



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

How do you feel about being carried? What do you think of being rescued and "shepherded?" Do you think of such thoughts as the weak whinings of frightened cowards or the defeated bleating of desperate men?

Stories of courage and sacrifice, of power and victory stir our souls. We rally behind strong men,

great warriors. I heard the story of one such warrior this week. Marine Sgt. James I. Poynter had been a hero of World War II. He fought in all the bitter conflicts of the Pacific and was decorated for bravery.

When the Korean War broke out, he re-enlisted. On November 4, 1950, his unit was overrun by a large enemy

force. Facing sure defeat, Sgt. Poynter saw three approaching machine guns. He attacked with his bayonet, and, taking grenades from his fallen comrades, he destroyed two of the enemy guns and disabled the third before falling, mortally wounded.

Sgt. Poynter was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Brave men like this, who left behind four young children and a wife, have been the defenders of our nation since its beginning.

Every society has stories of its heroes who gave up

their lives and made great personal sacrifices for their homes and families.

The heroes of Israel were valiant fighters and selfless warriors, as well. Among them were men like Josheb-Basshebeth, Shammah, Eleazar, Asahael, Abishai, and Helez. You can look up the lists of these great fighters.

Of the warriors of God, none was more respected and feared than David, son of Jesse. Not only had he

defeated the giant, Goliath of Gath, he led out the armies of Saul and time and again crushed his enemies to the glory of God.

It was this mighty warrior-king who longed to be carried like a sheep in the arms of his shepherd. As one who had known the horrible sights, sounds and smells of hand-to-hand combat, his soul longed

for peace and safety. His psalms reflect a heart which thought about green pastures, quiet waters, and safe rocky fortresses. He loved to remember the lambs of spring when he was a boy, laughing at them and saving them from their own foolishness.

In that, his heart was like God. What power he displayed in battle. What peace he longed for in his soul.

Father, carry us forever, and teach us to long for the safety of your arms.



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. 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 - *Dewayne Smith*
- Announcements - *Bob Jett*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Scott Drumheller*
- 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 - *Steve Link*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Dates to Remember

- Today Small Groups
- April 25 Outreach Meeting @ Watsons
- April 26 Singing Night
- April 26 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- April 19 VBS Planning Meeting
- May 3 Potluck & Church Family Photo
- May 15 Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
- May 17 Lemley/Garner Wedding Shower

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 73
- Sunday Morning Worship 138
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 30
- Contribution \$3,356.01

Nursery Workers

Betsy Jett, Jackie Robinson



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel



In Our Prayers...

Loss of loved ones:

Leona Boston, Lynette Root's aunt, passed away this week. She was in her nineties and had been in the hospital with MRSA during the past month.

Amy Kalupski, the sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend, passed away after a long struggle with cancer.

Rich Kern, Jackie Robinson's father, passed away from complications due to leukemia.

Prayer needs:

Mary Brent, Joe Kirts's sister, was in the hospital last week. She had a liver and kidney transplant in October.

Lisa Gleason, Dana Howard's sister, will begin therapy.

Josephine Haggerton suffers from chronic back pain. She will be traveling the next several weeks.

Bob Voigts is having some chemotherapy as a preventative measure.

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

Joe and Sky Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobby's

foster son and granddaughter

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

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 Sitler

Avery Sternberg - the daughter of Jay Hearn's cousin

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Mothers-to-be:

Caitlyn Czernik - Chris's daughter-in-law

Shannon (Pedersen) Manny - due first of May

Cathy Miller - due in June

Jamie Miller - due end of May

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

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



Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lemley, Jr.

and

Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Garner

*invite you to the celebration
of the marriage of their children*

Katherine Grace

and

Benjamin Ross

on

Saturday, the Twenty-Seventh of June

at

6:30 in the evening

at

Valley Ranch in Rose Bud, Arkansas

Reception to follow.



For more information, search for them at

www.theknot.com

Small Groups

Today is a Small Group fellowship. There is no evening worship, but a small group meets at the building at 5:30 p.m. **There is a potluck on May 3.**



It's a Boy!

Joe & Terrie Kirts are new grandparents! Brian & Jamie Holtin are the proud parents of **Benjamin Carl Holtin**, born on Thursday, April 16, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches long. Everyone is doing great including big brother, Sean!

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.

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.

You & Family News

TEENS: We began a study of Galatians this past Wednesday night. If you're not in the habit of being here for our mid-week Bible study, we'd love for you to join us. Your homework is to read through the book of Galatians at least once.

A **Sunday Night, Light** is scheduled for **next**

**SUNDAY NIGHT
LIGHT**

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.

PARENTS: We need someone to host next week's Sunday Night, Light. Talk to Cliff if you're interested.

VBS Meeting

If you are interested in helping plan our "Vacation Bible School" program this year, a meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 29, at 5:30 p.m.** We'll have a different format this year, so come with your ideas. Cliff will get dinner, so be sure to let him know if you plan to attend.

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. Register at www.shultslewis.org or by calling 1-800-462-0513.

Wedding Shower

Everyone is invited to a wedding shower for **Katherine Lemley and Benjamin Garner on Sunday, May 17.** The "open house" is from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. Cake and punch will be served. They are registered at Crate & Barrel and Target.



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!