



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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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.

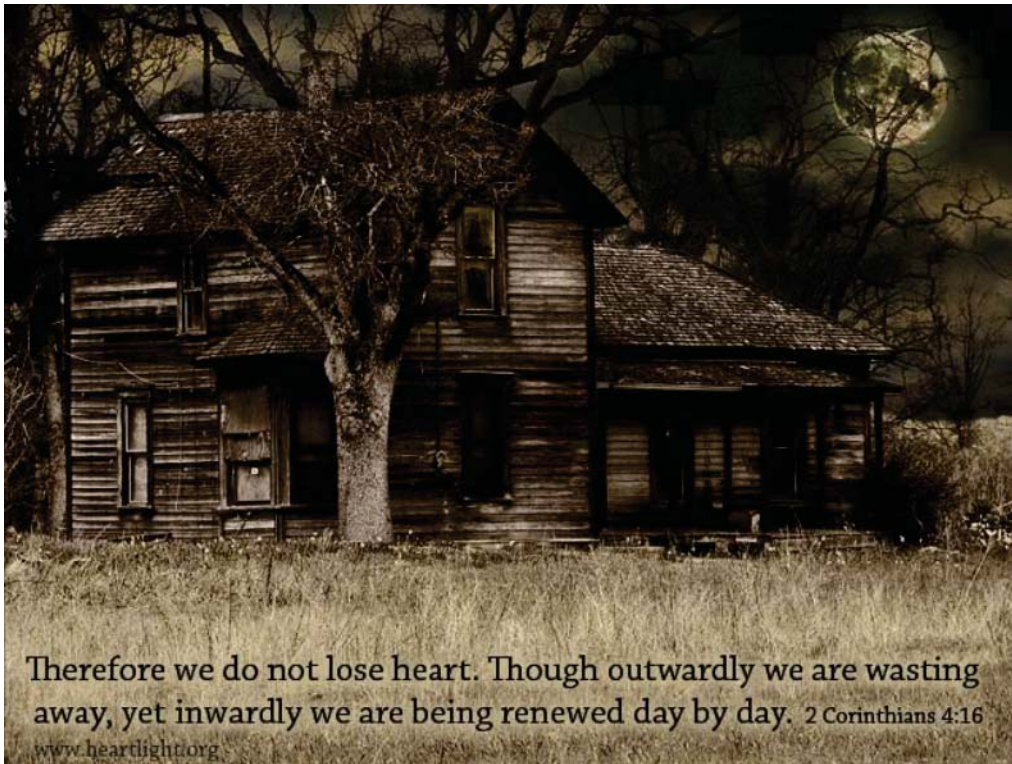
Anna was a very spiritual and godly woman who had been a widow for the great majority of her eighty-four years. When she saw this new Prince, she rejoiced and testified that He was the hope for the redemption of Israel.

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



Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 2 Corinthians 4:16

www.heartlight.org

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:

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 Click "SINGLE" tab
 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.



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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, 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 Baby 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

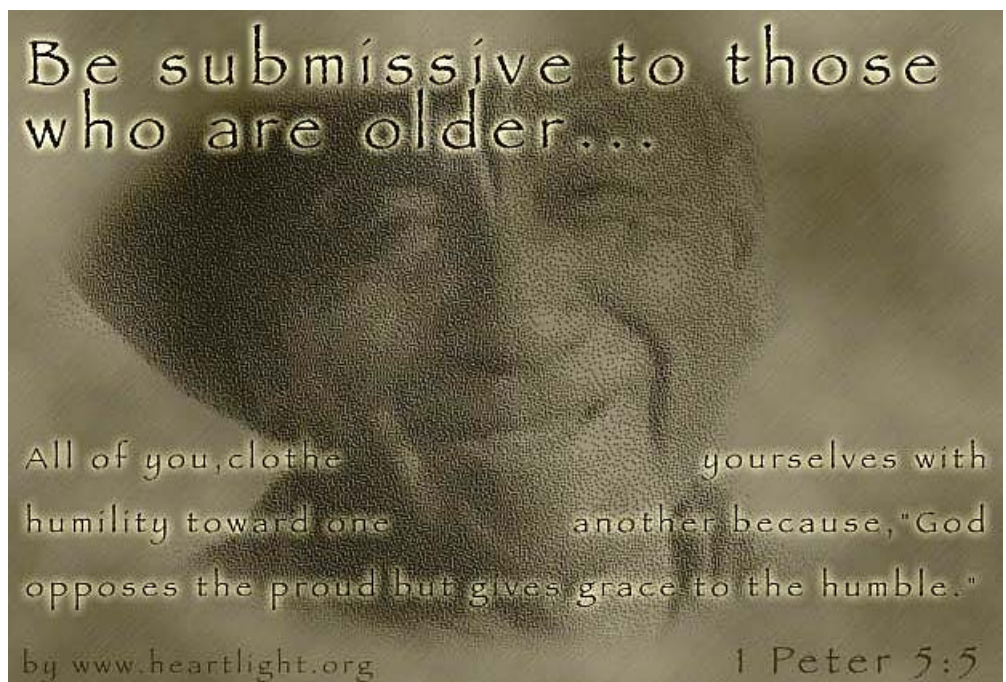
Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

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.



Senior Citizens Luncheon

Senior citizens! 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!



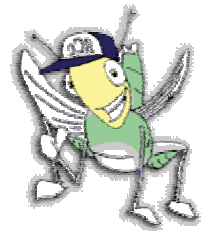
There is a **Connection Point** at **North Park Church of Christ in Rockford** next **Sunday, April 29**. It starts at 3:00 p.m., so we'll need to leave from the church building around 1:30 p.m. Please sign up in the teen hallway if you are interested.

Harding University Night at the Cubs Game is **Tuesday, May 8**. We'll meet Marcus Thomas at D'Agostino's Pizza, 1351 West Addison, Chicago, at 5:30 p.m., then the game starts at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person and the deadline was last Friday.

Rockford Christian Camp Memorial Day Retreat is coming up soon. Please register early or contact Jason Willis via Facebook, if you plan to go.

- Senior Week: July 6 - 14
- Intermediate Week: July 14 - 21
- Junior Week: July 21 - 28

Also, consider being a part of the Cabin Keepers Foundation. Check www.rockfordchristiancamp.org for more information on sessions and how you can get involved at RCC!



Dana Howard

When U carry a Bible the devil gets a headache.
 When U open it he collapses.
 When he sees U reading it he faints.
 When U are about 2 re-post this he will try 2 discourage U.
 I just defeated him.
 Copy and paste if U are In God's Family.
 Like Share about an hour ago