

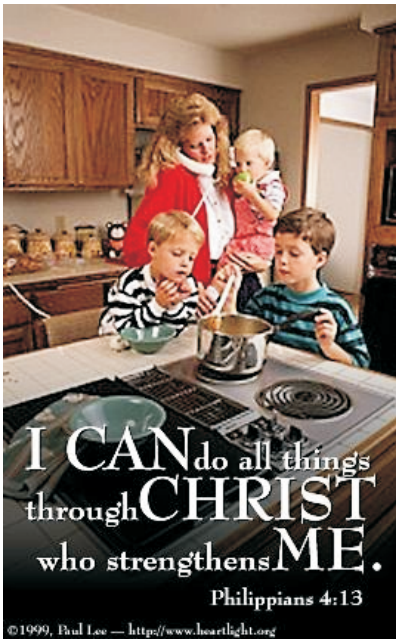


Family

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A Preacher's Perspective



Moms multi-task. It's what they do. It's who they are. They inhabit a world, at some point, in which they are probably being pulled in several directions by children who have not yet learned to share, whose personal priorities seem to each of them as the most crucial, and by a husband who expects his own share of her grace.

So, God designed moms to focus on many things at once. I wonder, sometimes, if they have fly-eyes, those multi-faceted kind of eyes which lets them see in all directions at the same time. If they don't have a bit of that, it really doesn't seem fair.

Don't you like the application of the great text in **Philippians 4:13** to the scene of a mom in her kitchen? I think it really speaks to the kind of everyday energy requirements of women who are the mothers of young children.

But there are many wonderful dimensions of mothering. After the diaper pails have long been converted to utility buckets, after school days have passed, and after nests are empty and quiet, moms still radiate power and grace.

Moms of the next generation bring wisdom, beauty, wonder and a way of diffusing desperate crises which younger moms have not yet learned. The special bond between those moms who are blessed to have daughters is a joy to behold. As one generation passes down the mom-lore to the next, humanity is assured of

a continuing supply of nurturing and of a dignity which our world so sorely needs. Husbands, fathers, brothers and men of all sorts are totally dependent on the secret storehouse of God's image which is uniquely packaged in our wives, mothers, and grandmothers.

The faithfulness of mothers is one of their most precious qualities. Like God, their love never fails. They endure and overcome. They persevere and inspire.

I am so grateful for my wonderful wife. It has been such a wondrous journey to see her do the mother magic for over 40 years, now. She did it with our own three children. She did it with a houseful of dozens of boys at Shults-Lewis. She expanded her circle of love for our foster sons, and she continues to operate at peak efficiency as a grandmother.

You have your own appreciation stories, don't you? Be sure today to notice and to show your grateful love to the ones who are the fountain of love for most of our lives—our mothers, wives and grandmothers.

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. Proverbs 31:30-31

Chuck Miller



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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. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is 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

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This Morning...

Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. 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 - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Steve Link
- Singing
- Prayer - Curt Robinson
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Scott Drumheller

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- May 13 Bonnie Bingham, Bryce Kissane
- May 13 Don & Pat Brewster (anv.)
- May 15 Al Dorsey, Dan Vantreese
- May 16 Julian & Cyndi Perez (anv.)
- May 17 Jonathan Young

Dates to Remember

- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 16 Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
- May 17 RCC Work Day
- May 18 Connection Point @ Park Forest
- May 21 Seniors Breakfast
- May 23-26 RCC Teen Retreat

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 92
- Sunday Morning Worship 131
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 45
- Contribution \$4,329.50

Wednesday Ladies Class

Following is the plan for our Ladies Bible Class:
 April 30 - May 7: The Rich Man and Lazarus - Sandy Boyd
 May 14 - June 18: The Epistles of John - Joanne Johnson

In Our Prayers...

Justin Avey has a tumor on his pancreas. He is having a biopsy on Thursday.

Bob Czernik is very ill and struggling with cancer.

Guillermina Diaz, the sister-in-law of Fernando Diaz, disappeared in Mexico City, Mexico on March 29. Fernando is the minister at the church in Waukegan.

Emily Gray is home from the hospital after having an abdominal cyst removed a week ago.

Josephine Haggerton is recuperating from a virus. She has had tests done for several health issues.

Kelly Ieler's blood clot is completely gone! She will get results in the next couple of weeks about her heart.

Brad Jurek's friend is in a coma.

Margo Smetana, the infant daughter of Steve Link's friend, had a heart transplant several months ago. She is not doing well and may need another transplant.

Troy, the stepson of Lynette Root's friend, had a kidney transplant a few years ago. He is back in the hospital with possible kidney failure.

Freda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother, is not feeling well. She was in the hospital last week with pneumonia and will be seeing a surgeon tomorrow about her gall bladder.

