



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

It's a good idea to be a tree planted by a stream. As the roots find water from the river, the tree is able to endure drought. When all the other trees are weak and dying, stream-planted trees thrive. That's the idea of the passage from **Jeremiah 17:7-8**.

The image the prophet is painting is of the man who trusts in the Lord. God searches minds and hearts and He knows those who seek Him and who put their faith in Him.

In the verses above this text, the prophet describes those who put their confidence in the "arm of flesh." He is the one who trusts in man to meet his needs and to solve his life challenges.

In the secular humanism of our time, this is the man most admired. He is full of confidence and believes that the education and technology of his world is the key to success. His view of those who resort to prayer is that they are weak and deluded.

God describes him as a "shrub in the desert." He shall not see any good come his way. (vv. 5-6)

Our lives are often tested. Recently, much of the wealthy class were devastated by unscrupulous investors who robbed their

clients of millions. The number also included many who were depending on pensions for security. Then, the devastating failure of our economy in general added many more to the list of the newly poor.

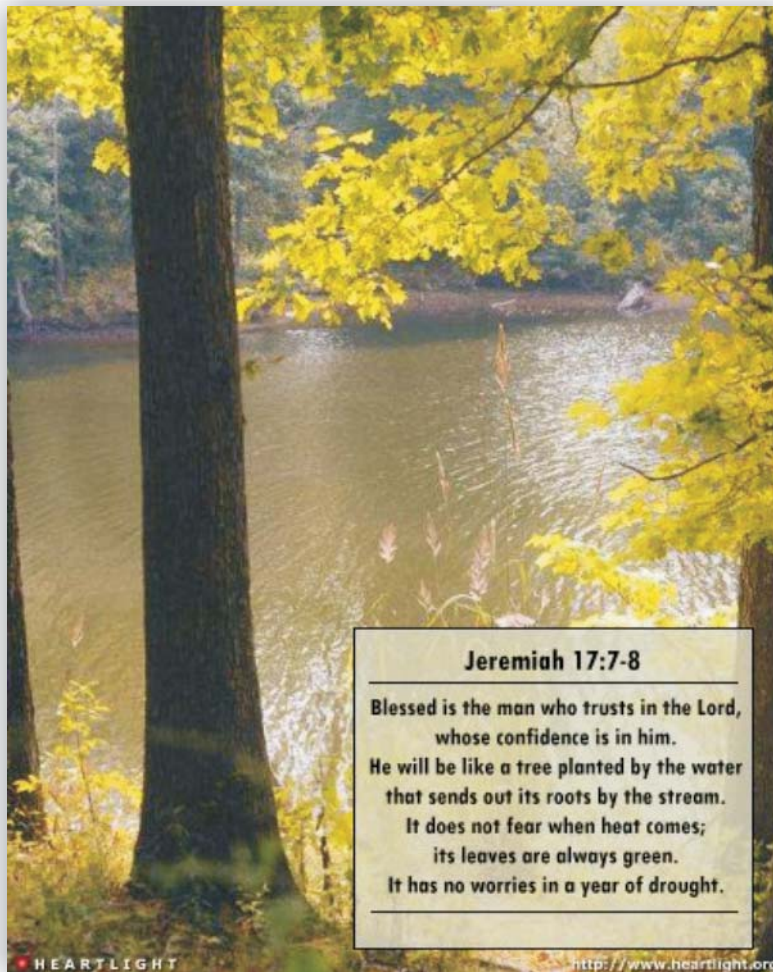
Now, devastating tornados have left thousands with no homes and hundreds are dead. Earthquakes and sunamis in Japan add to the list of reminders that all our security is shaky if it depends on the "arm of man."

God is able to provide for His people. He tends us like a shepherd. This is not to say that many good and godly people have not been tragically affected by the global events we have noted.

But those who are planted by the stream are those who always, in good times or in bad, look to God for their provision and for their sustenance.

Death will come to us all. It may be after a long, fruitful life, or it may be in a sudden catastrophic event that is completely indifferent to age and seniority. But to the saint, death is the ultimate escape and gateway to eternal blessing. Survival is the opportunity to proclaim the goodness of God and to seek those who can be served in their time of trouble and pain.

God wants His well-nourished trees to provide sustenance and shade for those damaged by life so they, too, can find His streams of mercy.



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 Ian Voigts

Kids Connection Brian Gifford

Praise Songs Jon Miller

#749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

#123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Lord Reign in Me

#72 Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation

Shout to the Lord

#221 Jesus, Name Above all Names

Communion Brian Gifford

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Jon Miller

#342 We Saw Thee Not

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jon Miller

#421 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 3 Catherine Henkel

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

May 3 Tuesday Ladies Class

May 5 . Food Pantry Delivery, Teen Parent Connection

May 6 Mens Prayer Breakfast

May 8 No Community Groups (Mothers' Day)

May 9 Living Room Café

May 10 Tuesday Ladies Class

May 12 Teen Parent Connection

May 13 Mens Prayer Breakfast, Shults-Lewis Golf

May 14 Teen Parent Connection Clothing Swap

May 15 Community Groups

May 17 Tuesday Ladies Class

May 18 Seniors Breakfast

May 19 Teen Parent Connection

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 54

Sunday Morning Worship 114

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 29

Contribution \$6,069.04

Nursery Workers . . . Carrie Drumheller, Molly Mullins

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

Julie Dean had out-patient surgery on a vein in her leg this week. She is doing well.

