



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Our theme for Bible lessons at RCC this summer is "Justice." I have been thinking and studying about this great concept for several months. I have learned much, but I am overwhelmed at how much there is to understand which is yet beyond me.

In this world, because of the work of Satan, we never see justice in its pure form. Justice, after all, is the perfect vision of God. When Jesus prayed the model prayer, He prayed, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

In heaven, there is perfect justice. Until Jesus returns, justice on earth will be imperfect. The great Bible scholar F. F. Bruce put it this way: "The kingdom of God is present in Jesus' ministry, but it is at the moment beset by limitations; one day soon it will 'come with power,' the limitations removed."

Yet, while perfect justice is something we can never quite see, we long for it. I love the text from **Amos 5:24**, "Let justice roll down like waters, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (RSV) God longs for it. We sense how precious it will be. And God expects us to practice justice in our lives and to pray for it for our land and our rulers.

Nations are challenged to maintain justice in their laws and in their enforcement of those laws. The poor and the weak always look to justice to defend their rights and to give them comfort. Justice is that expression of the *imago dei*, the image of God which is built into every human being by our Creator.

The church of God is meant to be a realm of justice. We are to see every person as an object of God's love, and we are to seek the interests of others even more than our own interests. This isn't a natural development. Only through a relationship with God do we come to understand and to reflect a maturing

sense of what is just.

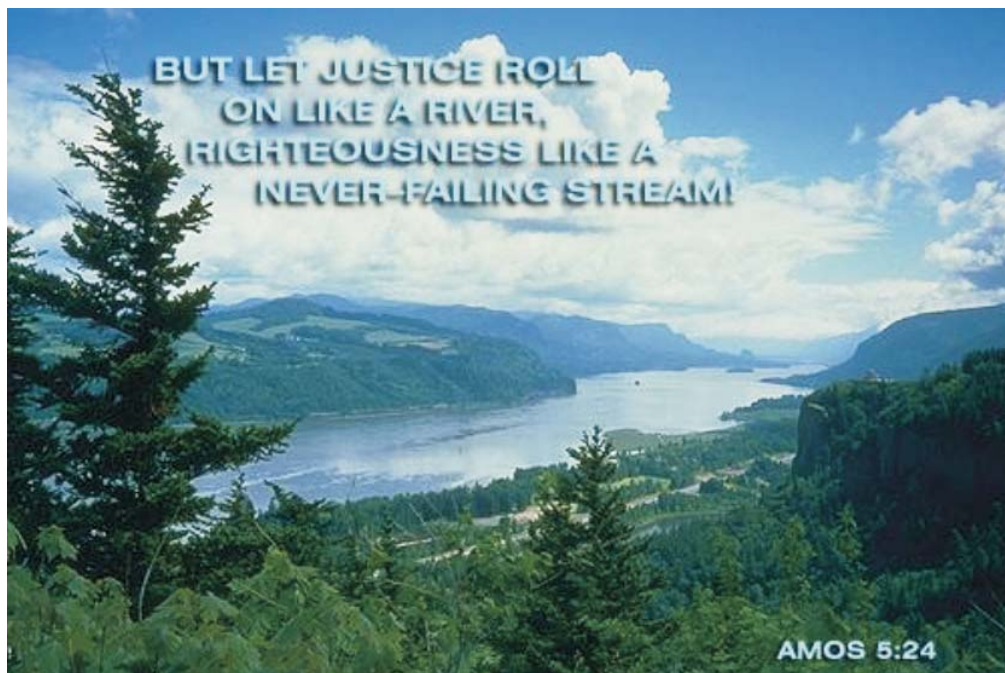
In our fellowship in the church we are to treat one another fairly, and to value each member as a part of a single body whose head is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Divisions based on race, on economics, on power or talents or gifts have no place in the kingdom

of God. Ours is to be a peaceable kingdom where there is no harm or hate.

Doesn't that appeal to you?

As we walk in fellowship with one another and with our Lord, we need to seek the courage to stand for what is fair and just. We need to forgive one another and to bless the efforts of each one to seek the pure, sweet justice of God.



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 - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Kyle Wheeler
- Singing
- Prayer - Cary Gray
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Peter Drumheller

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 16 Betsy Jett
- April 17 Carrie Drumheller
- April 19 Jeremy Whitman

Dates to Remember

- April 13 Sunday Night Light, Teens
- April 16 Seniors Breakfast
- April 17-19 Sheldon Heights Teacher Workshop
- April 20 Small Groups
- April 27 Sunday Night Light, Teens

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class
- Sunday Morning Worship
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class
- Contribution \$7,099.45

Small Groups

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



In Our Prayers...

Dub Avey, the uncle of Justin Avey and Theresa Link, broke his hip in four places several weeks ago. He had surgery and is in rehab. They are working to get him ready to go back home to be with his wife.

