



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Are you a Hubble junkie? I confess that I am. I look at those marvelous photographs and my mind is filled again with the wonder of God.

Consider the picture on this page, for example. Here's the official description: "Hubble's 20th anniversary image shows a mountain of dust and gas rising in the Carina Nebula. The top of a three-light-year tall pillar of cool hydrogen is being worn away by the radiation of nearby stars, while stars within the pillar unleash jets of gas that stream from the peaks."

Think about that. The mountain shown in the picture is made of hydrogen and it's three-light-years tall!

It gives me a little personal joy. I love the fireworks of summer. I like to go to Grant Park to see the Chicago display on July 3rd. The bursts are huge, as tall as some of the skyscrapers. The crowd gives a collective gasp when the big ones explode. Now I know why we like them so much.

We're watching just a tiny version of what God has arranged to see out of His picture window anytime He cares to look. But His displays are measured in light years, not feet. The colors and shapes which the

pyrotechnicians develop are poor substitutes for the real deal in the heavens, the handiwork of God.

So, do you think He has anything special planned for heaven when we all get there? Do you think there may be a special "Fireworks Tour" for all of us who love the great spectacles of our patriotic blowouts?

I think so. I just think we might get to be all those

places the Hubble can only send postcards from. And how about that whole space/time continuum thing? Some of the images in the Hubble gallery talk about distances like 780 million light years. I'm just not sure we can be accurate on that scale (I mean, we still can't get the weather right), but let's just grant those numbers.

I love God's statement in **Jeremiah 23:23ff:**
²³"Am I a God at hand, says the LORD, and not a God afar off?"

²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD." **Jeremiah 23:23-24 (RSV)**

Think about that. He fills heaven and earth.

But you may have known that, already. Because He fills you, doesn't He!

I love the bigness of God!



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 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 fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

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 in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow 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:

Don Brewster Bob Jett
 Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

Our Deacons are:

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

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 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 Chuck Miller
 Singing Rick Root
 #770 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
 Prayer Updates & Scripture. Paul Mullins
 #870 Beyond this Land of Parting
 #395 Follow Me
 Prayer Kenn Watson
 #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 Lord's Supper John Johnson
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #924 Just as I Am
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Paul Mullins
 #853 When We All Get to Heaven
 Closing Prayer Dan Vantrees

Worship in Song Tonight!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 26 Kelsy Drumheller
 April 28 Jeff Ieler
 April 29 Shirley Rucker

Dates to Remember

Today Town Hall morning fellowship, 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 April 27 Harding Cubs Game/Teens
 April 29 Teen Parent Connection
 April 30 Men's Prayer Breakfast
 May 1 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 May 2 All-Church/Small Group Potluck
 May 6 Food Pantry Delivery
 May 6 Teen Parent Connection
 May 7 Men's Prayer Breakfast
 May 10 Living Room Café

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class
 Sunday Morning Worship
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class
 Contribution \$3,975.50

Nursery Workers Missy Day, Lynette Root
Collection Counters. Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, will be having a kidney transplant. Her nephew has been identified as a match.

Daphene Collins, Chuck Miller's cousin, has some family prayer needs.

Joyce Eakins' had cataract surgery last week.

Mason Hutchins, a friend of Alec Boyd and Rourke Mullins, has a hole in his heart and needs surgery. He has to watch his activities.

Myrna Lavake has begun a series of radiation and chemo treatments for cancer in her throat. She was in the hospital this past week, and is now home for nine days. She will be on this 5 day hospital/9 day home for the next fourteen weeks. Her address is 221 Ingaltan Avenue, West Chicago, 60185

Henry & Candra Phillips are waiting to see if their foster daughter, **Lina**, needs heart surgery.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Herman & Eva Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother and sister-in-law

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

John Day

Al Dorsey & his son, Doug

Joyce Eakins's brother, Hubert

Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew

Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett- father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Bobbye Miller

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

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

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Ben & Kristin Livermore - Craig & Bev's son

Rob & Eryn Livermore - Craig & Bev's son

Jennifer Piehl - Tom & Nancy Doggett's daughter

Tammy Urso - Dan & Linda Vantrees's daughter

Armed forces:

James Bartels - the son of Lynette Root's friend - Iraq

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew - Baghdad

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan

Jeremy Riley - great-great-nephew of Josephine Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

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

Chris Yauch - the husband of Wendell & Margaret

Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

Jonathon Young - a former member is a Warrant

Officer in the army and plans to fly helicopters.

