A Preacher’s Perspective

It’s that wonderful day when we prove our inadequacy in expressing to our mothers how precious they are to us. They are the experts in building up and showing genuine appreciation. They’ve been working at it since our first words, our first steps, and our first refrigerator-art.

I’m one of those men who is not good at understanding, intuitively, how to show my appreciation. I have made some slight progress in these 45 years, but not much!

Now, you all know my story. Many of you knew my mom, and virtually all of you know my wife. So, I clearly have been blessed in the outstanding mom category. And I have also been blessed with awesome daughters-in-law.

In addition to my personal good fortune in the mom department, I am richly blessed with a church family full of absolutely wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and even great-grandmothers.

But my deepest sense of wonder and amazement at motherhood comes from what I continue to learn about God, the inventor and designer of mothers.

Simply put, God put into mothers unique and invaluable aspects of His own nature. He is perfectly feminine as well as completely masculine. He created us in His own image.

I delight in the beauty and grace of women, and of little girls. As I was coming home from California, in Midway Airport, I saw a mom and daughter, she was about 6, getting ready for a plane trip adventure. The delight on the face of that little girl, how she clasped her hands together made me laugh out loud. That’s something for a sourpuss like me!

But the depth of spiritual power in godly women is truly wonderful. For example, mothers truly embody the quality of comfort. When our souls need a place of refuge, we need our moms. You may remember one of my favorite psalms in demonstration of this quality: “

1 My heart is not proud, O LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. 2 But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me.”

Psalms 131:1-2 (NIV)

That is God’s design for the place of ultimate comfort and security: in the arms of a loving mother. Those, of course, are the arms of God in human form. How grateful we are that He has loaned them so generously to our mothers.

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 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:

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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.

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 ...... Curt Robinson
Kids Connection ......................... Brian Gifford
Praise Songs .......................... Tim Boyd
  # We Shall Assemble
  #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord
  #484 You are My All in All
  # More Like You
  # How Deep the Father’s Love for us
Communion Message ......................... Alec Boyd
Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
Sermon ................................. Chuck Miller
  # Break My Heart
Prayer Cards .......................... Bob Voigts
  # Father, Please

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 13 .................. Bonnie Bingham
May 13 .................. Don & Pat Brewster ( anv.)
May 15 .................. Al Dorsey, Dan Vantreese
May 18 .................. Jeff & Kelly Ieler ( anv.)

Dates to Remember

TODAY .................. Happy Mother’s Day
May 13 .................. Living Room Café/Teen Parent Connection
May 14 .................. Tuesday Ladies Work Day
May 15 .................. Seniors Breakfast
May 15 .................. Sinners Anonymous
May 15 .................. Wednesday Bible Class
May 17 .................. Mens Prayer & Pancakes
May 18 .................. RCC Work Day
May 19 .................. Community Groups
May 20 ................. Teen Parent Connection (last session)
May 24-27 ............ RCC Memorial Day Teen Retreat
June 17-21 ........... Vacation Bible School
June 21-23 ........... RCC Young Adult Retreat

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class .................. 44
Sunday Morning Worship .................... 72
Contribution ................................ $3,098.77

Nursery Workers ................ Betsy Jett, Shelby Root
Collection Counters ................ Mike Henkel, Paul Mullins
In Our Prayers...

Betsy, Bob Voigt’s supervisor, has breast cancer. She is having a difficult time with her treatments.

Al Dorsey is in a rehab facility in St. Charles.

Betty Frazier, Linda Vantree'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.

Cory Malloy, Marion & Pat Lake's nephew, was killed in a motorcycle accident this week. He is Darlene’s oldest son. His wife is Erin and they have two children.

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, has mouth cancer.

Jackie Robinson had foot surgery recently. She is doing well, but has to stay off that foot for 6-8 weeks.

Billy Steele, the minister at Sally’s hometown, is suffering with cellulitis, a staph infection and a blood clot in one of his legs.

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
Pat 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

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 Voigs – Korea
Students of Joe Voigs – China
Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

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

Vacation Bible School!

6:30-8:30 p.m.
June 17-21
Age 4 through Grade 6
Today
Since it is Mother’s Day today, Community Groups will not meet. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
Proverbs 31:28

Tuesday Ladies Class
This Tuesday, May 14, the Ladies Class will meet from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to begin working on several sewing projects and VBS projects. See Frances with questions regarding the sewing projects. Bring a salad to share for lunch, drinks and dessert will be provided.

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
Directories are ready and available in the foyer, as well as, laminated phone lists. If you would like the directory in an electronic version, contact Sally.

Congratulations!
Please join us as we Celebrate Alec’s Graduation and Say, “So Long”
Before our move to Huntsville over the summer, we would like to take time to gather with our friends to celebrate Alec’s high school graduation and to say goodbye to our Illinois friends who have meant so much to us.
When? Saturday, June 1, 2013
Noon - 5 p.m.
Where? Big Woods Park Pavilion
(At the end of Chillem Drive in Batavia)
Maps available
Come ready to eat and play!
(tennis, basketball, playground, Frisbee and more!)
Hope to see you there!
Tim and Sandy Boyd

RCC Work Day
A Rockford Christian Camp work day is scheduled for this Saturday, May 18. Work starts at 8:00 a.m. For specifics see Chuck or Don. Teens are especially welcome!

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.

Robert Cissne, Room D 205
NCSVH - Black Mountain
62 Lake Eden Road
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Phyllis Cissne
Asheville Manor - #18130
308 Overlook Drive
Asheville, NC 28803

Harding’s Chicago Cubs Event! This 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. Let Brian Gifford or Jon Miller know if you plan to go. We will leave from the church building at 4:00 p.m.

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) (postmark or e-mail by Friday, 5/10)
June 21-23 Young Adult Retreat (Post H.S. to 35)
July 12-20 Senior Week (Grade 9-12) starts Friday
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)