



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

² Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:1-2 (RSV)**

Conformed v. Transformed. What a powerful and timely challenge for believers today. We have moved from a Christian-theistic worldview to one of secular progressivism, or whatever labels you choose to use.

What that means to us, for one thing, is that we are not the majority, the norm.

Is that good or bad?

Maybe both.

I hate to see the name of Jesus and reverence for the Almighty diminished in public discourse. We love to see Him exalted. But it's naive to think the country has moved from real faith to real unbelief. We never really have been a "Christian nation."

Nonetheless, we feel a sadness to see some respect dwindle.

The real issues, however, are much deeper.

Long before there was a kind of Bill Maher mocking, there was a hollowness of true belief. How

inviting it has been to profess faith but also to enjoy all the material blessings of prosperous capitalism. Our example needs to be one which reflects the character of the Man whose name is supposed to define our movement.

Jesus calls us to be pure. How His church struggles with purity of thought and action. Entertainment draws us in. Our secret hearts become defiled with lust, greed, and we are easily tempted to want to build better border fences more than we want to tear down the barriers which divide men's souls.

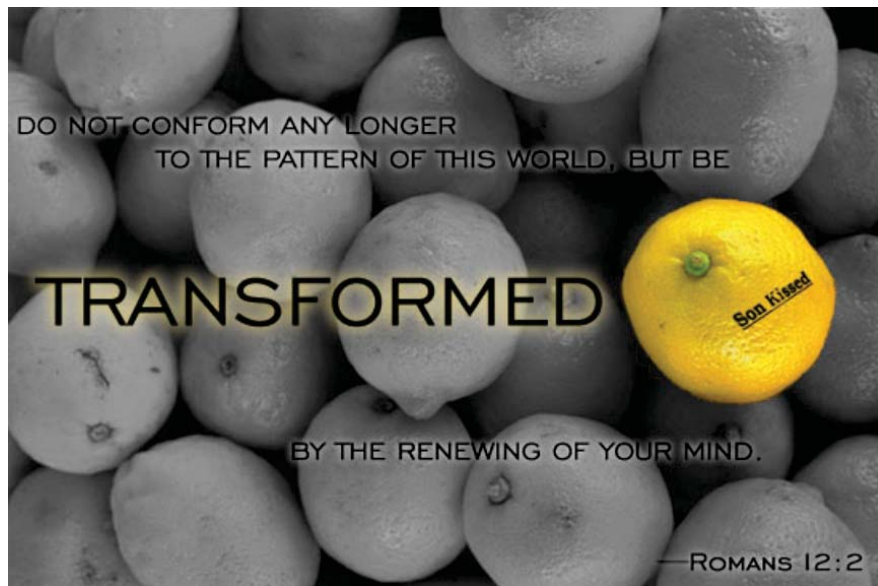
The great debate about gay marriage is not what has weakened our family relationships. Decades of pornography and promiscuity have done far more

harm than enfranchising gay couples. The emptying of the soul of our nation has left a vacuum which allows acceptance of gay unions.

We need a rekindled passion for reaching out to the lost. We need to be sure we say amen to the Jesus who came to seek and to save the lost.

It may be that the secular mindset of our time may challenge us to stand up for Jesus. Maybe we will see more clearly the stark differences between what we stand for and the world's values.

But if we don't communicate those differences through love and service, we'll be like sounding brass and tinkling symbols.



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 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:

- <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:

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| Don Brewster | Jay Hearn |
| Chuck Miller | Rick Root |

Our Deacons are:

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| John Day | Brian Gifford |
| Jon Miller | Curt Robinson |

- 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.



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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.

Worship Order

- Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays *Curt Robinson*
- Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*
- Praise Songs *Tim Boyd*
 - #23 *Our God, He is Alive*
 - Hide Me Away, O Lord*
 - #226 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
 - #474 *Thank You Lord for Loving Me*
 - #386 *He Loves me*
- Communion Message *Rick Root*
- Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
- Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 - #932 *O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow*
- Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 - #705 *A Common Love*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 21 Jason Whitman
- April 21 Steve & Melissa Massie (anv)
- April 23 Blake Mullins, Jon Wright
- April 26 Kelsey Drumheller

Dates to Remember

- TODAY VBS Meeting
- April 22 Teen Parent Connection
- April 23 Tuesday Ladies Class
- April 24 Sinners Anonymous
- April 24 Wednesday Bible Class
- April 26 Mens Prayer & Pancakes
- April 28 Clothing Due
- April 28 Praise Sunday!

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 51
- Sunday Morning Worship 91
- Contribution \$4,102.51

Nursery Workers

Carrie Drumheller, Betsy Jett



Collection Counters

Mike Henkel, Paul Mullins



In Our Prayers...

