



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

New! We like new. New life. New day. New clothes. New friend. New hope. But the back story is sometimes a little scary. Much that is new flows from death. Spring follows the dying of winter, the "slow, smokeless burning of decay."

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." **John 12:24-25 (RSV)**

Jesus said this knowing He was going to die and bring forth new life. The mystery and marvel of what He did takes our breath away. But He saw it all from the perspective of the One who designed seed-time and harvest. He had ordained this life-from-death cycle and He was soon to enter into the parameters of those laws to bring forth many seeds, much fruit.

Death, decay and the empty chrysalis aren't pretty, but they are essential. My friend Peter Bumpass told this story about the butterfly's chrysalis.

A little boy had been watching a chrysalis he had found. His dad had taught him how the caterpillar had

built this temporary house and how that, inside, the caterpillar was being changed into a beautiful butterfly. Each day he watched to see the butterfly emerge.

Finally, he began to see the signs of the butterfly's movement, breaking free of the chrysalis which had held it. The boy decided to help. He eagerly broke open the chrysalis to help the butterfly escape. Soon, however, the butterfly died.

He was heartbroken. He told his mom what had happened and questioned why his new friend had so quickly died.

She explained, "His struggle to break free from the

chrysalis was part of his new life. The strength he would have developed in breaking free gave him the power to live and fly once he emerged.

"When you took away his struggle, you made him too weak to live."

I don't know about

the science of the story, but I always loved it. Sometimes we make great mistakes just following a good intention. But God overrules our mistakes. He brings new life expertly and abundantly. He is helping us to die, to be transformed, and to struggle to strengthen our new wings.

Trust Him to give you the grace to fly, when He is ready.

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.



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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 Chuck Miller
 Singing Jay Hearn
 #250 The Great Redeemer
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Paul Mullins
 #71 As the Deer
 #791 On Bended Knee
 Prayer Rick Root
 #383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
 #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 Lord's Supper John Johnson
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #922 Jesus Paid It All
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Paul Mullins
 #851 I'll Fly Away
 Closing Prayer John Pedersen

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 16 Betsy Jett
 April 17 Carrie Drumheller

Dates to Remember

Tonight Sunday Night Light/Teens
 April 12 Living Room Café
 April 15 Teen Parent Connection
 April 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast
 April 18 Small Groups
 April 21 Seniors Breakfast
 April 22 Teen Parent Connection
 April 23 Men's Prayer Breakfast
 April 23-24 Ladies Retreat: O How I Love Jesus!
 April 25 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 April 27 Harding Cubs Game/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 57
 Sunday Morning Worship 113
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 30
 Contribution \$7,742.59

Nursery Workers Sandy Boyd, Betsy Jett

Collection Counters. Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, will be having a kidney transplant. Her nephew has been identified as a match.

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, is suffering with Alzheimers and **his wife, Eva**, has had pneumonia several times.

Daphene Collins, Chuck Miller's cousin, has some family prayer needs.

Joyce Eakins' cataract surgery is scheduled for April 22.

Mason Hutchins, a friend of Alec Boyd, has a hole in his heart and needs surgery. He has to watch his activities.

Myrna Lavake has begun a series of radiation and chemo treatments for cancer in her throat. She'll be in the hospital for five days, then home for nine days for the next fourteen weeks.

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

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's brother, Hubert
 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
 Bobbye 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:

Ben & Kristin Livermore – Craig & Bev's son
 Rob & Eryn Livermore – Craig & Bev's son
 Jennifer Piehl – Tom & Nancy Doggett's daughter
 Tammy Urso – Dan & Linda Vantreese's daughter

Armed forces:

James Bartels – the son of Lynette Root's friend – Iraq

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew
 Mike Hagan – Doris Biancalana's nephew – Baghdad
 Jacob Headtke – 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



Our 2010 Ladies Retreat, "O How I Love Jesus!" is scheduled for Friday evening through Saturday noon, **April 23 and 24**, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Warrenville. Registration forms are still being accepted for those who **are not** planning to stay in a hotel room. Forms are available in the foyer and should be returned to Molly Mullins as soon as possible. PLEASE complete a form, even if you are not staying at the hotel. Make checks payable to the West Chicago Church of Christ. If you have transportation or financial concerns or any questions, please see Barb Voigts. Bring your family, friends, neighbors & co-workers!

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. **Deadline: June 1.** Questions, see Frances.



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.

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. A flyer is posted in the foyer or you may send an e-mail to nationalteachersworkshop@gmail.com or call 773-568-2929.

The Bridge

We're the host congregation at The Bridge on **Tuesday evening, May 18.** A sign-up list will be posted shortly!

Shults-Lewis Job Opportunities

Shults Lewis needs a **Christian couple to do House-parenting.** It includes a good salary, family medical benefits, retirement plan and a few other perks. They need a couple that is mission minded and has a heart for children.

In addition, Shults Lewis will be hiring a **Director of Development (fundraiser)** around the first of September to replace a "soon-to-be-retiring" Gerald Frump. A Christian man that is comfortable speaking in front of congregations and has organizational skills that would lend themselves well to raising support for the children's home is needed. The position pays well and has medical/retirement benefits.

Contact Ray Crowder via www.shultslewis.org.

Mission Lazarus

Jarrod and Allison Brown will be relocating back to the U.S. After nearly 10 years of service in Honduras, the focus of their efforts will be changing from daily oversight of Mission Lazarus operations to development, based out of Nashville, Tennessee. See the bulletin board in the foyer.

Cubs Game

Those going to the Cubs game "hosted" by Harding on Tuesday, April 27 - we'll leave from the building about 4:00 p.m. that day.



youth & family news

TEENS: We have a Sunday Night, Light tonight at the BOYD'S. Guys bring pop and girls bring chips. We also have a Sunday Night, Light on April 25th at the Giffords. Get your homework done so you can go!

Congratulations!

We would like to announce Kayla's Graduation on April 30. She is receiving her BS in interdisciplinary studies. Kayla will be staying at Oklahoma Christian and be pursuing her MBA. We are having an open house/barbeque on April 30 at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. We would love to see you there - 1813 NW 144th, Edmond, OK 73013.



RECURRING PROJECTS

Living Room Cafe

We are going to the Living Room Café tomorrow, **Monday, April 12.** A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer. We usually leave the building around 2:30 and return around 8:30 p.m. We are also scheduled to go the second **Monday** of every month. The Living Room Cafe is located at 806 East 64th Street, Chicago.

Small Group Fellowships

Our last Small Group Fellowship is April 18. Join us in celebrating our Small Group Fellowships with a **pot-luck on Sunday, May 2.** 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.



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.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection will 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 welcome.