Pauline Dunn, Nadine McCormick's sister, passed away a week ago in Missouri.

Guillermina Diaz, the sister-in-law of Fernando Diaz, disappeared in Mexico City, Mexico on March 29. They do not have any information regarding her whereabouts. Fernando is the minister at the church in Waukegan.

Josephine Haggerton has several health issues and will be going through tests the beginning of April.

Bob Hirsch, Missy Day's stepfather, passed away suddenly last week.

Fintan Schiltz, the infant son of the Hearn's neighbors, is out of the hospital. He is spending two weeks at Kohl's house, a segue before he goes home.

Bob Voigts is cancer free. There are a couple of lymph nodes which are enlarged so he will be completing his chemotherapy treatments.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother
 Sylvia Atten – Dana Howard's friend
 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
 Mary Brent – Joe Kirts's sister
 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 Vantreesee'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
 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 Vantreesee
 Eudie Voigts – Bob's mother
 Jim & Jamie Winner
 Jim & Jeremy Whitman
 Rick & Gina Zamora

Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings – Justin Avey's employee
 Wes Clark – the son-in-law of Lynette Root's friend
 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, Becky Pedersen



Collection Counters

Paul Mullins, Paul Stirrup



Franciscan Court Opportunities

There are several opportunities available at Franciscan Court, a supportive living residence located at the corner of Route 59 and North Avenue. 1) Chuck leads a Bible study at 1:30 every Wednesday afternoon. Come join us! 2) There are several residents who would enjoy visits. See Sally if you are interested. 3) On Wednesday, April 30, Franciscan Court is celebrating Supportive Living Week from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. RSVP by calling 630-562-4242.

Wednesday Ladies Class

There are a couple of planning meetings scheduled to discuss curriculum for the ladies class – **this Wednesday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the church building and Friday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Frances Shearer's home.** Let Joanne Johnson know if you plan to attend either or both of the meetings.

This week, April 16, Sandy Boyd will finish her overview of the Bible. We will be studying the epistles of John starting April 23 through the end of May, lead by Joanne Johnson.

Wednesday Kids' Class

The Wednesday Evening Kids' Class has been collecting money to give to a worthy cause, around \$60. The class has been learning about several organizations and they are going to vote for which organization should receive the funds. If you would like to contribute to matching their donation, see Cyndi Perez.

Benevolence Need

A few of our families are experiencing financial difficulties due to medical conditions and slow economy. If you'd like to make a special contribution to help these families, please see Justin Avey, Jay Hearn, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.

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.

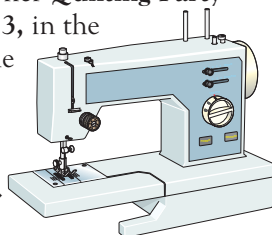
Baptism!

Cathy Vaden was baptized on Saturday afternoon. We are delighted to welcome **Cathy and Darrell** into our fellowship. They live at 1205 Orion Rd., Batavia, 60510. Their phone is (630) 879-2695.

Ladies Day Out – Quilting

Francis Shearer has rescheduled her **Quilting Party** to either **Saturday, April 26 or May 3**, in the fellowship room. Please sign up in the foyer for the Saturday you think you will attend.

We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and then finish around 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. Bring a salad to share for lunch.



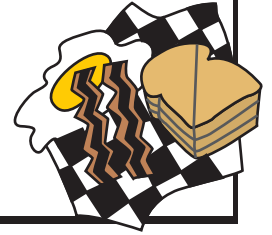
Youth & Family News

TEENS: This evening there is a Sunday Night, Light at Jon & Jamie's. Guys bring pop, girls bring veggies or dessert. Christian is leading a discussion.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIGHT

Wheaton Academy is hosting an interactive exhibit, **"World Vision AIDS Experience,"** to help people better understand the reality of life for millions of children in Africa today. Our youth group will experience the exhibit on Sunday night, April 20, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

SENIORS: This Wednesday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. is the Seniors Breakfast at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 by Randall Road. Hope to see you there!



Vacation Bible School



June 22-26
Sunday through Thursday

Sunday, June 22, is Family Night!
Join us at 5:00-9:00 p.m.
for a picnic & family activities

Monday-Thursday from 6:30-9:00 p.m.
(Completed K-6th Grade)

Register online: www.wcfamily.org

We need leaders for Crafts, Bible Story, and Group Guides. We're also looking for someone to help us with outreach into our community. Let Cliff know if you'd like to be involved and help plan this year's VBS.

LEADERS: We'll have a "status" meeting on Saturday, April 26th, at 6:00 pm.

Volunteers, as well as children, can register online at www.wcfamily.org. And, don't forget...

INVITE your friends and neighbors!