Who I Am in Christ

I Am Accepted
John 1:12 I am God's child.
John 15:15 I am Christ's friend.
Romans 5:1 I have been justified.
1 Cor. 6:17 I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him.
1 Cor. 6:20 I have been bought with a price. I belong to God.
1 Cor. 12:27 I am a member of Christ's Body.
Ephes. 1:1 I am a saint.
Ephes. 1:5 I have been adopted as God's child.
Ephes. 2:18 I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.
Col. 1:14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
Col. 2:10 I am complete in Christ.

I Am Significant
Matthew 5:13-14 I am the salt and light of the earth.
John 15:1, 5 I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life.
John 15:16 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.
Acts 1:8 I am a personal witness of Christ.
1 Cor. 3:16 I am God's temple.
2 Cor. 5:17-21 I am a minister of reconciliation for God.
2 Cor. 6:1 I am God's coworker (see 1 Cor. 3:9).
Ephes. 2:6 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm.
Ephes. 2:10 I am God's workmanship.
Ephes. 3:12 I may approach God with freedom and confidence.
Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

I Am Secure
Romans 8:1-2 I am free from condemnation.
Romans 8:28 I am assured that all things work together for good.
Romans 8:31-34 I am free from any condemning charges against me.
Romans 8:35-39 I cannot be separated from the love of God.
2 Cor. 1:21-22 I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.
Phil. 1:6 I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected.

Phil. 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven.
Col. 3:3 I am hidden with Christ in God.
2 Tim. 1:7 I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.
Hebrews 4:16 I can find grace and mercy in time of need.
1 John 5:18 I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

Note: Don Brewster has used the “Who I Am in Christ” Theme for worship during April.

Neil Anderson
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.

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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.

Order of Worship

Who I am in Christ - I am Significant
Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays .......... Curt Robinson
Kids Connection ................................. Brian Gifford
Praise Songs .................................... Jon Miller
Matthew 5:13-16 - I am salt and light
#628 Will You Not Tell it Today
#540 O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink
1 Corinthians 3:16 - I am God’s Temple
#693 Heart of a Servant
#694 Servant Song
#692 Change My Heart, O God
#552 Have Thine Own Way
Communion ...................................... Bob Jett
#334 ‘Tis Midnight, and on Olive’s Brow
Prayers & Pass Emblems
Sermon ............................................ Chuck Miller
#416 Footprints of Jesus
Prayer Cards ............................... Bob Voigts
#710 The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Birthdays & Anniversaries
April 29 .................. Shirley Rucker
May 3 .................. Catherine Henkel

Dates to Remember
TODAY .................. 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
May 4 .................. Mens Prayer Breakfast
May 6 .................. Community Group
May 8 .................. Tuesday Ladies Class
May 9 .................. Wednesday Bible Class
May 10 ............... Teen Parent Connection
May 11 ............... Mens Prayer Breakfast
May 12 .................. Mother’s Day
May 13 ............... Living Room Café

Records You Helped Make
Sunday Morning Bible Class .................. $4,304.13
Sunday Morning Worship ...................
Wednesday Evening Bible Class ............
Contribution .................................

Nursery Workers ........ Theresa Lemley, Barb Voigts
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 last week. She is doing OK, but does need to modify her activities significantly. If you can assist them with meals, cleaning or babysitting, please see Sally.

Josephine Haggerton is in DuPage Convalescent Center. Her cell phone number is 630-263-0624.

Rachel Jinkerson, a former member and daughter of one of our former elders, had a mass removed from her jaw about a month ago. They did find a rare cancer. Cards may be sent to 1317 Canterbury Drive, Abilene, Texas 79602.

Pat Johnson, Dana Howard’s aunt, had surgery recently. She is experiencing a long recuperation at home.

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 Voight’s 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

...it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. 1 Peter 3:4
Today is Praise Sunday!

- 9:30 a.m. Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- Noon-ish VBS meeting

(see below)

4:30 p.m. Leadership meeting
6:00 p.m. Worship/Singing/Finger-food/dessert fellowship

Vacation Bible School

There will be a brief VBS meeting immediately following worship in the fellowship room today. 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!

Bible Class Teachers Needed

The next rotation for Bible Class Teachers begins Sunday, May 6, and will last for 8 weeks. Also, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer to teach the 0-4 class on Wednesday evenings. There is always a need for substitutes. To help, please contact Cindy Drumheller.

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.

Graduation Open House

You are cordially invited to a Graduation Open House in honor of Rachel Hearn on Monday, May 28, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. at the Hearn residence. There will be refreshments throughout the day and live music performances will begin around 1:30 p.m.

A GATHERING of the Jesus Freaks

There is a Connection Point at North Park Church of Christ in Rockford this afternoon. It starts at 3:00 p.m., so we’ll meet at the church building at 1:30 p.m. See Brian if you plan to go.

Harding University Night at the Cubs Game is Tuesday, May 8. We’ll meet at the church building at 3:30 p.m. to go to the pizza party at D’Agostino’s Pizza at 5:30 p.m., then the game starts at 7:00 p.m. The cost is $12 per person.

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. For more information check www.rockfordchristiancamp.org.

Special Contribution

The recent special contribution for missions yielded $7,500. This will be divided appropriately between the two missions trips – Honduras and Mexico. On May 20th, we will take up a special contribution for Rockford Christian Camp. There are maintenance issues that need financing.

Food Pantry Delivery

We will receive our Food Pantry Delivery from the Northern Illinois Food Bank this Thursday, May 3. Volunteers are always welcome to carry boxes of food downstairs, to unpack the boxes, stock the shelves and tear down the boxes. We’ll start working at 10:00 a.m. Please note: Frances may be on jury duty that day!

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday ladies class, led by Pat Brewster, is starting a series of lessons to last through the end of May. The class will be on hiatus during the summer months.

Teen Parent Connection

Meals are needed for Teen Parent Connection for the month of May – including this coming Thursday. See Sally if you can help.