



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. **Hebrews 2:14-15 (RSV)**

How the fear of death captures the souls of those who do not know the hope of the resurrection. If this life is just what we see, the nearer we come to the end of it, the more despair fills our souls.

There are many forms of denial of the fear of death. The young simply immerse themselves in the pleasures of living and take comfort in the seeming slowness of the advance of years. What folly that turns out to be!

Another approach to life without resurrection hope is to sample every experience and to be involved in great works. The writer of **Ecclesiastes** takes this path. His conclusion, after all has been experienced and savored, is "vanity, vanity... a striving after wind."

For those who don't live in the shelter of resurrection reality, saving the planet or protecting some obscure rodent (who keeps count of those, anyway?) seems urgent and necessary. Stewardship of the earth is certainly good, but how much better to ultimately trust in the purposes and sovereign power of the Creator to protect and make

man secure in time as well as in eternity.

Death and tragedy are crushing without the hope of resurrection. What comfort to believers to know that in the day of resurrection, there will be no injustice, no poverty, no suffering. And not only will these pains be absent, but the great span of forever makes our life here seem truly like the life of a flower that fades with the blowing wind. "Forever with the Lord..." is the great hope of those who hold to resurrection power.

Once the fear of death is destroyed, as it was in the empty tomb, we are truly free to begin to live. We know that our Redeemer lives and that He waits for us in that place after death. And we know that because of His

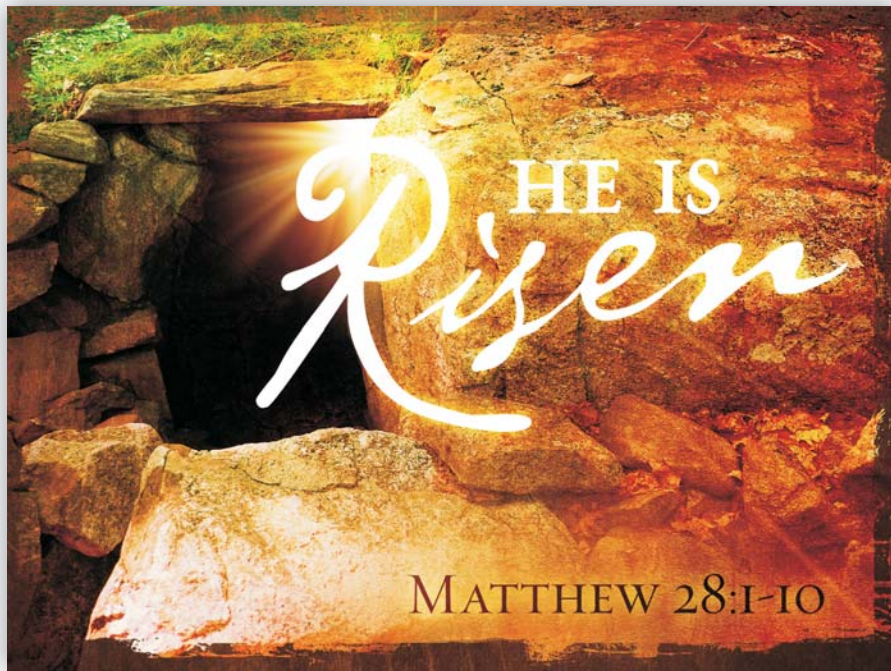
mighty act of redemption, we have a hope of glory, that we are the glorious inheritance of the risen Son of God.

How it gives perspective to our lives. How it provides for us an alternate reality, allowing us to set our minds on things above rather than to be limited to the injustice and frustrations of the world.

The rich and powerful learn that love and

peace cannot be bought, and in resurrection they learn how to invest for the future's sake. The poor and wretched are lifted from their suffering, obscurity, rejection and humiliation. Resurrection teaches them to look forward to the love and comfort of the God who has redeemed us.

Without resurrection, there is no hope. Because Jesus lives, we know His peace and joy, now, and eternally.



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. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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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, Scripture & Prayer Jay Hearn

Kids Connection Bob Jett

Praise Songs Jon Miller

#345 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Mark 16:1-11 (Exposition: Chuck Miller)

#528 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Matthew 28:1-10 (Exposition: Chuck Miller)

#346 He Lives

Luke 23:54-24:11 (Exposition: Chuck Miller)

#23 Our God, He is Alive

John 20:1-23 (Exposition: Chuck Miller)

#464 Because He Lives

Luke 24:13-53 (Exposition: Chuck Miller)

#344 Low, in the Grave He Lay

Communion Rick Root

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Invitation Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Jon Miller

#934 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jon Miller

#728 It May be at Morn

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 26 Kelsey Drumheller

April 28 Jeff Ieler

April 29 Shirley Rucker

Dates to Remember

TODAY Easter

April 24 . No Community Groups or Evening Worship

April 26 Tuesday Ladies Class

April 28 Teen Parent Connection

April 29 Mens Prayer Breakfast

May 1 Community Groups

May 3 Tuesday Ladies Class

May 4 Teen Parent Connection

May 5 Mens Prayer Breakfast

May 8 No Community Groups (Mothers' Day)

May 9 Living Room Café

May 10 Tuesday Ladies Class

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 63

Sunday Morning Worship 89

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 31

Contribution \$2,127.02

Nursery Workers Becky Pedersen, Kim Sitler

Collection Counters Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

In Our Prayers...

