becky have known missions in Africa, missions in the academic world and missions now in America as they work with urban church plantings.

Our friend Doka, in Abuja, Nigeria, was called to missions by amazing acts of God. He began as a pagan, ignorant of Jesus. He helped a

friend in need. He found a paper on the floor which turned out to be a WBS Bible course. He came to know Jesus and now serves the kingdom in a hard and dangerous field.

Always, really, the story is very personal. It is your story. Somehow, you came to know about God and you encountered the story of Jesus. Some feel a powerful calling by the Lord to join in the ongoing work of spreading the kingdom message.

We are in the planning stages of another trip to Honduras. It's exciting to see a new group ready to make the journey. Some are veterans returning for a second or third or fourth time. This story began, for

us, with a visit one Sunday evening in 1999 by Jarrod Brown, whom we had briefly known as a teen. He was here an evening we had been talking about missions and he shared his plan to spend a year in Honduras in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch. He was going to take a year from his career in business to do this humanitarian work.

That was 10 years ago, and Jarrod is still there. Now, he is married and has two children. And Mission

Lazarus, the ministry he founded, has sprawled into many areas of medical missions, agricultural aid, orphan care, kindergartens and evangelism.

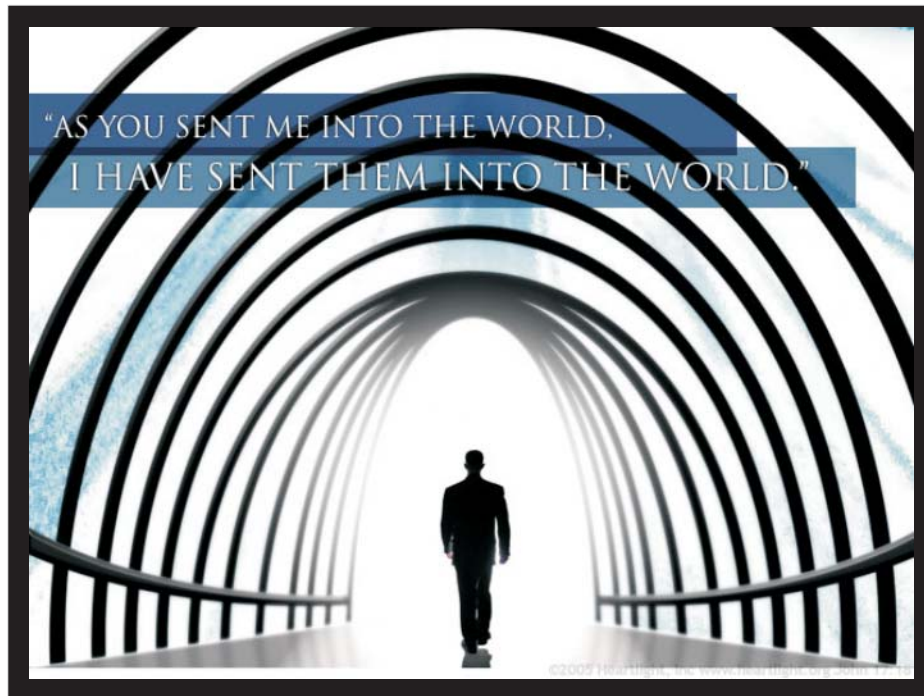
God brought us to Mission Lazarus through our personal relationship with Jarrod. We have a double connection, since his wife, Allison (Ally) is the

granddaughter of Enoch and Jeannine Thweatt, missionaries who were supported for years in their Taiwan ministry by this congregation.

Just this past week, the Van Rheenens challenged us with a new idea of urban evangelism which is proving to be effective and exciting. In Africa, in Honduras, and in America, God is still calling to Himself those who are to become fellow heirs with us and with the Lord Jesus Christ in the eternal kingdom of God.

Jesus is still sending His disciples into the world.

*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. 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
- Singing - Cary Gray
- Announcements - Paul Mullins
- Singing
- Prayer - Steve Link
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- 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 30 . . . . . Betty Stewart, Joseph Voigts
- April 2 . . . . . Kent Triplett
- April 3 . . . . . Vincent Czernik
- April 5 . . . . . Anne Librande, Kayla, Kileen,  
. . . . . & Kinton Wheeler

## 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 . . . . . 76
- Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 138
- Contribution . . . . . \$3,606.48

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

## In Our Prayers...

The grandfather of **Lauren Avey, Jay's wife**, passed away. **Justin Avey's uncle** broke his hip and had surgery.

**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.

**David Morgan, Chris Czernik's brother-in-law**, had triple bypass surgery last week.

**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.

### 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 & 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  
 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, Sarah Miller



## Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



## Baptism

One of our most beloved young men, **A. J. Dietrick**, was baptized by his grandfather, **Dan Vantreese**, last Sunday morning. We congratulate A.J. on this important decision and we praise God!



## 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 immediately following worship in the fellowship room. Let Cliff know if you plan to attend.



## Wednesday Ladies Class

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

- April 2: Power of the Praying Wife/Parent - continued
- April 9: Ultimate Book Review: Survey of the Bible
- April 23: The Epistles of John

## Food Pantry Delivery

The Northern Illinois Food Bank will be delivering food for our pantry this **Thursday, April 3**. We will begin working at 10:00 a.m. to carry the boxes down to the pantry and stock the shelves. Volunteers are welcome!

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!

## Small Groups

Next Sunday is Small Group Fellowships. Please see Don Brewster, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts, if you would like to join a group today. **Remember there is no evening worship scheduled on Small Group Sundays.**



**JOIN US TONIGHT AT 6:00  
TO SING PRAISES TO GOD!**

# 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.

## 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.

Some of you have asked about helping to provide financial support to help those who are making the trip. See Don Brewster or any of the elders, or just give cash or a check and clearly indicate it is to support the trip.

