



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Quilts are pretty wonderful, aren't they? Sometimes, we even call them "comforters." What could be more joyful than to get into bed on a cold night with a warm quilt to help soothe away the ache of muscles and to find sweet rest. Some of our ladies, as you will note in the picture below, are honing their quilting skills. (By the way, there's another session



Terri, Bridgett and Frances enjoy the fine art of quilting.

next Saturday, also.) Whenever I have had the opportunity to hang out around quilters, it becomes quickly apparent that there's actually quite a lot to learn and the skill of making quilts is very special. In our day, quilting probably is as much about art and design as it is function.

It's easy to draw spiritual lessons from the craft of quilting. Just as a quilter chooses a variety of materials and puts together many kinds of patterns, God weaves beauty and variety into the covering of His kingdom. There are many other obvious object lessons, as well.

In the morning, Saturday, the quilters came. In the evening, the VBS planning team met to discuss and expand their plans for our summer outreach and edification project. This year, flyers will go out to the school and we pray that our impact on the community

may be larger than ever. Like the quilters, the planning team is putting together plans to combine many diverse talents and to arrange the parts in a way which will bless those who come into the sphere of its design.

The working together in harmony of the church is one of the glories of God. Paul wrote that we have been created to do the good works which God planned from eternity. He loves it most especially when the work is done with love and unity of spirit.

So often we take for granted these simple demonstrations of God's Spirit working through us and we may forget to note how important the love is which "binds everything together in perfect harmony." It pleases God so much when the heart of a Dorcas spreads the blessing of love to a community. How God's heart loves to see His people assemble to talk about how to be more effective in sharing gospel love and gospel power to children and families who may not know Him.

Never doubt that God has created you to fill a unique space in the design of the covering He is crafting together as His church. Make yourself available to His amazing hands to place you in just the right place in just the right time to advance His work of bringing comfort and security to a world in pain.

Chuck Miller



Cliff and the VBS planning team discuss this summer's strategy for impacting kids with the love of God

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.

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 (The Sunday Morning Worship is interpreted for the deaf.)
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our elders.

Elders:

Don Brewster **Bob Jett**
Chuck Miller **Bob Voigts**

Deacons:

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

Paul Stirrup: Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence



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This Morning...

Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. Please pass them to the aisle to be picked up before the sermon. 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
- Singing – Rick Root
- Announcements – Kyle Wheeler
- Singing
- Prayer – John Johnson
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon – Cliff Plummer
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer – Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer – Steve Massie

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 28. Jeff Ieler
 April 29. Shirley Rucker
 May 2 Bridgette Fordyce
 May 3. Catherine Henkel

Dates to Remember

April 27 Sunday Night Light, Teens
 May 3 Ladies Day Out, Quilting
 May 3 RCC Board Meeting @ RCC
 May 4. Small Groups Potluck
 May 8. Preachers Breakfast
 May 10 Leadership Meeting
 May 11 Mother's Day
 May 16. Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
 May 17. RCC Work Day
 May 18 Connection Point @ Park Forest
 May 21 Seniors Breakfast
 May 23-26. RCC Teen Retreat

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 71
 Sunday Morning Worship 123
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 42
 Contribution \$5,487.80

In Our Prayers...

Guillermina Diaz, the sister-in-law of **Fernando Diaz**, disappeared in Mexico City, Mexico on March 29. Fernando is the minister at the church in Waukegan.

Josephine Haggerton is recuperating from a virus. She has had tests done for several health issues.

Angela Henderson, a former member who moved to Nevada, fell a week ago and broke her cheek bone. She had out-patient surgery yesterday and is doing much better.

Mozell Huxtable, **Rick Root's** aunt, passed away last Sunday morning. She was 87 years old and very ill.

Brad Jurek's friend is in a coma.

Maryanne Keathley, **Tim Sitler's** mother-in-law, passed away unexpectedly last week.

Adene Mitchel, **Marilyn Smith's** cousin, passed away. She is survived by a husband, children and grandchildren.

Bobbye Miller got home from the hospital Tuesday evening. She was suffering from pancreatitis.

Neal Ronzheimer passed away last week.

Fintan Schiltz, the infant son of the **Hearn's** neighbor, is home from the hospital.

Adonnica Schmittou, the sister-in-law of former members **Matthew & Debbie Allgood**, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Pray for her and her family.

