A Preacher’s Perspective

Thank you so much for another opportunity to attend the Pepperdine Bible Lectures. I’m sorry that Bobbye was unable to go at the last minute because of her health. And thanks to Peter Drumheller for picking me up at the airport on Saturday.

The weather was wonderful and the theme was inspiring. I got to visit old friends and meet new ones. One treat was to hear Shon Smith, the minister from Naperville.

A new development is the online availability of many of the lectures through iTunes U. You have to have, or create, an Apple ID, and then you can sign up on iTunes U.

In iTunes U, find Pepperdine University, and subscribe to the 2013 Bible Lectures. All the lectures available are online there. They hope to have all next year’s lectures available.

A pre-conference session, included in the download selections, featured Max Lucado. Keynote speakers included Rich Little, Fate Hargood, Dave Clayton, Don McLaughlin, Randy Harris, Mike Cope and Rick Atchley.

It was a great blessing to sweep through the powerful text of this great book, and to be reminded of the Lion of Judah who is also the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world.

The picture of the Jesus who walks among His churches in chapters 1-3 is not one who looks meek and mild. Rather, He is frightening in appearance and absolute in judgment.

The warfare against Jesus and His church, with terrible ferocity from Satan and his agents, is finally doomed to failure and victory is made sure.

The glory of the New Jerusalem and the radiance of life in the presence of the Father and Son give encouragement and hope to the church of all ages.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.

And they will reign for ever and ever...

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:1-5, 12-13 (NIV)
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. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of praise and fellowship.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com
Username: wcfamily
Password: 6302312062
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Allow any Active X controls

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster  Jay Hearn
Chuck Miller  Rick Root

Our Deacons are:

John Day  Brian Gifford
Jon Miller  Curt Robinson

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.

Worship Order
Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays ............ Jay Hearn
Kids Connection ............................ Brian Gifford
Praise Songs ................................... Rick Root

#100  Holy Ground
#167  Hosanna
#448  The Greatest Commands
#469  Faith is the Victory
#364  Come Share the Lord

Communion Message ......................... John Pedersen
Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
Sermon ................................ Chuck Miller

#948  I Am Resolved

Prayer Cards ................................ Don Brewster

#77  Glorify Thy Name

Birthdays & Anniversaries
May 6 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Madison Manny
May 8 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jon & Tracy Wright (anv.)

Dates to Remember
TODAY . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Community Groups
May 6 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Teen Parent Connection
May 7 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class
May 8 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sinners Anonymous
May 8 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Wednesday Bible Class
May 10 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Mens Prayer & Pancakes
May 12 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Happy Mother’s Day
May 13 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Living Room Café/Teen Parent Connection
May 15 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Seniors Breakfast
May 18 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . RCC Work Day
May 24-27 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . RCC Teen Retreat
June 17-21 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vacation Bible School
June 21-23 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . RCC Young Adult Retreat

Records You Helped Make
Sunday Morning Bible Class ......................... 53
Sunday Morning Worship ............................. 93
Contribution ........................................ $2,869.92

Nursery Workers . . . Theresa Lemley, Jamie Miller

Collection Counters . . Mike Henkel, Paul Mullins
In Our Prayers...

Betsy, Bob Voigt’s supervisor, has breast cancer.
Pat Brewster is doing much better and was able to be at worship last Sunday.
Al Dorsey is in a rehab facility in St. Charles.
Betty Frazier, Linda Vantreese’s friend, is suffering with several health issues and some depression.
Kathy, Dana Howard’s friend, has cancer. Kathy Mandas, Dana’s co-worker, is going through therapy for her knee which was injured when she fell. Continue to pray for Sylvia Atten, Waseem James, her aunt, Pat Johnson and her parents.
A.J. McCorkle, the brother of Bobbie Whitman’s sister-in-law, passed away recently.
Joan Mullins, Paul’s mother, is struggling with lack of energy. She’s had several tests done and is waiting for results. His father is retiring as an elder from their church in Arizona.
Henry Phillips, the minister from the Rockford Church of Christ, continues to suffer with several health issues. He is undergoing therapy which takes quite a lot of time throughout the week, which is difficult with his family and job responsibilities. He is the son-in-law of former members and deacon, Sid & Sherry Fryer.
Liz Pritchett, a friend of Joe Voigt’s, has mouth cancer.
Jackie Robinson had foot surgery on Tuesday. She is doing well, but has to stay off that foot for 6-8 weeks.
Heidi Wesner, the wife of the vice president of Service Company, is recuperating from meningitis.

