



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

In my life, the teaching of my mother was very different from the teaching of my father. His was direct, verbal, full of ideas and argument. Her teaching was gentle, by example, full of grace and gentle kindness.

Together they made a powerful team.

In my own family, I have learned to value the wisdom and insight of my wife. Often, we see things very differently. When I was younger, I thought it was about being right or wrong. I have come to understand that God gives us different worldviews, different understandings. Men can often overpower the wisdom of mothers and wives. That is a mistake.

Wives and mothers can fall into the trap of seeking control or of competing with men. That, too, is a mistake. As wives learn to trust God in their submission to husbands, just as men must learn to discern the way of love in dealing with wives, the Holy Spirit blends our lives and gives us a richness of partnership which was intended in marriage and the family.

I specially love this text from Proverbs 6:20-21. Sarah made me a special gift of a plaque with this

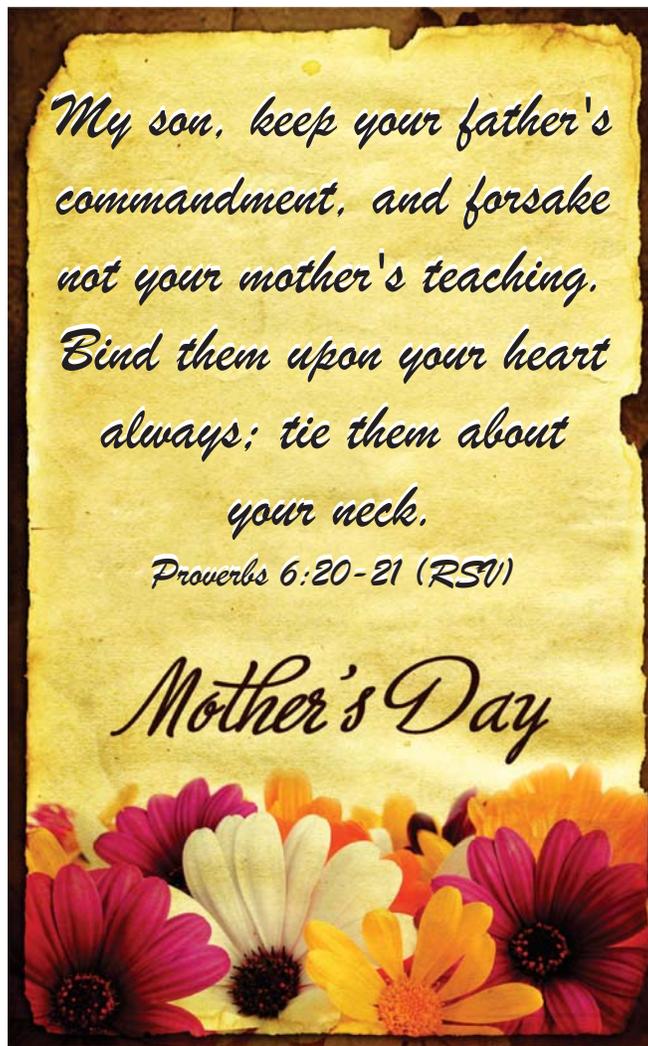
text. The teachings of mothers and fathers should be thought of by children as garlands to adorn the neck. They are to lay over the heart and give direction, warning and wisdom to life.

If our nature chafes at instruction, if we are eager to throw off direction and guidance, we set our feet on very treacherous ground. One of Satan's primary strategies is to put us at odds with the counsel of our parents.

One interesting aspect of father/mother partnership is that they are often so different in content and in perspective. At first, this may seem to suggest that the counsel of one is wrong. It is similar to the way elders may differ in counsel.

However, the path of wisdom is to discern the common truth in counsel which is, on the surface, different. Only with this approach can we receive the benefit of wisdom from many sources. The Proverb notes that in many counselors there is wisdom and safety.

Mothers, we thank God for you and the grace and wisdom with which you bless our lives. The best angels of our nature are the ones which wear aprons and comfort our tears.



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.

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

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>  
 Username: wcfamily  
 Password: 6302312062  
 Click "SINGLE" tab  
 Allow any Active X controls

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, Announcements, Birthdays . . . . . *Bob Voigts*  
 Kids Connection . . . . . *Brian Gifford*  
 Praise Songs . . . . . *Tim Boyd*  
     #421 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
     #139 *In Heavenly Love Abiding*  
     #48 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*  
     #681 *More Holiness Give Me*  
     #473 *Safe in the Arms of Jesus*  
     #382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*

