



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Teach them to your children.... The passing on of heritage, of love, of knowledge of the Lord is one of the most vital elements in the propagation of faith and of assuring the unbroken line of generations.

Yesterday, we witnessed a very inspiring ceremony in which Ryan Stirrup was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. His parents were honored for their support and encouragement in that achievement. But there was also a broader circle of partnership between the men and women who work with scouting in our area.

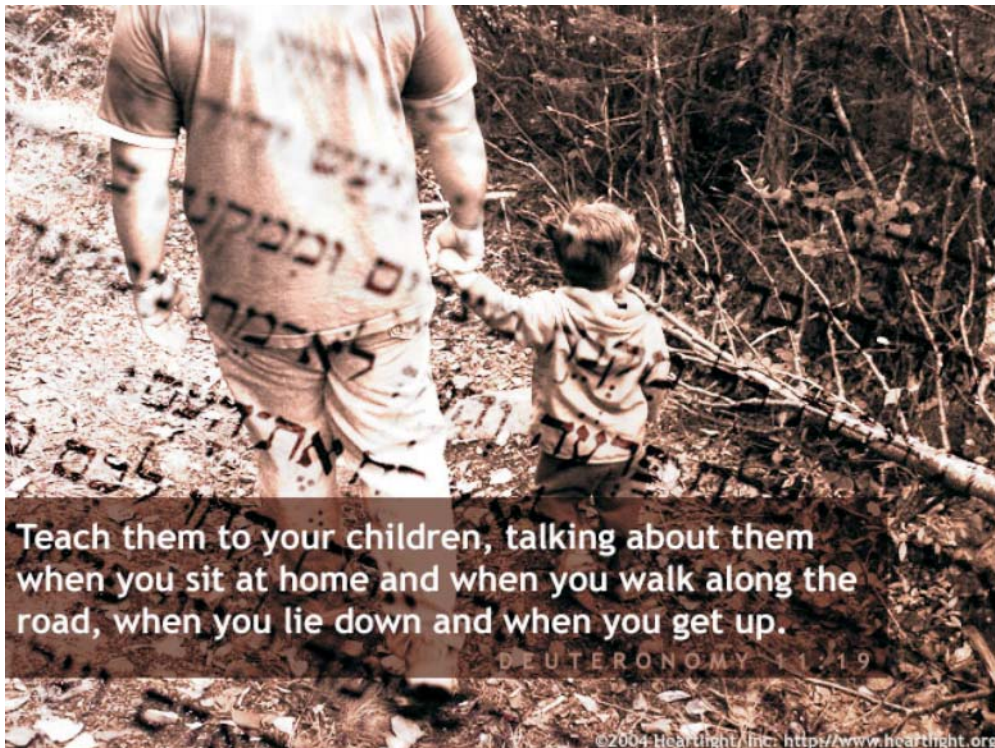
It is very reassuring to see the working together of our neighbors in the mission of raising up young men to be men of character and high moral and civic purpose.

Any society that undermines and undervalues the positive training of our young people is guilty of destroying its own future. The goals of scouting are very consistent with the ideals of scripture in emphasizing love of God, love of family, and love of country.

God has always made the training of children a high priority. The well-known passage from **Deuteronomy** instructs us to teach our children the

ways of God. Solomon also underscores these precepts. After stressing the importance of love of wisdom, he adds these thoughts: ¹⁰ Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. ¹¹ I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths." **Proverbs 4:10-11**

Again, concluding the book of **Ecclesiastes**, Solomon writes this admonition to young people: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." **Ecclesiastes 12:1**



Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

DEUTERONOMY 11:19

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We are grateful to the parents and to the many support workers in our congregation who dedicate themselves to the raising up of our young people and to the training of our children in the ways of God. From their earliest days in our nursery, and all through the school years, our young people are

encouraged to seek after the things of God and to honor their parents. Special thanks should go to Cliff and Lori Plummer for their dedication to this ministry.

The future of America is directly dependent on the character of our youth.

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.

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. 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 this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. 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 - *Tim Boyd*
- Announcements - *Cliff Plummer*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Curt Robinson*
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - *John Johnson*
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - *Chuck Miller*
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - *Chester Sitler*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- May 3 Catherine Henkel
- May 6 Olivia Plummer
- May 8 Jon & Tracy Wright (anv.)

Dates to Remember

- Today Potluck & Church Family Photo
- Today Connection Point @ Park Forest/Teens
- May 7 Food Pantry Delivery
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 14 Preacher's Breakfast
- May 15 Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
- May 17 Lemley/Garner Wedding Shower
- May 17 Elder/Deacon Meeting
- May 17 Sunday Night Light/Teens
- May 22-25 RCC Teen Retreat

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 79
- Sunday Morning Worship 144
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 39
- Contribution \$4,589.00

Nursery Workers Theresa & Sabrina Link

Collection Counters . . . Paul Mullins, Paul Stirrup

In Our Prayers...