Those suffering with long-term issues:
Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s brother
Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root’s parents
Nancy Brewster
Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller’s parents
John Day
Doug Dorsey – Al’s son
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
Sue Lake – Marion’s sister-in-law
John Mark Lango, son of former members
Keith & Kim
Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman’s niece
Don Lemley
Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
Mike Lockett – Joan’s son

Nadine McCormick
Josh Otte – Chris Czernik’s nephew
& the son of Marion Lake’s cousin
Scott Robinson – Curt’s brother
Kay Schrader
Phyllis Sitler
Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler’s mother
Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts’ cousins
Jim Whitman

Moms-to-be:
Fred & Elizabeth Dock – Dana Howard’s niece
Sarah Rentschler – Sally Hearn’s niece
Sarah Tincher – Twins!
Katie Weishaar – Sally Hearn’s niece

Armed forces:
Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s grand-nephew,
Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard’s nephew, staying in U.S.
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 Voiger – Korea
Students of Joe Voigt’s – China
Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

Love never fails...
1 Corinthians 13:7-8a

Sally’s parents

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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Harding’s Chicago Cubs Event! Tuesday, May 14, Harding University is hosting their annual Cubs Game and Pizza Dinner. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m. in Addison and the game is at 7:05 p.m. at Wrigley Field. Cost is $12.

Rockford Christian Camp sessions are quickly approaching – yippee! Be sure to check the website, www.rockfordchristiancamp.org for important and new registration information. Mark the following dates on your calendar. Please note that the grade listed is the “Last Grade Completed.” ALSO, dates published previously were wrong. These are correct!

- May 24-27 Memorial Day Retreat (Grade 7-12)
- June 21-23 Young Adult Retreat (Post H.S. to 35)
- July 12-20 Senior Week (Grade 9-12)
- July 20-27 Intermediate Week (Grade 6-8)
- July 27-Aug 3 Junior Week (Grade 2-5)
- Aug 30-Sept 2 Labor Day Retreat (Grade 7-12)

Be sure to visit the section of the website to join us in this “locust” project. A small monthly donation from you helps us to build up our facilities and keep fees as low as possible.

Community Groups

Community Groups meet today. The elders encourage every member of our church family to meet with your Community Group. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. Acts 4:31-32a

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Ladies Class will not meet this Tuesday, May 7. Next Tuesday, May 14, we will meet at our regular time to begin working on several sewing projects and VBS projects. See Frances with questions regarding the sewing projects.

Next fall we will continue our study of the book of Psalms with Lesson 7 in our books. Pat challenges us to read the entire Psalms over the summer. If you read five Psalms a day you will finish the book in a month, so technically you should be able to get through the Psalms three times over the summer.

Directories Are Ready!

Directories are ready and available in the foyer. Please take the one with your name in the upper right-hand corner! There are extras if you would like more than one. Please let me know if there are any errors! There are also laminated phone lists. There should be plenty for everyone to have one. If you would like the directory in an electronic version, contact Sally.

Congratulations!

Carson Boyd, Tim & Sandy’s son, graduated with a Master of Accountancy (obtained in 4 years) from Lipscomb University yesterday. Caitlin Mullins, Paul & Molly’s daughter, graduated from Lipscomb University yesterday with a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. She is looking for a teaching job in the Nashville and Chicago areas.

Wednesday Evening Class

The combined Men’s and Women’s classes are studying “The Growth of the Church.”

Happy Anniversary

Cindy Drumheller’s parents, Robert & Phyllis Cissne, are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, May 22. Unfortunately they are in separate care centers. We thought it would be wonderful to throw them a Card Shower. And, since they have separate addresses they should each receive a card.

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