Bill Clark, Josephine Haggerton's nephew, is having a relapse of leukemia. His immune system is low.

Julie Dean is having out-patient surgery on her leg this Tuesday, April 26. She is having a procedure done on her vein. It was done before, but didn't work. Please pray that it helps this time.

Joyce Duke, Bobbie Whitman's sister, fell and broke her nose. She has been dealing with several health issues for quite a while.

Josephine Haggerton received the results she wanted from her tests. She needs a specific type of back surgery, however it is not completely covered by medicare, so she is putting it off for now.

Cyndi Perez is having carpal tunnel surgery soon.

Helen Plummer, Joan Avey and Cliff's mother, is still taking chemotherapy treatments. She is also having pain in her hip, which may be arthritis. **Cliff's family** moved to Salmon Arm, British Columbia, where he will be preaching. We wish them Godspeed in their new ministry.

Kim Sitler is recuperating from gall bladder surgery.

Bob Voigts will be getting test results soon.

Libby, a family friend of the Voigts, had her first chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.

Benjamin Weishaar, Sally Hearn's great nephew, is having cataract surgery on May 17. He is just one month old. The surgery is very simple, however his ongoing care may be difficult depending upon his recuperation.

Tony Witty, friend of the Miller family, has cancer of the lymph nodes and other areas. Tony is 54.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Herman Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Dachielle - Blake Mullins's friend

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey - Al's son

Joyce Eakins's siblings

Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew

Josephine Haggerton

Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins - friend of Alec Boyd &

Rourke Mullins

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Myrna Levake

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

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and
the son of Marion Lake's cousin

J.D. Potts - the father of Cyndi Perez

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup - Kelly Ieler's parents

Joe Stone - a friend from RCC

Jim Whitman

Mom-to-Be:

Sarah Rentschler - Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew
is in Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Klinton Wheeler - in training, going to Afghanistan
in June

Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Living Room Café - Chicago

Mission Lazarus - Honduras

Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Students of Joe Voigts - China

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

Engagement!

We are pleased to announce that Ryan Heather and Phoebe Elrod are engaged! The wedding is set for September 24th in Estes Park, Colorado. Congratulations!



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday - Thursday, June 20-23. Our theme is **God's Creation**.



A tentative meeting for the leaders is set for this coming **Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.** Please see Cindy Drumheller or Sally Hearn if you have any questions or to RSVP regarding the meeting.

Directory

Get your family photo taken TODAY!!

The new edition of our church directory needs to be completed as soon as possible! Please see one of the Hearn's to get your picture taken as soon as possible!

Ladies Classes

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class is studying Ephesians and Colossians.

The Wednesday evening Ladies Class is studying a series of lessons on 1 & 2 Peter.

Ladies Retreat

Donations to offset the cost of the Ladies Retreat would be greatly appreciated. Please make sure to write "Ladies Retreat" on the memo line of your check. Checks can be given directly to one of the elders or deacons.

Shults Lewis Golf Outing

The Shults Lewis Spring Golf Outing is **Friday, May 13, at the Tamarack Gold Club in Naperville.** If you are interested in golfing or being a sponsor you may register online at www.shultslewis.org or speak with Dewayne Smith or Kyle Wheeler.

Position Available

Shults Lewis Child and Family Services in Valparaiso, Indiana is seeking a Director of Program Service, a Christian Master's level clinician who has a desire to serve at-risk youth and their families. Shults-Lewis is an integrated residential treatment ministry for teenagers.

This position is part of the management team for Shults-Lewis. Responsibilities include the supervisory oversight and development of the residential, counseling and school educational programs. In addition, the applicant should either be licensed or eligible for mental health licensure in the State of Indiana.

This opportunity offers a competitive salary in addition to health insurance, a retirement plan, and vacation/leave time. For more information on this position please contact Ray Crowder at raycrowder@shultslewis.org or call him at 219-462-0513. Application deadline is May 31, 2011.



Interested in hosting a teen event – devotional, outing or service project? See Sandy Boyd!

Teen blog & Twitter

There is a new blog for our Wednesday night teen class. We encourage teens to log on and participate. The address is www.wcteens.wordpress.com. The Twitter account is also wcteens. We're trying to learn how to use connectivity to make our Wednesday study more widely available. We will also use ooVoo. If you have a webcam, join ooVoo (it's free) and send us your login info. We also need all email addresses. See Chuck with any questions. See you online!

Youth Ministry

EDUCATION:

Following are the teachers for our next rotation which began last Sunday and will continue through June 5.

Sunday morning teachers:

- Cradle roll - Bev Day
- Ages 3-4 - Joan Avey/Julie Dean
- Grades K-2 - Terri Bray
- Grades 3-6 - Lisa Henkel
- Teens - Brian & Shannon Gifford, Jon Miller

Wednesday evening teachers:

- Ages 0-4 - Cyndi Perez
- Grades K-6 - Cindy Drumheller
- Teens - Chuck Miller



Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection is holding a **Clothing Swap on Saturday, May 12**, in our fellowship room. If you have any gently used baby or toddler items you would like to donate, please contact Sally. Also, it would be nice to have a **volunteer available that day** in case they have any needs. Please see Sally if you are available. Thanks!

Please contact Sally if you can provide a meal or part of a meal for Teen Parent Connection in **MAY**. Teen Parent Connection, an organization serving teen parents, meets Thursday evenings in our fellowship room. We provide and serve a meal for 15-20 people. Monetary donations are also welcome!