A Preacher’s Perspective

God has some ideals about aging, and about being young. For the young, God desires that they be brought up in an atmosphere of love and encouragement. Jesus demonstrated great love for the little ones. While His disciples tended to be distracted by the energy and noise of the children, Jesus counseled them, “let those little ones come to Me for the kingdom of heaven is made up of those like the children.” When the cries of children in praise for Jesus rang in the temple courts after Jesus had cleared it of money-lenders, Jesus reminded those who complained of the teaching from Psalm 8 that the praise of the young is, indeed, perfect praise.

Jesus wants children to have reverence for the elderly and to carefully consider the wisdom which they have to offer. He desires sweet affection between the young and the old.

For the old, Jesus wants tenderness toward the young and joy in the promise they portend. Remember that two of the important early witnesses to the Messiah were Simeon and Anna, elderly fixtures in the temple precincts. Simeon had been promised that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s anointed. In the face of baby Jesus, the Spirit showed Simeon that the promise had been kept.

Anna was a very spiritual and godly woman who had been a widow for the great majority of her eighty-four years. When she saw this new Prince, she rejoiced and testified that He was the hope for the redemption of Israel.

I have been blessed from my childhood with precious relationships with the elderly of my family. My grandmother, Mettie Tennessee Wyatt, was my primary caregiver in my pre-school years, and her friendship and joyful personality were my delight. I often stayed home with her in her last years, even though I was still in elementary school. I was blessed by knowing that she loved me in a very special way.

Today we are celebrating the relationship between our seniors and our teens. Thank you, teens, for your kindness. You give us energy and joy and we look forward to this special time together.

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 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:
http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com
Username: wcfamily
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Allow any Active X controls

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.

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, Announcements, Birthdays ......... Paul Mullins
Kids Connection ................................. Bob Jett
Praise Songs .................................  Dewayne Smith
Romans 8:37-39 (Cannot be separated from God)
#480  Blessed Assurance
#10   A Mighty Fortress
Romans 8:1-4
#113   His Grace Reaches Me
#374   There Is a Fountain
#490   It Is Well with My Soul
Communion ............................... Curt Robinson
#337   Hallelujah! What a Savior
Prayers & Pass Emblems
Sermon ................................. Chuck Miller
#453   Love Lifted Me
Prayer Cards ............................... Bob Voigts
#514   Redeemed

Birthdays & Anniversaries
April 23 ............. Blake Mullins, Jon Wright
April 26 ................. Kelsey Drumheller
April 28 .................. Jeff Ieler

Dates to Remember
TODAY .................. Senior Citizens Luncheon
April 24 .................. Tuesday Ladies Class
April 25 .................. Wednesday Bible Class
April 26 .................. Teen Parent Connection
April 27 .................. Mens Prayer Breakfast
April 28 ........ Babys Shower for Christina Voigts
April 29 ........... VBS Meeting, Connection Point
April 29 ........ Leadership Meeting, Praise Sunday!
May 1  ..................... Tuesday Ladies Class
May 2 .................. Wednesday Bible Class
May 3 . Food Pantry Delivery/Teen Parent Connection

Records You Helped Make
Sunday Morning Bible Class .................. 41
Sunday Morning Worship ....................... 79
Wednesday Evening Bible Class .......... 21
Contribution ............................. $4,811.50

Nursery Workers ........ Betsy Jett, Shelby Root
Collection Counters ........ Jeff Ieler, Rick Root
In Our Prayers...

Obadiah Doka sent a new newsletter. It is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Carrie Drumheller broke her foot.

Shannon Gifford was on partial bed-rest for a few days. She is doing fine now, but does need to modify her activities significantly and will be monitored by the doctor more often.

Josephine Haggerton is in DuPage Convalescent Center.

Pat Johnson, Dana Howard’s aunt, had surgery this past week.

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 Voigts’ cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler’s parents
Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Lauren Avey – Justin & Joan’s daughter-in-law
Kathryn (Lemley) Garner
Shannon Gifford
Christina Voigts

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s grand-nephew
Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard’s nephew
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

Teen Parent Connection

Meals are needed for Teen Parent Connection for the month of May. See Sally if you can help.

Be submissive to those who are older...

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5
Senior Citizens Luncheon

You are invited to a luncheon hosted by the teens immediately following worship today. It will be a good time of fellowship, enjoying good food and good entertainment presented by the teens. Hope to see you there!

BABY SHOWER

Ladies! You are invited to a Baby Shower in honor of Christina Voigts next 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.

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday morning ladies class will be finishing up their book this week. Pat Brewster will then lead several more lessons through May. Classes will not be held during the summer months starting in June.

Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Annual Day is in September, but it’s not too soon to think about how you can help. This year we are putting together two baskets to be sold in the auction. Please check the sign-up sheet in the foyer for items to be donated to go into the baskets. Also, quilts and afghans made to be sold in the auction are usually a big money-maker. Please see Lynette Root if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School

A brief VBS meeting is scheduled for next 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!