Communion . . . . . *John Pedersen*  
 Prayers & Pass Emblems

Sermon . . . . . *Chuck Miller*  
     #934 *Softly and Tenderly*  
 Prayer Cards . . . . . *Bob Voigts*  
     #843 *God Give Us Christian Homes*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . Mother's Day  
 May 14 . . . . . Living Room Café  
 May 15 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class  
 May 16 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast, Wednesday Bible Class  
 May 17 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection – Last Meeting  
 May 18 . . . . . Mens Prayer Breakfast  
 May 20 . . . . . Community Group  
 May 22 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class  
 May 23 . . . . . Wednesday Bible Class  
 May 25 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 May 25-28 . . . . . RCC Teen Retreat  
 May 28 . . . . . Rachel's Open House

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 48  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 78  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 20  
 Contribution . . . . . \$2,872.00

Nursery Workers . . . . . Kelly Ieler, Lynette Root  
 Collection Counters . . . . . Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

## In Our Prayers...

**Carrie Drumheller** broke her foot and is on crutches.

**Shannon Gifford** must take it easy because of Braxton-Hicks contractions. If you can assist them with meals, cleaning or babysitting, please see Sally.

**Rachel Jinkerson**, a former member and daughter of one of our former elders, had a mass removed from her jaw about a month ago. Justin Avey spoke with Darrell and found out that she is going to have a second surgery on July 10. The doctor in Houston is very secure that they will be able to remove all of the cancer.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s brother

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root’s parents

Herman Biggers – Josephine Haggerton’s brother

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Bob & Phyllis Cissne, Cindy Drumheller’s parents

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

Pat Johnson – Dana Howard’s aunt

John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman’s niece

Don Lemley

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

Joan Mullins – Paul’s mother

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik’s

nephew & the son of

Marion Lake’s cousin

Helen Plummer – the mother

of Joan Avey and Cliff

Scott Robinson – Curt’s

brother

Kay Schrader

Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy

Stewart – Bob Voigts’

cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler’s parents

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Lauren Avey – Justin & Joan’s daughter-in-law

Kathryn (Lemley) Garner

Shannon Gifford

Christina Voigts

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s grand-nephew

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard’s nephew

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 Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

## Mothers and their sons...



## Living Room Café

We are serving at the Living Room Café tomorrow, May 14. We are also providing the food for the meal that we will be serving. Please see Julie Dean if you would like to help with the meal. Please have your donation to the building no later than 2:00 p.m. tomorrow. The volunteers will leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. Sally will be in the office tomorrow from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. if you need to drop something at the church building.

## Bible Class Teachers Needed

The next rotation for Bible Class Teachers began last Sunday. We need a teacher for the Grade 3-6 class on Sunday mornings. Also, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer to teach the 0-4 class on Wednesday evenings. There is always a need for substitutes. To help, please contact Cindy Drumheller.



## Special Contribution

Next Sunday, May 20, we will take up a special contribution for Rockford Christian Camp. There are several maintenance issues that need special financing. The recent special contribution for missions yielded \$7,500. This will be divided appropriately between the two missions trips – Honduras and Mexico.

## Vacation Bible School

There are many ways you can get involved in Vacation Bible School this year. We especially need teachers so that we may keep the class sizes small. If you are interested in helping in any way, please see one of the leaders listed below, Cindy Drumheller or Sally Hearn.

Registration: John and Bev Day  
 Education Director: Cindy Drumheller  
 Application Station Director: Lisa Henkel  
 Decorations: Sally Hearn and Julie Dean  
 Dinner & Snacks: Joan Avey and Marion Lake  
 Skit Director: Rhonda Triplett  
 Devotional Leader: Jon Miller  
 Publicity: Sally Hearn

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "All Aboard the Kingdom Express"

Sunday, June 24, through  
 Thursday, June 28.

Can't wait for an awesome summer!



Rockford Christian Camp Memorial Day Retreat is coming up soon. Please register early or contact Jason Willis via Facebook, if you plan to go.

- Senior Week: July 6 - 14
- Intermediate Week: July 14 - 21
- Junior Week: July 21 - 28

Also, consider being a part of the Cabin Keepers Foundation. For more information check [www.rockfordchristiancamp.org](http://www.rockfordchristiancamp.org).



## Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday ladies class has just two more classes this spring. Pat Brewster has lesson sheets available if you would like to join us. The class will be on hiatus during the summer months.

## Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Annual Day is in September, but it's not too soon to think about how you can help. This year we are putting together two baskets to be sold in the auction. Please check the sign-up sheet in the foyer for items to be donated to go into the baskets. Also, quilts and afghans made to be sold in the auction are usually a big money-maker. Please see Lynette Root if you have any questions.

## It's a Boy!

Nadine McCormick is the proud great-grandmother to Mack James Brown. He was born to Nathan & Cara Brown on April 23. Cara is the daughter of Phil & Becky McCormick and they live in Chattanooga, TN.

## Graduation Open House

You are cordially invited to a Graduation Open House in honor of Rachel Hearn on Monday, May 28, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. at the Hearn residence. There will be refreshments throughout the day. Live music performances will begin around 1:30 p.m. Rachel was honored with two art awards from her school – a P-ARTS scholarship and the Art Department award. Congratulations!