Jarrold & Allison Brown are almost finished with the adoption process of Soledad.

Bruce Conely, Doug Peterson's friend, has liver cancer. He is a funeral director in Elburn.

Jerry Gibson, a good friend of RCC from Rockford, had quadruple bypass surgery last week. He is doing well.

Ed Holman and his son, friends of Cathleen

Longfellow, lost their home and all of the contents due to fire. Their address is 722 Cedar Point Boulevard, # 7, Cedar Point, NC 28584.

Otis Long, Sherry Watson's father, is out of the hospital and doing much better. He will be starting therapy soon and seeing a cardiologist more often.

Terry Peterhans, a friend of Dana Howard's who lives in our neighborhood, will be having open heart surgery.

Natasha Taylor, the daughter of Joan Avey's friend, has uterine cancer. She is only 28 years old and the cancer is growing very quickly.

Bob Voigts is having chemotherapy treatments as a preventative measure.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister has MS

Bonnie Bingham

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

Don & Pat Brewster

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

John Day

Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes's daughter

Al Dorsey and his son Doug

Joyce Eakins

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Josephine Haggerton

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter

Joe and Sky Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbie's

foster son and granddaughter

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley Prosser,

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and

the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Stacey Schnaitman - daughter of Bev Scalone, the

Johnson's neighbor

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Avery Sternberg - the daughter of Jay Hearn's cousin

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Lauren Avey - Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law

Caitlyn Czernik - Chris's daughter-in-law

Bridgette Fordyce - former member

Shannon (Pedersen) Manny - due first of May

Cathy Miller - due in June

Jamie Miller - due end of May

Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of

Lori Plummer

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown -

Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)

Students of Joe Voigts - China

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan



He will keep you
strong to the end,
so that you
will be blameless
on the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ.
God, who has called you
into fellowship
with his Son
Jesus Christ our Lord,
is FAITHFUL.

1 Corinthians 1:8-9

Photos

Please stay seated after worship this morning. We want to quickly arrange everyone so we can take a group photo of our church family. Make sure to get a new photo taken of your family for the church directory. Look for the "photo studio" at the end of the foyer.

Fellowship Today!

Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our Small Groups program with a **pot-luck fellowship immediately following the church family photo this morning!** Even if you didn't participate in a Small Group, please plan to stay.

Food Pantry Delivery

Our regularly scheduled food pantry delivery from the Northern Illinois Food Bank will be **this Thursday, May 7.** **Volunteers are needed** to help carry boxes of food, stock the shelves and break-down the boxes. **We'll begin at 10:00 a.m.**

Shults-Lewis Golf Outing

The Shults-Lewis Spring Golf Outing is **Friday, May 15,** at Tamarack Golf Club in Naperville. Lunch begins at noon and tee-off is 1:00 p.m. Dinner will follow golf. Shults-Lewis has received a generous gift to cover all golfers expenses. **Register by May 7th** at www.shultslewis.org or by calling 1-800-462-0513.

Father/Son Retreat

Teenage guys and their dads, make sure to mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 13, through Sunday, June 14,** for our first Father/Son Retreat at RCC.

RCC Junior Camp

Junior Week at RCC is July 25 to August 1. While we have enough women teachers, we don't have any men who have volunteered to teach. If you're interested, see Cliff.

Outreach Opportunity

"The Living Room Café" in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood serves restaurant-style meals to homeless men and women. We have an opportunity to help prepare and serve dinner on two Monday nights in June. We'll need to leave West Chicago by 2:30. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer and sign-up if you'd like to go.

Green Lake

Family Encampment

The **Green Lake Family Encampment** held at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, Wisconsin, will be **Monday through Friday, August 10-14.** For more information check the bulletin board contact Helen Plummer, Cliff and Joan's mother, at hplum15@aol.com or visit www.greenlakefamilyencampment.com.

youth & family news

TEENS: There's a **Connection Point at Park Forest today.** We'll leave after the potluck and should return about 7:00 p.m.

It's almost time for camp again! The **Memorial Day Retreat** at RCC is Friday through Monday, May 22-25. Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Room, and **should be mailed by May 8th** to avoid the \$15 late fee.

Wedding Shower

Families are invited to a wedding shower for **Katherine Lemley and Benjamin Garner** on **Sunday, May 17.** Come and greet Katherine & Benjamin at an "open house" from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. Cake and punch will be served. They are registered at Crate & Barrel and Target.



Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lemley, Jr.

and

Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Garner

invite you to the celebration

of the marriage of their children

Katherine Grace

and

Benjamin Ross

on

Saturday, the Twenty-Seventh of June

at

6:30 in the evening

at

Valley Ranch in Rose Bud, Arkansas

Reception to follow.

For more information, search for them at

www.theknot.com