Cyndi Perez had carpal tunnel surgery on Friday.

Dan Vantreese was in the hospital this week with pneumonia. They also found a blockage in an artery in his neck. He will need to get it taken care of within six months.

Bob Voigts received good test results regarding his carotid artery. They will check it periodically.

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.

Bobbie Whitman's niece lost her brother-in-law and his wife in a tornado in Arkansas.

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 Duke - Bobbie Whitman's sister

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

Helen Plummer - Joan Avey's mother

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

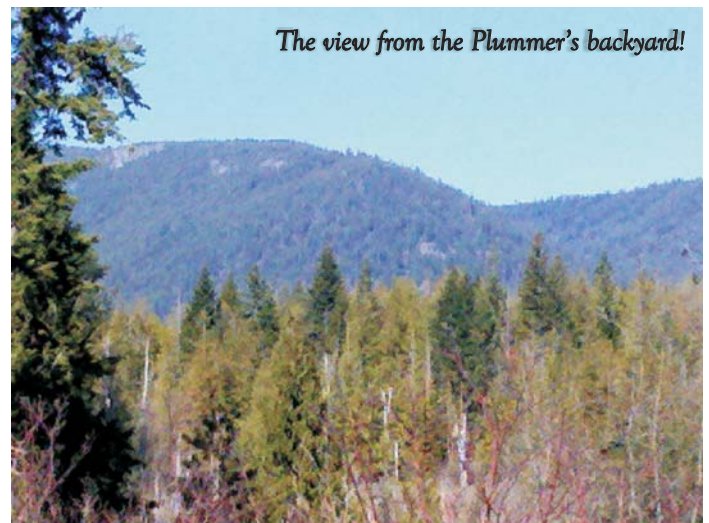
New Information

Cliff, Lori, Molly, Cole & Olivia Plummer

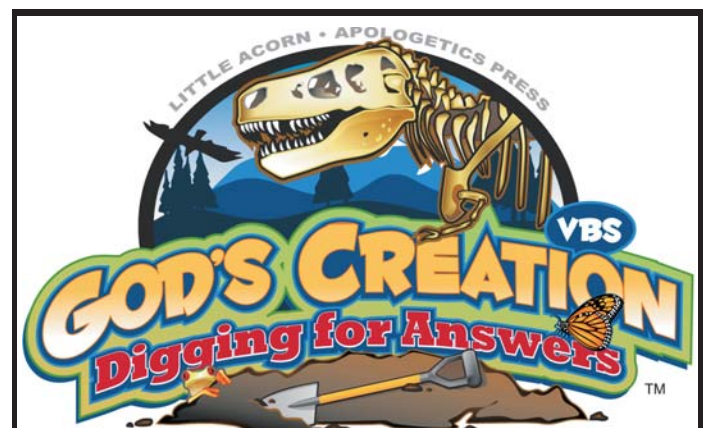
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The view from the Plummer's backyard!



Vacation Bible School

June 20-23 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Our theme is **God's Creation**. Please see Sally Hearn or Cindy Drumheller if you would like to volunteer.

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today! The elders want to encourage everyone to get involved in their Community Group. If you are visiting with us or have not yet been a part of a group and would like to join one, see Chuck or Don. Community Groups are a great way to get to know your neighbors – those members who live the closest to you! They are also a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends to your church family and to Jesus!



Directory

TODAY is the last opportunity to get your photo taken for this edition of the church directory!! Please see one of the Hearn's if you need your photo taken!

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.



Rockford Christian Camp Memorial Day Retreat will be held from Friday, May 27, to Monday, May 30. It is for those who have completed grades 7-12 and the cost is \$75. Registration forms can be found online at www.rcchome.com or in the teen room. Please register by Friday, May 13, to give the camp ample time to plan and for you to forego a late fee of \$15. Please do not arrive before 4:00 on Friday evening.

May 21st will be a Gamer Night (video games) at the building from 6-9 pm. Pizza will be provided.

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

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 – Jon Miller,
Brian & Shannon Gifford

Wednesday evening teachers:

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

**BIBLE SCHOOL
NEEDS
YOU**



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!

Beginning June 15 and continuing for the summer, Teen Parent Connection will be meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in our fellowship room. Meals will not be provided for these meetings.

Thank you to everyone who helped provide meals for this session of TPC. Each meal was greatly appreciated!