



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,

⁷ 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.)

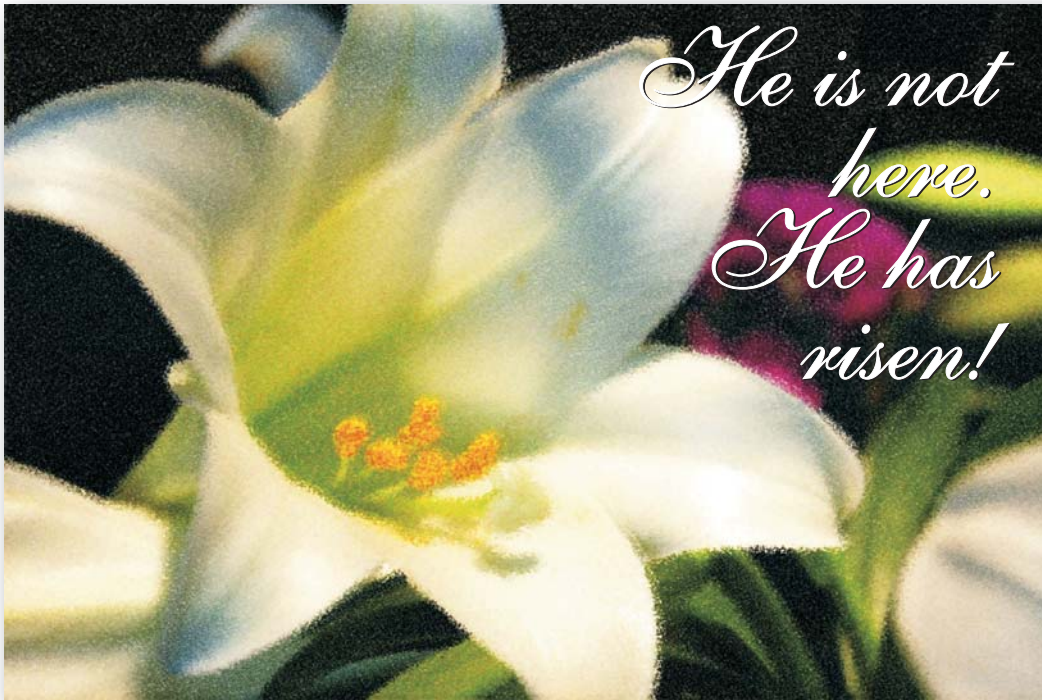
¹¹ but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb

¹² 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. 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 - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Bob Jett
- Singing
- Prayer - Jon Miller
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - John Johnson
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Cliff Plummer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 16 Betsy Jett
 April 17 Carrie Drumheller

Dates to Remember

April 15 Seniors Breakfast
 April 19 Small Groups
 April 25 Outreach Meeting @ Watson's
 April 26 Singing Night
 April 26 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 May 3 Potluck & Church Family Photo

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 62
 Sunday Morning Worship 87
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 30
 Contribution \$4,174.26

Nursery Workers

Sandy Boyd, Becky Pedersen



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel



In Our Prayers...

Bobbie Whitman has several relatives who are suffering with health issues.

Lisa Gleason, Dana Howard's sister, is doing much better after her back surgery.

Rich Kern, Jackie Robinson's father, was back in the hospital this week. He has leukemia and several other health issues. He is very weak and his condition is serious.

Lynette Root's aunt Leona is not doing well and is under hospice care.

Jim Whitman has been struggling with some health issues. He is on new medication and will have more tests in a couple of weeks.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

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

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 Prosser, 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 Sittler

