



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

**B**aby ducks and geese are learning to swim and avoid bikers and hikers along the banks of the Fox River. Get too close to a mother goose, and you'll hear a hiss and feel the threat of a big, angry bird.

Not all animals display a protective parental instinct, but when we see it, it tugs at our own human love for children and our sensitivity to the vulnerability of the young.

Jesus reflects his "mother love" in the passage where He looks at Jerusalem on the eve of His great trial. His thoughts turned to those beautiful protective instincts seen in chickens and geese and many other animals. The people of Jerusalem were, to Him, like helpless chicks, like wandering sheep, and He longed to gather them into the safety of His shelter.

One of the beautiful expressions of this is found in **Psalm 91:**

<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, <sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; <sup>4</sup> he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find

refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. **Psalms 91:1-4 (RSV)**

I think that mothers understand this image and emotion in a deep and special way. Just as they know the experience of life within, they also know the daily challenge of protecting, nurturing and keeping safe the little ones whom God entrusts to their care.

Indulge me in two grandparent illustrations. Our baby Lydia, who is almost one, likes to crawl as fast as can toward the edge of the bed and would tumble over if someone were not there to catch her. She doesn't

understand the danger, of course, only the game and the fun of being "saved at the last minute." Sometimes we are about that reckless in our own lives as we put ourselves at great risk again and again, not understanding how great are the dangers which our Enemy longs to visit on us. But

in so many ways, the Angel of the Lord encamps around us and saves us from our own foolishness.

The other illustration has nothing to do with these ideas. Esther, when she needs to get around you, very politely says, "Goose over, please." That means "move over." Just a bonus cute story with a "goose" connection from grandparent land.

Thank you, God, for the mothers who watched over us on our sick beds, at play, and in a thousand ways, just as you watch over us daily.



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 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. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow these instructions:

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

Don Brewster                      Bob Jett  
 Chuck Miller                      Bob Voigts

Our Deacons are:

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

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)  
 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 . . . . . Chuck Miller  
 Singing . . . . . Jay Hearn  
     #273 More Precious than Silver  
 Prayer Updates & Scripture . . . . . Curt Robinson  
     #18 Faithful Love  
     #26 God Moves in a Mysterious Way  
 Prayer . . . . . John Johnson  
     #763 O Master Let Me Walk with Thee  
 Communion . . . . . Kyle Wheeler  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
 Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller  
     #919 Behold a Stranger at the Door  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts  
 Announcements . . . . . Curt Robinson  
     #689 Be Still My Soul  
 Prayer . . . . . Steve Link

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 13 . . . . . Bonnie Bingham, Bryce Kissane  
 May 13 . . . . . Don & Pat Brewster (anv.)  
 May 15 . . . . . Al Dorsey, Dan Vantreese

## Dates to Remember

Today . . . . . Happy Mother's Day  
 May 10 . . . . . Living Room Café  
 May 13 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 May 14 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 May 16 . . . . . Connection Point @ Rockford, Teens  
 May 18 . . . . . The Bridge  
 May 19 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast  
 May 20 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 May 21 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 May 27 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 May 28 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 May 28-31 . . . . . RCC Memorial Day Retreat

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 50  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 96  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 28  
 Contribution . . . . . \$3,483.00

Nursery Workers . . . . . Theresa & Tristan Link  
 Collection Counters . . . . . Justin Avey, Jeff Ieler

## In Our Prayers...

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother**, will be having a kidney transplant. Her nephew has been identified as a match and will be having a complete physical this week.

**Myrna Lavake** has begun a series of radiation and chemo treatments for cancer in her throat. Her address is 221 Ingaltan Avenue, West Chicago, 60185

**Jim Quinlan**, husband of Rick Root's boss, has had some strokes and has some paralysis at present.

**Bob Voigts** has completed his final chemotherapy.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Herman & Eva Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother and sister-in-law

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

Daphene Collins - Chuck Miller's cousin

John Day

Al Dorsey & his son, Doug

Joyce Eakins's brother, Hubert

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

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Bobby Miller

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

### Mothers-to-be:

Ben & Kristin Livermore - Craig & Bev's son

Rob & Eryn Livermore - Craig & Bev's son

Jennifer Piehl - Tom & Nancy Doggett's daughter

Tammy Urso - Dan & Linda Vantrees's daughter

### Armed forces:

Joe Amato - Bob & Betsy's son-in-law will be in Afghanistan for 60 days

James Bartels - the son of Lynette Root's friend - Iraq

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew - Baghdad

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni  
Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan

Jeremy Riley - great-great-nephew of Josephine Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Chris Yauch - the husband of Wendell & Margaret Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

Jonathon Young - a former member is a Warrant Officer in the army and plans to fly helicopters. He's in Alabama, at Fort Rucker.

