



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Mothers are the joy of our hearts. How grateful we are that God embedded so much of His heart and soul into the unique qualities of mothers. For men, mothers are the completion of our identity. All that is feminine we know first from our mothers.

It seems odd to me, as a man, to think of God's character as including the feminine. But there can be no mistake that His design found its perfection in the addition of a mate for Adam.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it..." **Genesis 1:27-28**

Comfort and security we begin to learn in our mother's womb. Spiritual peace finds its best metaphor in a mother's arms:

"O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast; like a child that is quieted is my soul." **Psalms 131:1-2**

David's reflection on perspective in this psalm is one of my favorite. Though he was a king and a mighty warrior, the identity of his comfort and core security came from the love and care of his mother.

Those of you who are mothers of young children need to be honored in a special way. The caring for

little ones, especially when there are several, is one of the most demanding and important tasks in society.

When men step in for an afternoon or evening, it is amazing how much we have to be reminded of what is important in the lives of little ones. Mothers have great insight and understanding, an ability to "read" their babies and know what they need.

That makes sense, doesn't it! Mothers begin their intuitive bonding while their babies are still in the womb. And in all those early months, before speech is learned, mothers have to anticipate and understand the needs of their babies.

Isn't that a great picture of God's deep understanding of us. He knows us in ways we don't even know ourselves. That design reflects God's perfect knowledge of us as described in **Psalm 139:**

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. **Psalms 139:1-4**

That makes sense, doesn't it, for the One who knit us together in our mother's womb!

Thank you Father for placing so much of Your perfect design in those women who brought us to life and who bless and nurture our days, who understood us before we could speak, and whose heartbeats were our first sounds.

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, Jon Miller

Praise Songs Jay Hearn

#975 Get Right, Church

#63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

Light the Fire

#810 Listen to Our Hearts

#77 Glorify Thy Name

#234 Worthy Is the Lamb

Communion Don Brewster

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Scripture & Prayer Brian Gifford, Jon Miller, Bob Voigts

Invitation Song Jay Hearn

#533 I Am a Sheep

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jay Hearn

#718 We Shall Assemble

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 8 Jon & Tracy Wright (anv.)

May 13 Bonnie Bingham, Don & Pat Brewster (anv.)

Dates to Remember

TODAY No Community Groups (Mother's 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

May 20 Mens Prayer Breakfast

May 21 Teen Gathering - Gamer Night

May 22 Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!

May 27-30 RCC Teen Retreat

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 65

Sunday Morning Worship 93

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 23

Contribution \$2,811.25

Nursery Workers Bev Day, Jamie Miller

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

Herman & Ava Bigger, Josephine Haggerton's brother and sister-in-law, are having health issues. Herman had his leg amputated below the knee because of an infection. He got through the surgery well on Wednesday, but on Friday he was in a lot of pain and not eating. Ava has had multiple mini heart attacks. They are both in care centers.

Levi Brown, Jarrod and Allison's son, has a very aggressive infection in his blood. They are fighting it with very strong antibiotics. He is at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville and may be there for two weeks.

Julie Dean had out-patient surgery on a vein in her leg last week. She is back to work, but still experiencing pain and discomfort. The doctor said it may take a year for her to fully recuperate.

Dana Howard has had her medications changed.

Cyndi Perez had carpal tunnel surgery last week and is back at work.

Dan Vantrese was in the hospital last 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.

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.

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 Sitrler
 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:

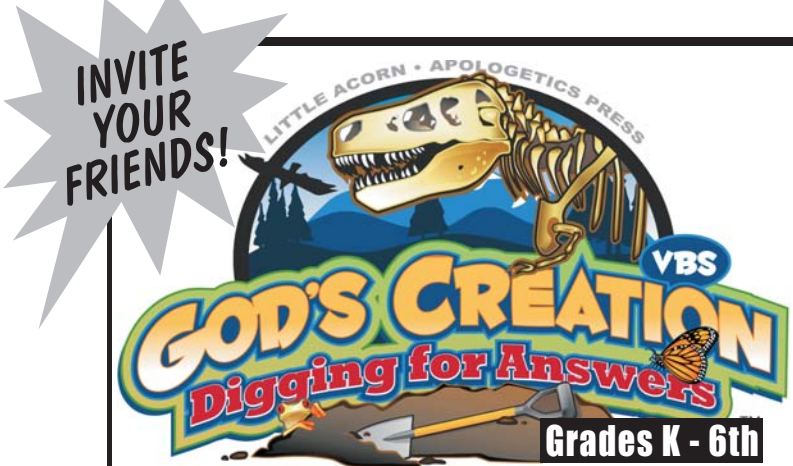
Josh Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan
 Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew
 Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Klinton Wheeler - in training, going to Afghanistan in June
 Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the 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
 4818 Trans Canada Highway
 Tappen, BC V0E 2X1 Telephone: 250-835-2177



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

GOD'S CREATION
Digging for Answers
Grades K - 6th

VBS

Vacation Bible School

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

Please note: There are few postcards available in the foyer if you would like to mail them to a friend.
 Some of our volunteers will be arriving at VBS right from work. Please see Joan Avey if you are able to provide an entree and/or dessert for their dinner.
 Please see Sally Hearn or Cindy Drumheller if you would like to volunteer.

Living Room Café

Tomorrow is our scheduled day to serve at the Living Room Café in downtown Chicago. We'll leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. and should arrive back around 8:00 p.m. The Living Room Café serves, restaurant-style, families in need that are working through the Inspiration Corporation to gain a more solid living situation. Duties of volunteers include cooking, wrapping table service, making and serving coffee, tea and lemonade, waiting tables and clean up. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to go or see Julie Dean.

Shults Lewis

Golf Outing

The Shults Lewis Spring Golf Outing is this 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.

Ladies Classes

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class is studying Ephesians and Colossians and is being led by Pat Brewster.

The Wednesday evening Ladies Class is studying a series of lessons on 1 & 2 Peter. It is being led by Joanne Johnson. These are both great times of learning and fellowship.

Teen Parent Connection

Meals are needed for Teen Parent Connection meetings on May 19 and May 26. Please see Sally if you can provide all or part of a meal for 15-20 people.

Teen Parent Connection is holding a Clothing Swap next Saturday, May 14, 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!



Join us for **Gamer Night** (video games) on **Saturday, May 21**, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the church building. Pizza will be provided. Any questions, see Jon Miller, Brian Gifford and Ian Voigts.

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 at RCC before 4:00 on Friday evening, May 27.

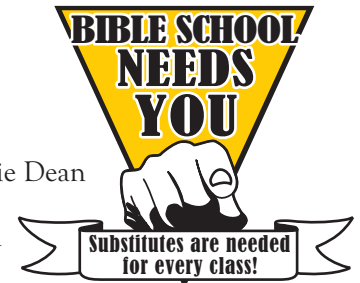
Youth Ministry

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

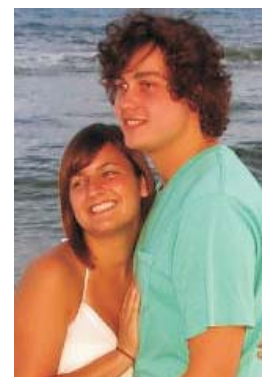
Wednesday evening teachers:

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



Wedding Open House

You are invited to a **Wedding Open House in honor of Stacy Elliot and Emma Boyd on Sunday, August 9**. It will be held in the fellowship room immediately following worship. A light lunch will be served.



Directories

OK, so you have one more week! Please let Sally know if you have any address, phone or email changes for the church directory. Also, see one of the Hearn's if you need a photo taken!