



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

God is never a debtor. He will owe no man anything. So, when Jesus says, "it will be given to you... seek and you will find... knock and the door will be opened," He is exactly right. He keeps His promises. His assurances never fail.

Many, however, might complain, "but I did those things and it didn't happen for me." Now, I don't know all your life circumstances, but I know that those who put their trust in Jesus will never be forsaken. The psalmist wrote

"I have been young, and now I am old, but I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging bread."

Ps. 37

Now, it is not at all uncommon for those to complain who

have not, in fact, sought after the Lord. **Proverbs 1** tells of one who rejected God's wisdom time and again. Then, in time of trouble, he sought "wisdom" only to be ignored. God is not mocked.

Another principle found in the Proverbs is that "when a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the Lord." So there's no shortage of complainers and naysayers. But here's the thing.

The one who said, "it will be given to you... seek and you will find... knock and the door will be opened" was the Lord Jesus. He's never wrong. Not even once.

So think about it. If your life isn't working out the way you think it should, if you feel you've gotten a raw

deal, take that to Jesus. If you really have been despised and rejected, like Jesus was, then no one will receive you with more grace, no one will delight more in fulfilling promises to you. That's who He is.

But if your heart is full of self, and bitterness, and if you are quite certain that your life is the exception to the rule and that grace is not for you, then you are listening to the lies of the enemy.

I have had the privilege to minister to some truly damaged, scarred young people. Some of them lived through unspeakable mistreatment, even to the point of being prostituted by a parent. Yet I have heard this

statement from such a victim of abuse: "I must be the luckiest girl in the world!"

Why?

Because she had met Jesus and because He had filled her soul and given her hope and joy.

It's really

not about how badly you have had things or about how unjustly you have been treated. It's about this: trust Jesus.

I can't make things work out for you. He can.

I can't guarantee an outcome where we will have perfect justice. He does (though not in this life).

But please don't listen to the voices in your own mind or to the fools of this world who will tell you not to believe, that you should trust only in your own solutions.

That's the enemy speaking. They may not know it, but that's what's happening.

Ask. Seek. Knock. He'll be there for you.



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MATTHEW 7:7

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 Dewayne Smith
 #117 God Is the Fountain Whence
 Prayer Updates & Scripture. Paul Mullins
 #461 Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide
 #490 It Is Well with My Soul
 Prayer Curt Robinson
 #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
 Lord's Supper John Johnson
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #903 There Is Power in the Blood
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Paul Mullins
 #646 Onward, Christian Soldiers
 Closing Prayer Paul Mercer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 19 Jeremy Whitman
 April 21 Jason Whitman
 April 21 Steve & Melissa Massie (anv.)
 April 23 Blake Mullins, Jon Wright

Dates to Remember

Today 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 Town Hall morning fellowship, 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 April 27 Harding Cubs Game/Teens
 May 2 All-Church/Small Group Potluck

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 76
 Sunday Morning Worship 100
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 22
 Contribution \$2,969.00

Nursery Workers Bev Day, Cleta Watson

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 and Rourke Mullins, 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 was in the hospital this past week, and is now home for nine days. She will be on this 5 day hospital/9 day home for the next fourteen weeks. Her address is 221 Ingaltan Avenue, West Chicago, 60185

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

Kyle and Kelie Wheeler had a bad week last week. Kelie had been in an accident and was very sore, bruised and a little dizzy and confused. On Sunday, Kyle went home, fell with back problems, and was in the basement several hours unable to get up. The good news is that Kelie was doing much better, and Kyle finally made it upstairs.

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 Vantrees'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 Headtko - 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 this 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 should be returned to Molly Mullins asap! 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!

Family “Town Hall” Meeting

Next Sunday, April 25th, we will have a special morning fellowship at 9:00. Coffee, juice and pastries will be provided by the leadership. The meeting will include a town-hall-style meeting to talk about finances. Everyone is welcome to ask questions to better understand our present financial status. Church staff (Chuck, Cliff and Sally) and their families will not be present. Everyone is invited; kids, too. The nursery and preschool classes will be held.

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. **Deadline: June 1.**



Needs for Community

A family needs baby wipes, size 6 diapers and size 4T/5T pull ups. Place donations by restrooms.

Directory Photos

There are several families that need their photo taken – especially those with children! See Jay, Sally or Rachel.

National Teachers Workshop

The Sheldon Heights Church of Christ **National Teachers Workshop** is Thursday through Saturday, April 22-24. Call to register as soon as possible at 773-568-2929.

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 will leave from the building about 4:00 p.m. that day.



youth & family news

TEENS: Sunday Night, Light: April 25th, Gifford’s.
SENIORS: This Wednesday, April 21, is the **Seniors Breakfast.** Join us at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 by Randall Road at 10:00 a.m.

Congratulations!

Kayla (Wheeler) Hearn is receiving her BS in interdisciplinary studies from



Oklahoma Christian on April 30. She is staying at OCU to pursue her MBA. An open house will be held there.



Emma Boyd is receiving her BA in law, justice and society from Lipscomb University on Saturday, May 8.

The Bridge

Several of you expressed an interest in serving at The Bridge on Tuesday, May 18th. We are providing a meal that night of sloppy joes, chips and dessert. **Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you can go, or if you can provide something for the meal.**

RECURRING PROJECTS

Small Group Fellowships



Our last Small Group Fellowship is **TODAY.** Join us in celebrating our Small Group Fellowships with a **potluck on Sunday, May 2.** There is no evening worship on Small Group Sundays. A Small Group meets at the building at 5:30 p.m.

Living Room Cafe

We are scheduled to go to the Living Room Café in Chicago the second **Monday** of every month. Our next scheduled date is May 10th and we’ll leave around 2:30. Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you can go.

Men’s Bible Study & Coffee

The Men’s Bible Study meets Fridays from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meets here every Thursday night. **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, please let her know. Monetary donations are welcome.