



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

Encountering God in scripture is amazing. The whole art and science of literature was probably enabled by God to accommodate the transmission of His word to our hearts through the words of scripture. The whole process is something of a mystery. Just exactly how it happened, the precise steps of delivering it to us, is not perfectly clear.

It may be for that reason that some are skeptical about the Bible. That general dismissive attitude is probably growing in our day. That's unfortunate. The Bible is the most examined, attacked, studied and authenticated of any ancient book.

The marvel of the creation of a book with a beginning, middle, and end written on three continents by over 40 authors (most of whom never knew one another) over a period of 1500 years is just beyond anything else in religious or secular history.

There have been over 23,000 archaeological digs to explore and examine the Bible. Not one has ever undermined the accuracy or historicity of its content. There is just no contradiction in it. Not one major

teaching depends on a disputed or questioned text or passage.

The New Testament stands alone in terms of its authenticity and reliability in the world of ancient documents.

For example, Caesar's Gallic Wars was written about 100 to 44 B.C. The earliest manuscript is 1000 years later. There are just 10 copies.

Next to the New Testament, the best attested ancient document is Homer's *Iliad*, written about 900 B.C. There are 643 copies. The earliest dated copy is 500 years old.

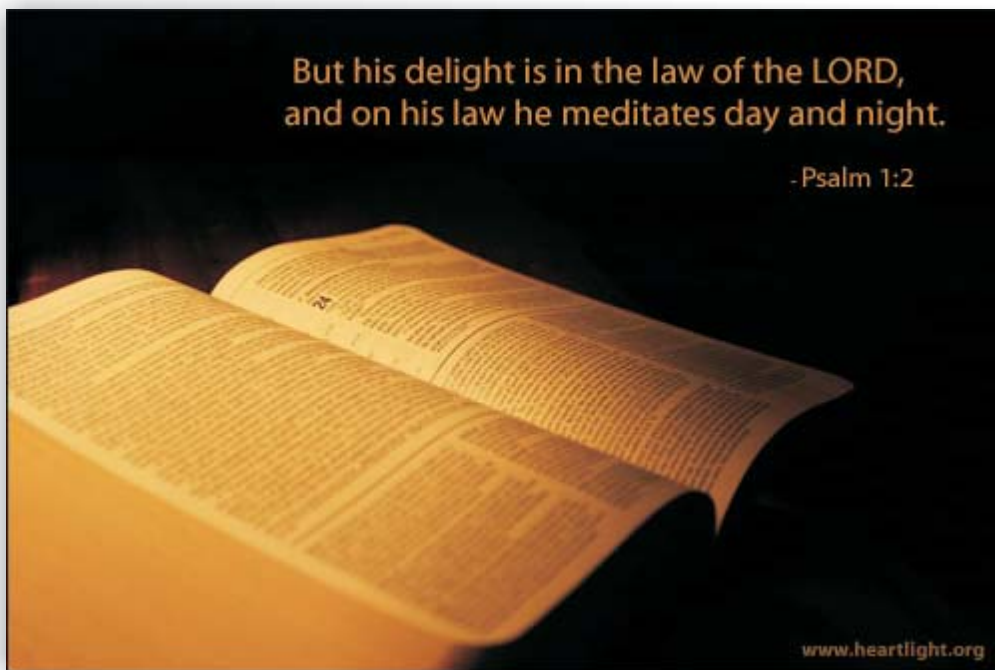
The New Testament has over 24,000 copies including manuscripts, fragments, and

letters with quotations from it. The earliest manuscript is only 25 years after the writing. No contest in comparison to other ancient books.

It's just frustrating to hear people scoff at the Bible in terms of its reliability. The scriptures

themselves are a miracle and a marvel. Only ignorance of the facts accounts for the widespread misconceptions about the Bible.

The real miracle, however, begins when you pick it up and begin to read. If your heart is open, you encounter the love and will of the eternal God. It is His letter to you. Don't neglect its treasure!



