



# West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

I love the little poem "Devotion" by Robert Frost. His image of the patient shoreline which endlessly allows the surf to pound upon it captures the spirit of those people who live selflessly for others.

Like the sands, they hold steadily to one position as the shape of the waves change endlessly.

To exhibit that kind of devotion requires a powerful sense of identity, a sense of being someone who doesn't change in the face of life changes or circumstances which alter.

The security which comes from a relationship with that which is unchanging has always been a favorite theme. The writer of Hebrews celebrates a savior who "is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

We need that constancy. We need that fixed point which enables us to run our course with an unswerving path. We fix our eyes on the One who calls us, bidding us to come to Him. The song pleads, "O thou who changest not, abide with me."

God's faithful, unchanging love is the grand theme of scripture. Faithless Israel, a people who often strayed after foreign gods and false devotion were taught the meaning of devotion by the God who always forgave,

who always took them back, who always cared for them in their bondage and suffering.

It was a shepherd's devotion which often described the heart of God. David knew that shepherd's heart of caring and commitment. It was that devoted heart that made God love David so and which accounts for God's amazing mercy and forgiveness to this king who sinned so grievously.

So many of the Psalms draw upon the pastoral world of sheep and pasture. God looks at us that way.

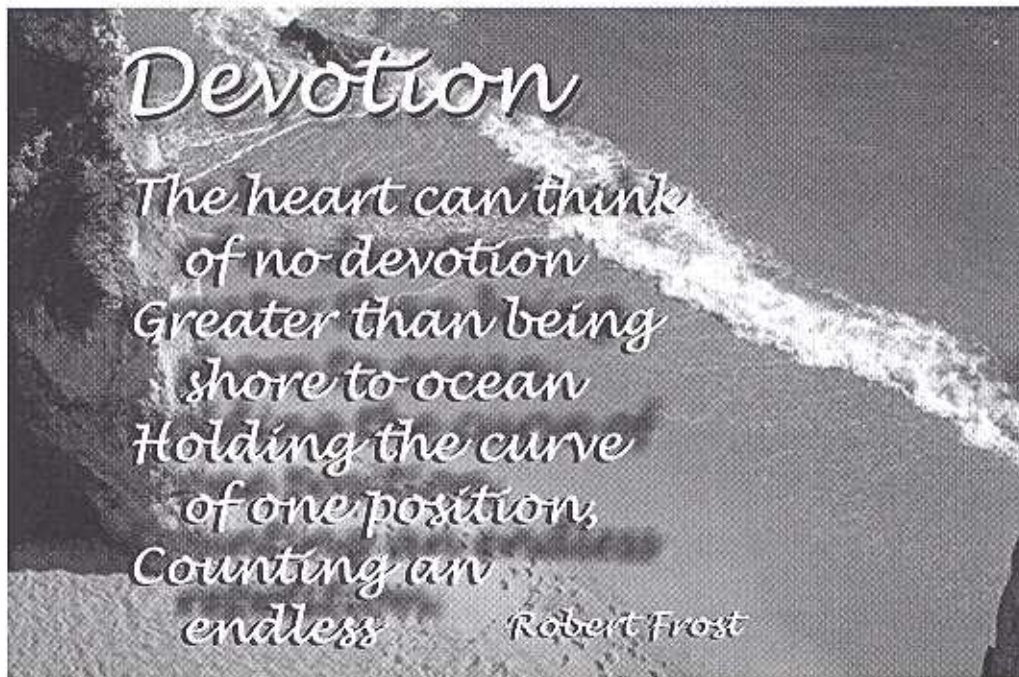
We are like foolish sheep who stray and need constant protection and provision.

Another of the pictures of devotion which blesses us is the image of a loving mother. As mothers put all their own interests second to the needs of their children, God demonstrates another aspect

of His heart and we come to understand more fully what it means to live selflessly.

Devotion is the word which reflects all those powerful ideas of love and security. Devotion comes to mind when I think of the loving care given to her husband, Neal, by Pat Ronzheimer. This past week, her devotion was completed as he passed away. We bless her for her faithful love, service and devotion.