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 - Dana Howard's nephew

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

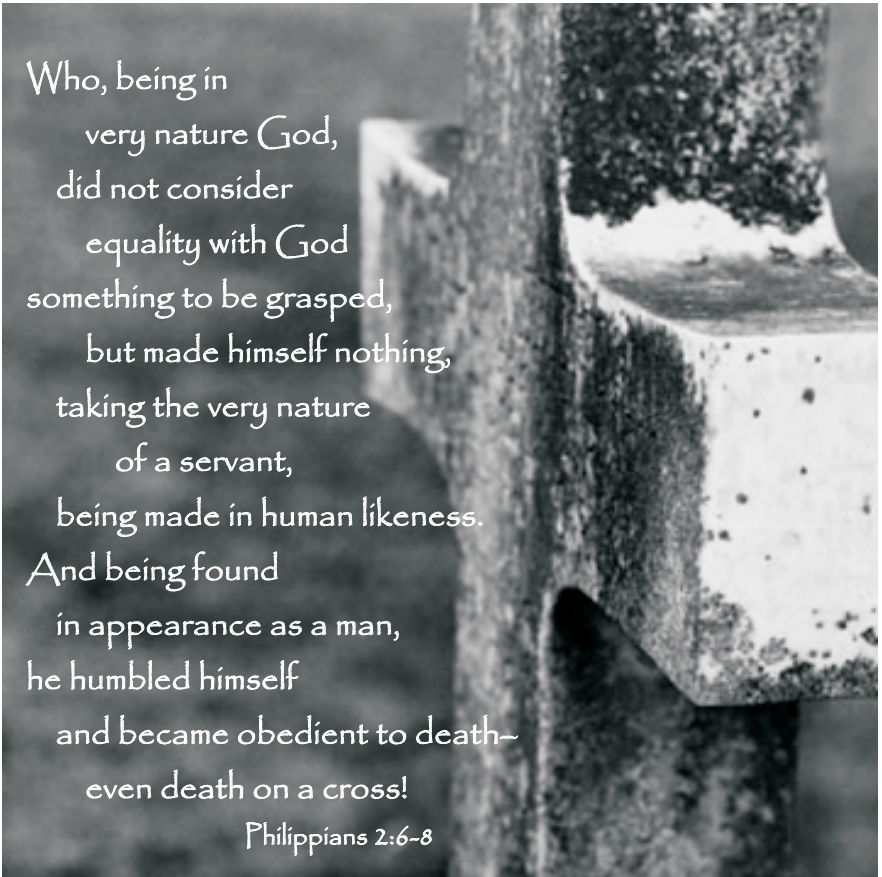
Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan



Who, being in
 very nature God,
 did not consider
 equality with God
 something to be grasped,
 but made himself nothing,
 taking the very nature
 of a servant,
 being made in human likeness.
 And being found
 in appearance as a man,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to death—
 even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8

Monthly Outreach Meeting



The Watson's are inviting everyone 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.

Photos

We would like to take a group photo of our church family. We are considering taking the photo **after worship on Sunday, May 3, before the fellowship.** Please try to be here and stay for the photograph.

New directory photos will be taken starting in the next couple of weeks. Look for the "photo studio" at the end of the foyer.

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 teenage guys and their dads at RCC. Watch for details!

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. If you have clothes to donate, please see Sally.



Grocery Bags

The food pantry needs grocery bags. Please bring your strong, clean bags, preferably from Target, Wal-Mart and Meijer. Thanks! 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.



Youth & Family News

TEENS: Continue to work on memorizing our verse for this quarter, Philippians 2:3-11. How will you demonstrate "others first" at school this week?

A **Sunday Night, Light** is scheduled for the end of this month, on Sunday, April 26. Are you interested in leading the devotional? Talk to Cliff.

RCC Memorial Day Retreat is Friday through Monday, May 22-25, for those who have completed grades 7-12. Remember you must register prior to two weeks before the session, which is before May 1st, or there is a late fee of \$15.

GUYS: Mark your calendars for our first annual Father/Son Retreat at RCC, June 13-14.

SENIORS: You're invited to attend our monthly time of fellowship at our **Seniors Breakfast on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m.** We meet at the Colonial Restaurant on Rt. 38 in St. Charles.

Small Groups

Our next Small Group fellowship is **Sunday, April 19.** There is no evening worship, but a small group meets at the building at 5:30 p.m. A "grand finale" potluck is scheduled for May 3.



Shults-Lewis Golf Outing

The Shults-Lewis Spring Golf Outing is **Friday, May 15,** at Tamarack Golf Club in Naperville. Lunch begins at noon and tee-off is 1:00 p.m. Dinner will follow golf. Shults-Lewis has received a generous gift to cover all golfers expenses, which includes lunch, dinner, greens fees and cart fees. Be sure to register at www.shultslewis.org or by calling 1-800-462-0513.

Theology Conference

Wheaton College annual Theology Conference will run **Thursday through Saturday, April 16-18.** The talks on Thursday and Friday evenings are free and open to the public. Both sessions are 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. in Barrows Auditorium (at the east end of the Billy Graham Center).

- Thursday, April 16: Gordon Fee, "Getting the Spirit Back Into Spirituality"
- Friday, April 17: Dallas Willard, "Spiritual Formation as a Natural Part of Salvation"

Additional information about these sessions and about the rest of the conference (paid registration is required) can be found at: www.wheaton.edu/Theology/theo_conf/