He's in Alabama, at Fort Rucker.

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts - China

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

More Hubble...



Family “Town Hall” Meeting

This morning we are having a special morning fellowship at 9:00. Coffee, juice and pastries will be provided by the leadership. The meeting will include a town-hall-style meeting to talk about finances. Everyone is welcome to ask questions to better understand our present financial status. Church staff (Chuck, Cliff and Sally) and their families will not be present. Everyone is invited; kids, too. The nursery and preschool classes will be held.

Tennis Shoes Needed

Mission groups to City of Children are going to help supply Christmas presents for each child. **Our project is girls’ tennis shoes.** Sign up on the chart in the foyer for the size you will donate. **Deadline: June 1.**



Needs for Community

A family needs baby wipes, size 6 diapers and size 4T/5T pull ups. Place donations by restrooms.

Directory Photos

There are several families that need their photo taken – especially those with children! See Jay, Sally or Rachel.

Shults-Lewis Job Opportunities

Shults Lewis needs a **Christian couple to do House-parenting.** It includes a good salary, family medical benefits, retirement plan and a few other perks. They need a couple that is mission minded and has a heart for children.

In addition, Shults Lewis will be hiring a **Director of Development (fundraiser)** around the first of September to replace a “soon-to-be-retiring” Gerald Frump. A Christian man that is comfortable speaking in front of congregations and has organizational skills that would lend themselves well to raising support for the children’s home is needed. The position pays well and has medical/retirement benefits.

Contact Ray Crowder via www.shultslewis.org.

Mission Lazarus

Jarrod and Allison Brown will be relocating back to the U.S. After nearly 10 years of service in Honduras, the focus of their efforts will be changing from daily oversight of Mission Lazarus operations to development, based out of Nashville, Tennessee. See the bulletin board in the foyer.

The Bridge

Several of you expressed an interest in serving at The Bridge on Tuesday, May 18th. We are providing a meal that night of sloppy joes, chips and dessert. **Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you can go, or if you can provide something for the meal.**



youth & family news

TEENS: We have a Sunday Night, Light tonight at the Gifford’s. We’ll leave from the building about 7:00 pm.

Join us for a Connection Point @ Rockford, on Sunday, May 16th!

Cubs Game

Those going to the Cubs game “hosted” by Harding this Tuesday, April 27 – we will leave from the building about 4:00 p.m.



HARDING UNIVERSITY

Congratulations!

Kayla (Wheeler) Hearn is receiving her BS in interdisciplinary studies from



Oklahoma Christian on April 30. She is staying at OCU to pursue her MBA. An open house will be held there.



Emma Boyd is receiving her BA in law, justice and society from Lipscomb University on Saturday, May 8.

RECURRING PROJECTS

Small Group Fellowships

Join us in celebrating our Small Group Fellowships with a **potluck on Sunday, May 2.** This is a general, no-theme potluck. There is no evening worship on Small Group Sundays.



Living Room Cafe

We are scheduled to go to the Living Room Café in Chicago the second **Monday** of every month. Our next scheduled date is May 10th and we’ll leave around 2:30. Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you can go.

Men’s Bible Study & Coffee

The Men’s Bible Study meets Fridays from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meets here every Thursday night. **If you can assist preparing a meal or help with childcare,** see Molly Mullins. Also, if you are already on Molly’s list of helpers and you cannot assist, please let her know. Monetary donations are welcome.