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 - DeWayne Smith  
 Announcements - Kyle Wheeler  
 Singing  
 Prayer - Scott Drumheller  
 Singing  
 Lord's Supper  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
 Sermon - Chuck Miller  
 Singing  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts  
 Announcements  
 Singing  
 Closing Prayer - Mike Kinder

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 21 ..... Steve & Melissa Massie (anv.),  
 ..... Jason Whitman  
 April 23 ..... Blake Mullins, Jon Wright  
 April 25 ..... Kelsey Drumheller

## Dates to Remember

April 20 ..... Small Groups  
 April 20 ..... World Vision AIDS Experience/Teens  
 April 26 ..... Quilting Party  
 April 26 ..... VBS Status Meeting  
 April 27 ..... Sunday Night Light, Teens  
 May 1 ..... Food Pantry Delivery  
 May 3 ..... Leadership Meeting  
 May 3 ..... Quilting Party  
 May 3 ..... RCC Board Meeting @ RCC  
 May 4 ..... Small Groups Potluck  
 May 8 ..... Preachers Breakfast  
 May 11 ..... Mother's Day  
 May 16 ..... Shultz-Lewis Golf Outing  
 May 17 ..... RCC Work Day  
 May 18 ..... Connection Point @ Park Forest

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class ..... 92  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 132  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class ..... 40  
 Contribution ..... \$5,340.55

## In Our Prayers...

**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.

**Jerry Fowler**, **Joan Lockett's brother-in-law**, had a heart attack, is diabetic and has other health issues.

**Josephine Haggerton** has a viral infection.

**Mozell Huxtable**, **Rick Root's aunt**, is very ill with complications from surgery. She is 87 years old.

**Brad Jurek's friend** is in a coma.

**Jon Mercer** is having shoulder pain.

**Bobbie Miller** is in the hospital with pancreatitis.

**Adene Mitchel**, **Marilyn Smith's cousin**, passed away. She is survived by a husband, children and grandchildren.

**Neil Ronzheimer** passed away Tuesday night. The funeral was yesterday.

**Fintan Schiltz**, the infant son of the **Hearn's neighbors**, is home from the hospital.

**Vacation Bible School** is in the planning and coordinating stages. Pray that we can be a light to each other and to our community.

### 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 Vantreese'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 & Bobbie'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

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitrler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin

Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Linda Vantreese

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 - home from Iraq

### 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 - Joe will be home this spring

## Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Sandy Boyd



## Collection Counters

Paul Mullins, Paul Stirrup



## 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.

Also, we know of a family that needs a twin or toddler mattress/bed. Please see Sally if you have one to donate.

## Wednesday Ladies Class

Following is the plan for our Ladies Bible Class:

- April 23: Kelie Wheeler will lead a devotional  
 April 30 - May 7: The Rich Man and Lazarus - Sandy Boyd  
 May 14 - June 18: The Epistles of John - Joanne Johnson

## Wednesday Kids' Class

The Wednesday Evening Kids' Class has been collecting money, 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 match their donation, see Cyndi Perez.

## 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 TODAY** and a \$250 deposit to the church is due. Apply for a passport NOW and see your doctor to get necessary immunizations. For more information or if you have any questions, see Emily Gray.

**Starting on Sunday, May 11**, Honduras travelers will meet during Bible class to prepare for the trip.

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.

## Ladies Day Out - Quilting

Francis Shearer has scheduled her **Quilting Party** for the next two Saturdays, April 26 or May 3, in the fellowship room. Please sign up in the foyer for the day you think you will attend. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and then finish around 3:30 p.m. Bring a salad to share for lunch!

## Small Groups

**Today is Small Groups!** Remember, there is no evening worship.

This is the last Small Group scheduled for this session. We will "officially" conclude with an all-church potluck luncheon on Sunday, May 4.



## Franciscan Court Opportunities

There are several opportunities available at Franciscan Court, a supportive living residence for senior citizens 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. Several residents would enjoy visits. See Sally.
3. On Wednesday, April 30, Franciscan Court is celebrating Supportive Living Week from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. You are invited to learn more about Supportive Living, free blood pressure screenings, and tours of the facility. RSVP by calling 630-562-4242.

# Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** Meet at the building tonight at 6:30 to see the exhibit "World Vision Experience: AIDS" at Wheaton Academy. This interactive exhibit will help you better understand the reality of life for millions of children in Africa today who are impacted by the disease. We should return to the building around 8:30.

To support the Wednesday Evening Kids Class, Karissa Wheeler is **challenging us to match their collection** of about \$60. Bring your money to class and put it in one of the yellow LC2LC cups.

We have a **Sunday Night, Light**, next Sunday, April 27th. Guys bring pop; Girls bring veggies or dessert.

**PARENTS & ADULTS:** We have a few extra tickets for the "World Vision Experience: AIDS" tonight at Wheaton Academy. See Cliff if you'd like to go. If you'd like to go, but can't go tonight, the exhibit will be at Wheaton Academy through Tuesday. See the bulletin board for more information. (There's no cost for the exhibit.)



## 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](http://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 p.m.

Volunteers, as well as children, can register online at [www.wcfamily.org](http://www.wcfamily.org). And, don't forget...

**INVITE your friends and neighbors to VBS!**