Betsy, Bob Voigts's supervisor, has breast cancer.

Sandy Boyd had outpatient surgery on Friday.

Pat Brewster is better and recuperating at home.

Al Dorsey is doing much better. He is in a rehab facility in St. Charles.

Kathy, Dana Howard's friend, has cancer. Continue to pray for **Sylvia Atten, Waseem James and her aunt, Pat Johnson**.

Dena Leasure is a friend of Chuck and Bobbye who has cancer. It has spread and the prognosis is not good.

Nadine McCormick is home from Marianjoy and doing better. Bonnie Bingham is her care-giver.

Peggy Moore, friend of Chuck & Bobbye Miller, passed away.

Liz Pritchett, a friend of Joe Voigts, has mouth cancer.

Rose Stirrup, Kelly Ieler's Mom, had surgery this week because of lung cancer. She is doing well and is home from the hospital.

Heidi Wesner, the wife of the vice president of Service Company, is making progress recuperating from meningitis. She is out of the coma.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Nancy Brewster

Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey – Al's son

Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew

Josephine Haggerton

Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller's

Lauren Helton – Josephine

Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml – John

Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins – friend

of Alec Boyd &

Rourke Mullins

Sue Lake – Marion's

sister-in-law

John Mark Lango, son of

former members

Keith & Kim

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie

Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

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

Henry Phillips, from Rockford Church of Christ

Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Kay Schrader

Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins

Rose Stirrup

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-be:

Fred & Elizabeth Dock – Dana Howard's niece

Sarah Rentschler – Sally Hearn's niece

Sarah Tincher - Twins!

Katie Weishaar – Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew,

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew, staying in U.S.

Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey's, Afghanistan

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 Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria





Vacation Bible School

A preliminary VBS planning meeting is scheduled for today, immediately following worship in the fellowship room. Cindy Drumheller will review curriculum samples and we will discuss dates. This will be a relatively short meeting with no lunch planned.

Let Cindy or Sally know if you are willing to work with VBS and in what capacity, such as teaching, crafts, food, registration, etc.

Community Groups

The elders encourage every member of our church family to meet with your Community Group. Groups will not meet today. They resume on May 5th. *After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind.*



Acts 4:31-32a

Wednesday Evening Class

The combined Men's and Women's classes are studying "The Growth of the Church." We are back in Acts.

Directories Are Ready!

Directories are ready and available in the foyer. Please take the one with your name in the upper right-hand corner! There are extras if you would like more than one. Please let me know if there are any errors!



Congratulations!

Carson Boyd, Tim & Sandy's son, is graduating with a Master of Accountancy (obtained in 4 years) from Lipscomb University on Saturday, May 4. A party is at Carson's house in Nashville immediately following the ceremony. *Congratulations, Carson!*

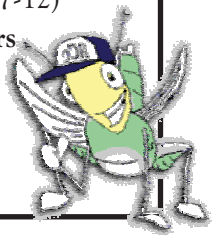


Harding's Chicago Cubs Event! Tuesday, May 14, Harding University is hosting their annual Cubs Game and Pizza Dinner. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m. in Addison and the game is at 7:05 p.m. at Wrigley Field. Cost is \$12. We must RSVP by May 3rd. Seats are limited, so the sooner we RSVP the better.

Rockford Christian Camp sessions are quickly approaching – yippee! **Be sure to check the website, www.rockfordchristiancamp.org for important and new registration information.** Mark the following dates on your calendar. Please note that the grade listed is the "Last Grade Completed." ALSO, dates published previously were wrong. These are correct!

- May 24-27 Memorial Day Retreat (Grade 7-12)
- June 21-23 Young Adult Retreat (Post H.S. to 35)
- July 12-20 Senior Week (Grade 9-12) starts Friday
- July 20-27 Intermediate Week (Grade 6-8)
- July 27-Aug 3 Junior Week (Grade 2-5)
- Aug 30-Sept 2 Labor Day Retreat (Grade 7-12)

Be sure to visit the **RCC Cabin Keepers Foundation** section of the website to join us in this "locust" project. A small monthly donation from you helps us to build up our facilities and keep fees as low as possible.



Sinners Anonymous

Wednesday evenings at
5:30 p.m. at the
West Chicago Church of Christ
See Dan Vantreesse or Bob Voigts.

Clothing

The Rockford Church of Christ is holding a clothing giveaway on Saturday, May 4, and they greatly need men's and boy's clothing. Please label and place any donations at the far end of the foyer. **DO NOT bring any donations to the building after next Sunday, April 28 unless you speak to Sally.**