A Preacher’s Perspective

Don’t you love texts of scripture that exalt the power of El Shaddai! We are designed to take comfort in the unfathomable might of our Creator and God. He is One who makes a path through the sea for His people. He is One who makes the sun stop in its course to give victory in battle to His children.

He is One who spoke the worlds into existence by the might of His word. And He upholds the universe by the word of His power.

He “utters His voice, the earth melts.”

He burns the chariots in the fire and breaks the spear asunder.

He has created all the beasts of the field. His creation is the mighty lion who causes terror with his roar, and His is the war horse who flares his nostrils at the sound of the trumpet.

All the breakers of the sea are under the control of His hand. They crash on the shores He has set as a boundary which they cannot cross.

The great canyons of the earth, the deep fissures of the ocean floor and the mighty peaks of the ranges are the footstools for His feet and the works of His fingers.

The mighty expanses of the universe are His dominion. He makes clouds of amazing colors and heavenly structures which take light years to traverse.

And yet, He is also creator of the small. The insects and microbes of earth, invisible to man, He has given work to balance the forces which sustain life. He knows the space of atomic structures and every element bears the genius of His plan.

But of all the created world which delights His soul, only man fills the cavern of His heart. He has made us to be the pinnacle of creation and to bear the very stamp of His image.

How sad to live in a time when men know more than ever of the wonders of His work yet know less and less of the love which is the center and substance of all His being.

Let us determine to praise the Lord with our lives, with our lips, and with our whole hearts. Let us lift up our Lord Jesus to the whole world and proclaim with no shame that we are His people and the sheep of His hand.

He is worthy of praise.

Chuck Miller
If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshiping 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. A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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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.

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays .... Curt Robinson
Kids Connection
Praise Songs .......................................... Rick Root
  John 1:11-13 – Children born of God
  #744  God's Family
  #769  May I Call You Father?
  #77   Glorify Thy Name
  John 15:14-16 – No Longer servants, but friends
  #800  What a Friend We Have in Jesus
  #396  No Not One
Communion ............................................. Don Brewster
  #364   Come, Share the Lord
Prayers & Pass Emblems
Sermon ................................................ Chuck Miller
  #907  Hark the Gentle Voice
Prayer Cards ......................................... Bob Voigts
  #711  Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Birthdays & Anniversaries
April 16 .................................................. Betsy Jett
April 17 .................................................. Carrie Drumheller
April 19 .................................................. Jeremy Whitman
April 21 .................................................. Jason Whitman
April 21 .................................................. Steve & Melissa Massie (anv.)

Dates to Remember
TODAY ........................................ Community Groups
April 17 ........................................ Tuesday Ladies Class
April 18 ........................................ Senior Breakfast
April 18 ........................................ Wednesday Evening Bible Class
April 19 ........................................ Teen Parent Connection
April 20 ........................................ Mens Prayer Breakfast
April 22 ........................................ Senior Citizens Luncheon
April 28 ........................................ Baby Shower for Christina Voigts
April 29 ........................................ VBS Meeting, Connection Point
April 29 ........................................ Leadership Meeting, Praise Sunday!

Records You Helped Make
Sunday Morning Bible Class .................. 41
Sunday Morning Worship ....................... 106
Wednesday Evening Bible Class ............ 23
Contribution ........................................ $1,713.52

Nursery Workers ... Carrie Drumheller, Lynette Root
Collection Counters ............... Jeff Ieler, Rick Root
In Our Prayers...

Ianna, who Julie Dean reported was hit by a car, is doing really well. She is two years old and has a cast from her waist down for a broken femur.

Josephine Haggerton is in DuPage Convalescent Center, Room 1441. Phone: 630.510.4891

Wayne Harrison, a former member, passed away last week. He was one of our church’s first deacons. Cards may be sent to his wife, Marilyn, at 2006 Windmill Drive, Houston, Texas 77469.

Rachel Jinkerson, a former member, is recuperating from surgery on her jaw. She and her family live in Abilene.

Chuck Miller is finished with his radiation treatments.

Jim Whitman is having high blood pressure problems.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s brother
Justin Avey
Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root’s parents
Herman Biggers – Josephine Haggerton’s brother
Bonnie Bingham
Nancy Brewster
Bob & Phyllis Cissne, Cindy Drumheller’s parents
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
Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton’s nephew
Kathy Huml – John Pedersen’s sister
Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins
John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim
Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman’s niece
Don Lemley
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
Joan Mullins – Paul’s mother
Josh Otte – Chris Czernik’s nephew & the son of Marion Lake’s cousin
Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff
Scott Robinson – Curt’s brother
Kay Schrader
Phyllis Sitler
Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voights’ cousins
Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler’s parents

Moms-to-Be:
Lauren Avey – Justin & Joan’s daughter-in-law
Kathryn (Lemley) Garner
Shannon Gifford
Christina Voights

Armed forces:
Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s grand-nephew
Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard’s nephew
Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root’s friend, Iraq
Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:
City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico
Obadiah Doka – Nigeria
Living Room Café – Chicago
Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti
Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan
Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago
Joe & Allison Voights – Korea
Students of Joe Voights – China
Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria
Today!
Community Groups are scheduled to meet TODAY. Please see Chuck or Don if you do not know the group in which you and your family belong. “…They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. – Acts 2:46-47

Senior Citizens Luncheon
Senior citizens! You are invited to a luncheon hosted by the teens next Sunday, April 22, immediately following worship. It will be a good time of fellowship, enjoying good food and good entertainment presented by the teens. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

BABY SHOWER
Ladies! You are invited to a Baby Shower in honor of Christina Voigts on Saturday, April 28, at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Betsy Jett. Please see Betsy or Frances if you have any questions. Christina is registered at Target and Babies R Us. Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer.

It’s a Girl!
Congratulations to Jon, Jamie, Esther and Josh Miller on the birth of Elizabeth Mae on Saturday at 6:52 pm at CDH. Liza weighed 8lbs. 2oz. and was 20.5” long.

Bible Class Teachers
Please contact Cindy Drumheller if you are willing to help with any of the following: Teachers are needed for this Wednesday to teach the 0-4 aged class and the K-6th grade class. Substitutes are always needed.

Tuesday Ladies Class
The Tuesday morning ladies class will be finishing up their book in a couple of weeks. Pat Brewster will then lead several more lessons through May. Classes will not be held during the summer months starting in June.

Vacation Bible School
A brief VBS meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, immediately following worship in the fellowship room. We will discuss this year’s theme and topic, the nightly schedule and how you can get involved. This year we need plenty of teachers and helpers to keep class size small and to be able to individualize the lessons for different age groups. Let Cindy or Sally know if you plan to attend the meeting.

Mark your calendar with this year’s Vacation Bible School, “All Aboard the Kingdom Express” – Sunday, June 24, through Thursday, June 28. Can’t wait for an awesome summer!