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras  
Students of Joe Voigts - China

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

*City of Children*  
*Ensenada, Mexico*  
*Mission Trip*  
*June 12-18, 2010*

*Mission Lazarus*  
*Honduras*  
*Mission Trip*  
*July 24-31, 2010*



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## Sermon on the Mount Series

We are beginning a series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount. There are many ways you can take advantage of all the opportunities to study this important topic.

1. Check our Facebook group - "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount"
  - \* You must be a member of Facebook. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and complete the information on the home page.
  - \* If you are already a member of Facebook, log on as usual and search for "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount."
2. Go to our website: [www.wcfamily.org](http://www.wcfamily.org) and click on the "Sermon on the Mount" logo.
3. If you are unable to be at worship on Sunday morning, trying accessing our web-cast. *Please follow these instructions:*

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## Babbs Leaving for Summer

Chris Babb will be leaving this week for summer work in Wyoming. Heather will follow when her school semester is over.

We have been so blessed by having Chris and Heather with us and we pray for their return this fall.



## Singing Extravaganza

The Sheldon Heights Church of Christ Acappella Chorus is hosting the Southeastern Regional Singing Association Extravaganza Friday through Sunday, May 14 - 16, at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. See the flyer in the foyer for more information.

## Chicago Celebration Cookbook

A cookbook is being compiled by the Chicago-land churches, assisted by Tricia Stroud from the Northwest Church of Christ, to celebrate our diversity as we share some of our most favorite foods. The deadline is this Friday, May 14. Send your favorite recipes, including detailed instructions, your name and the name of your home congregation to [chicagocelebrationcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:chicagocelebrationcookbook@gmail.com).

## The Bridge

Several of you expressed an interest in serving at The Bridge on Tuesday, May 18th. We are providing a meal that night of sloppy joes, chips and dessert. **Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you can go, or if you can provide something for the meal.**

## Graduation Open House

You are invited to a **Graduation Open House in honor of Shelby Root** on Sunday, May 23, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at her home.



## Needs for Community

A family needs baby wipes and size 4/5T pull ups for a boy and a girl. Used clothing is also needed. Give donations to Sally. Sizes are:

- Girl - 6 months
- Boy - shirts 4/5T, shorts 2/3T, sandals size 9
- Girl - shirts 4/5T, shorts 3T, sandals 9-12
- Girl - shirts 6 or 7/8, shorts 6/6x, sandals 9-12



## City of Children

**Tennis Shoes by June 1!** Mission groups to City of Children are going to help supply Christmas presents for each child. **Our project is girls' tennis shoes.** Sign up on the chart in the foyer for the size you will donate. **Deadline: June 1.**

**Adult Soccer Gear** – The mission team needs adult-size soccer gear for a game during their VBS. The larger the better! If you have cleats, shin guards, athletic shorts, soccer shirt, etc. that we can borrow, please see Cliff Plummer or Ryan Heather. Items will be returned after our trip.

# youth & family news

**TEENS:** Join us for a **Connection Point @ Rockford, next Sunday, May 16th!** We'll have lunch together, then leave about 2:00 from the building.

We'll have a **Sunday Night, Light** on May 23rd after evening services.

**RCC:** It's that time again! **Rockford Christian Camp Memorial Day Teen Retreat is Friday through Monday, May 28-31.** Registration forms are available in the teen room, and are due May 14 to avoid a late fee. Check out their updated website: [www.rcchome.com](http://www.rcchome.com).

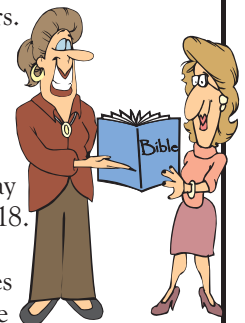
## RECURRING PROJECTS

### Community Groups

As our Small Groups program grows into weekly, year-round Community Groups, one of our first steps is to identify Teaching and Hosting Leaders for each group. Please pray for those directing our Community Groups program, for those who have volunteered to lead a group, and for additional leaders.

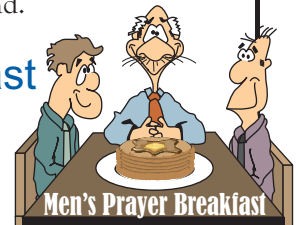
### Tuesday Morning Ladies Class

Sherry Watson is hosting a Tuesday morning Ladies Class beginning May 18. The classes will be held at her home, 5 N 530 Deer Run Drive in St. Charles at 10:00 a.m. The first topic will be the fruits of the Spirit and there are several books available on the bulletin table in the foyer. Coffee, hot tea and muffins will be provided. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch to enjoy after the Bible classes. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to invite their friends. Please let Sherry know if you plan to attend.



### Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Fridays from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building.



### Living Room Cafe

We are scheduled to go to the Living Room Café in Chicago the second **Monday** of every month. Our next scheduled date is May 10th and we'll leave around 2:30. Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you can go.

### Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meets here every Thursday night. **If you can assist preparing a meal or help with childcare,** see Molly Mullins. Donations are welcome.