Vacation Bible School is in the planning and coordinating stages. Pray that we can be a light to each other and to our community.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother
 Sylvia Atten – Dana Howard's friend
 Andrea Bailey – a former member from California
 Irene Barnes – Lynette Root's aunt
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents
 Lisa Beverly – Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS
 Bonnie Bingham
 Leona Boston – Lynette Root's aunt
 Jim Brannon – Pat Brewster's brother-in-law
 Mary Brent – Joe Kirts's sister
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 John Day
 Lisa DeVaney – Marie Hayes' daughter
 Al Dorsey
 Doug Dorsey – Al's son
 Chad Englebach – Marie Hayes' grandson
 Amy Ferguson – a former member from Montana
 Jean Gray – Linda Vantreesee's sister
 Elizabeth Griffin
 Sarah Hayden & family – Maria Zeisler's relative
 Mary Henkel – Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Amy Kalupski – sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend
 Joe and Star Kuhnle – Chuck & Bobbye's foster son
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother
 Steve Link

Jack Lockett – the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley, Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett – Joan's son
 Laura Mahan – Shirley Rucker's daughter
 Steve & Melissa Massie family
 Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's niece
 Tim Miller
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Pat Ronzheimer
 Adonnica Schmittou – the sister-in-law of former members Matthew & Debbie Allgood
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder – Bob Voigts cousin
 Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousin
 Ollie Taylor – the niece of Lynette Root's friend
 Linda Vantreesee
 Eudie Voigts – Bob's mother
 Jim & Jamie Winner
 Jim & Jeremy Whitman
 Rick & Gina Zamora

Mothers-to-be:

Missy Day

Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings – Justin Avey's employee
 Wes Clark – the son-in-law of Lynette Root's friend
 Dustin Meritt – Justin Avey's employee
 Chris & Jennifer Roberts – Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter
 Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown – Honduras (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)
 Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria
 Dry Bones Ministry – homeless teens in Denver, CO
 Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango – Brazil
 Makinde Olufemi – Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan – check the bulletin board for a current newsletter
 Joe Voigts – China – also pray for the churches and all the new Christians – Joe will be home in July

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Caitlin Mullins



Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Mike Henkel



Honduras Trip

The Honduras Mission Trip is scheduled to depart on Saturday, August 2 and will return Sunday, August 10. For more information, see Emily Gray.

Due to Emily's health, the meetings during Bible class will begin next Sunday, May 18.

If you would like to provide financial support to help those who are making the trip, see one of the elders, or give cash or a check and clearly indicate it is to support the trip.

Wednesday Kids Class

A teacher is needed for the Wednesday Kids Class in June - the 4th, 11th and 18th. See Cliff to get the materials.

The Wednesday Evening Kids Class has been collecting money to give to a worthy cause, around \$60. If you would like to help match their donation, see Cyndi Perez. **The teens raised \$66!**

Benevolence Need

A few of our families are experiencing financial difficulties. If you'd like to make a special contribution, see Justin Avey, Jay Hearn, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.

Thank You

The list, of what I need to thank the Church of Christ for, is a long one - for prayers, warm wishes, love shown, support, kindness extended, the flowers for Neal's wake, the soothing beautiful singing, the food provided, the touching words about Neal from Chuck Miller at the funeral. This is just a part of what I am grateful for and I do not find the word or words that say what my heart feels.

With endless gratitude for being there
and all you have done - *Pat Ronzheimer*

Shults-Lewis Golf Outing

The 4th Annual Spring Golf Tournament (Scramble) is this Friday, May 16, with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at the Tamarack Golf Club in Naperville, Illinois.

You can register online at www.shultslewis.org under the "Special Events" tab.

After dinner (app. 6:00) there will be an auction of items to benefit Shults Lewis which include: Chicago Cubs Autographed Jersey, Chicago Cubs Autographed Helmet, Chicago Bulls Team Autographed Basketball, Chicago Rush Autographed Jersey, Chicago Blackhawks Autographed Jersey, and a Zamboni Ride at the United Center.

Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new passenger van for Shults Lewis. To help sponsor portions of this tournament contact Matthew French at 219-462-0513 ext. 234. Be a part of this great day of fun and fellowship with all your friends from Shults Lewis!



Youth & Family News

TEENS: Remember the Connection Point at Park Forest next Sunday afternoon, May 18.

Rockford Christian Camp sessions are beginning with the Memorial Day Teen Retreat, May 23 - 26, for teens who have completed grades 7-12. Applications and information are available on-line or see Cliff.

The teens raised \$66 to support the Wednesday Evening Kids Class. Good Job!

PARENTS: Please note RCC retreat fees are \$75 and camp fees are \$150. Be sure to register two weeks prior to any camp session to forego late fees.



*Happy
Mother's
Day
2008*