Vacation Bible School is in the planning and coordinating stages. Pray that we can be a light to each other and to our community.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

Sylvia Atten - Dana Howard's friend

Andrea Bailey - a former member from California

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Leona Boston - Lynette Root's aunt

Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts's sister

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Bob & Chris Czernik

John Day

Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes' daughter

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey - Al's son

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Jean Gray - Linda Vantreesse's sister

Elizabeth Griffin

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Kelly Ieler

Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend

Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

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

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

Steve & Melissa Massie family

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

Tim Miller

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 - Bob Voigts cousin

Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Linda Vantreesse

Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother

Jim & Jamie Winner

Jim & Jeremy Whitman

Rick & Gina Zamora

Mothers-to-be:

Missy Day

Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings - Justin Avey's employee

Wes Clark - the son-in-law of Lynette Root's friend

Dustin Meritt - Justin Avey's employee

Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter

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

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO

Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango - Brazil

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Joe Voigts - China - also pray for the churches and all the new Christians - Joe will be home this spring

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Jackie Robinson



Collection Counters

Paul Mullins, Paul Stirrup



Wednesday Ladies Class

Following is the plan for our Ladies Bible Class:

April 30 - May 7: The Rich Man and Lazarus - Sandy Boyd

May 14 - June 18: The Epistles of John - Joanne Johnson

Wednesday Kids Class

The Wednesday Evening Kids Class has been collecting money to give to a worthy cause, around \$60. If you would like to help match their donation, see Cyndi Perez.

Benevolence Need

A few of our families are experiencing financial difficulties due to medical conditions and slow economy. If you'd like to make a special contribution to help these families, please see Justin Avey, Jay Hearn, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.

Also, we know of a family that needs a twin or toddler mattress/bed. Please see Sally if you have one to donate.

Honduras Trip

The Honduras Mission Trip is scheduled to depart on Saturday, August 2 and will return Sunday, August 10. Apply for a passport NOW and see your doctor to get necessary immunizations. For more information or if you have any questions, see Emily Gray.

Starting on Sunday, May 11, Honduras travelers will meet during Bible class to prepare for the trip.

Some of you have asked about helping to provide financial support to help those who are making the trip. See Don Brewster or any of the elders, or just give cash or a check and clearly indicate it is to support the trip.

Ladies Day Out – Quilting

Francis Shearer has another Quilting Party scheduled for **next Saturday, May 3,** in the fellowship room. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and then finish around 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. Bring a salad to share for lunch.

Small Groups

This Small Group session ends **next Sunday, May 4,** with an all-church potluck luncheon in the fellowship room. Please sign up in the foyer!



Franciscan Court Opportunities

There are several opportunities available at Franciscan Court, a supportive living residence located at the corner of Route 59 and North Avenue.

- 1) Chuck leads a Bible study at 1:30 every Wednesday afternoon. Come join us!
- 2) There are several residents who would enjoy visits. See Sally if you are interested.
- 3) **This Wednesday, April 30,** Franciscan Court is celebrating Supportive Living Week from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. See the bulletin board for more information. RSVP by calling 630-562-4242.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: This evening there is a Sunday Night, Light at Jon & Jamie's. Cole is leading the devotional. Guys bring pop, girls bring veggies or dessert. **SUNDAY NIGHT LIGHT**

Mark your calendars for a **Connection Point** at Park Forest on Sunday, May 18.

Rockford Christian Camp sessions are beginning with the Memorial Day Teen Retreat, May 23 - 26. Teens, who have completed grades 7-12, need to register by May 9 for no late fee. Applications and information are available on-line or see Cliff.

To support the Wednesday Evening Kids Class, Karissa Wheeler is **challenging us to match their collection of about \$60.** Bring your money to class and put it in one of the yellow LC2LC cups.

PARENTS: Please note RCC retreat fees are \$75 and camp fees are \$150. Be sure to register two weeks prior to any camp session to forego late fees.

Vacation Bible School

June 22-26
Sunday through Thursday

Sunday, June 22, is Family Night!
 Join us at 5:00-9:00 p.m.
 for a picnic & family activities

Monday-Thursday from 6:30-9:00 p.m.
 (Completed K-6th Grade)

Register online: www.wcfamily.org

We need leaders the Bible Story, and Group Guides. We're also looking for someone to help us with outreach into our community. Let Cliff know if you'd like to be involved and help plan this year's VBS.

Volunteers, as well as children, can register online at www.wcfamily.org. And, don't forget...

INVITE your friends and neighbors to VBS!