# 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>

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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

Kids Connection . . . . . Jon Miller

Praise Songs . . . . . Jay Hearn

#449 Thy Word

#450 Give Me the Bible (1, 3)

#543 Wonderful Words of Life

#457 How Firm a Foundation

#452 Standing on the Promises  
Ancient Words

#315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller

Invitation Song . . . . . Jay Hearn

#915 Trust & Obey (1,2,4,5)

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts

Closing Song . . . . . Jay Hearn

#446 Hear, O Israel

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 5 . . . . Kayla (Hearn), Kileen & Klinton Wheeler

April 5 . . . . . Anne Librande

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . Community Groups

April 5 . . . . . Ladies Bible Class

April 7 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery/TPC

April 8 . . . . . Mens Prayer Breakfast

April 9 . . . . . Ladies Retreat

April 10 . . . . . Community Groups

April 11 . . . . . Living Room Café

April 12 . . . . . Ladies Bible Class

April 14 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection

April 15 . . . . . Mens Prayer Breakfast

April 17 . . . . . Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday

April 19 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class

April 20 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast

April 24 . . . . . Easter

April 24 . No Community Groups or Evening Worship

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 50

Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 78

Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 20

Contribution . . . . . \$3,656.00

Nursery Workers . . . . . Lynette & Shelby Root

Collection Counters . . . . . Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

## In Our Prayers...

**Tom Doggett** has a torn calf muscle. It may take several weeks to heal.

**Helen Plummer, Joan Avey and Cliff's mother**, was in the hospital with an infection.

**Bob Voigts** will be getting test results at the end of April.

**Libby, a family friend of the Voigts**, was just diagnosed with breast cancer.

**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  
 J.D. Potts - the father of Cyndi Perez  
 Kay Schrader  
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler  
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins  
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup - Kelly Ieler's parents  
 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

## Klint's Address (for two months)

LINE 1: SPC Klinton Wheeler  
 LINE 2: BN 179 INF HHC  
 LINE 3: 2490 25th St.  
 LINE 4: Camp Shelby, MS 39405-5500

# City of Children

Featured in Christian Chronicle, November, 2009, p. 12  
[www.cityofchildren.com](http://www.cityofchildren.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.



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

Contact Kenn by April 15th!

Contact: Kenn Watson  
 630-776-0694  
[hydrakenn@gmail.com](mailto:hydrakenn@gmail.com)



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 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.



**West Chicago Church of Christ**

**April 9, 2011**  
8:52 a.m. to 3:09 p.m.  
Fellowship Room

Guest Speaker: **Emily Gray**



**Do you know who I am**

Be reminded of who you are in God's eyes and who God is in your life. -CCB

**Ladies Retreat**

All ladies are invited to this year's Ladies Retreat. Please see Barb Voigts, if you are interested in attending.

Committee members: Joan Avey, Sandy Boyd, Shannon Gifford, Sally Hearn, Betsy Jett, Molly Mullins, Frances Shearer, Marilyn Smith, Rhonda Triplet, Barb and Christina Voigts.

**Be sure to invite your family, friends & neighbors!**





There is a **Connection Point** at Cardinal Drive Church of Christ this afternoon at 3:00. We'll plan to leave the church building around 2:00. **Please let Chuck know if you are interested in going.**

The Cardinal Drive teens have designed a very creative and interactive worship time. It should wrap-up around 6:30 with dinner together. Please note: part of the worship time will be an impromptu "open mic" time. It would be great if a few teens would be prepared to do something - sing, read poetry, etc.

**Interested in hosting a teen event - devotional, outing or service project?** See Sandy Boyd!

## Youth Ministry

### EDUCATION:

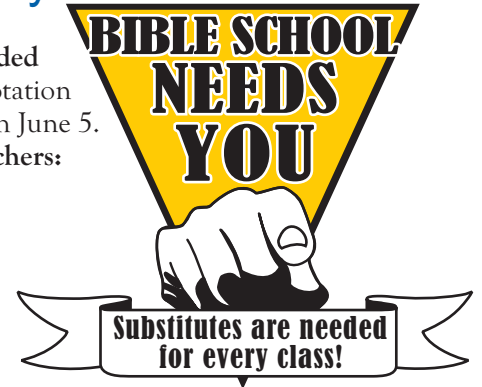
Teachers are needed for the next 9-week rotation from April 10 through June 5.

### Sunday morning teachers:

- Cradle roll
- Ages 3-4
- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-6
- Teens

### Wednesday evening teachers

- Ages 0-4
- Grades K-6
- Teens



## 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!

## Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class is studying Ephesians and Colossians.

## Wednesday Ladies Class

The Wednesday Evening Ladies Class is studying a series of lessons on 1 & 2 Peter.