



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Division is a natural by-product of sin. Since Satan's encroachment into human relationships, we have been divided. The Tower of Babel reminds us that men united in sin are not in harmony with the purposes of God. Language, ethnicity, traditions, and bitterness handed down from one generation to the next are all forces which work to divide.

The apostle Paul understood the divisions among men. As a Pharisee's Pharisee, he could appreciate the contempt in which the rest of mankind was held by these self-important spiritual elite, at least in their own eyes.

What Paul came to feel joyful about was the amazing plan of God to bring together the races of mankind. He talks of it as the plan hidden through the ages to reconcile men to God and to one another. That plan, of course, was the man Jesus Christ.:

¹¹Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)- ¹²remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two,

thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Ephesians 2:11-16 (NIV)

The Gentiles were, to Paul's people, strangers from the covenants. That all changed with Jesus.

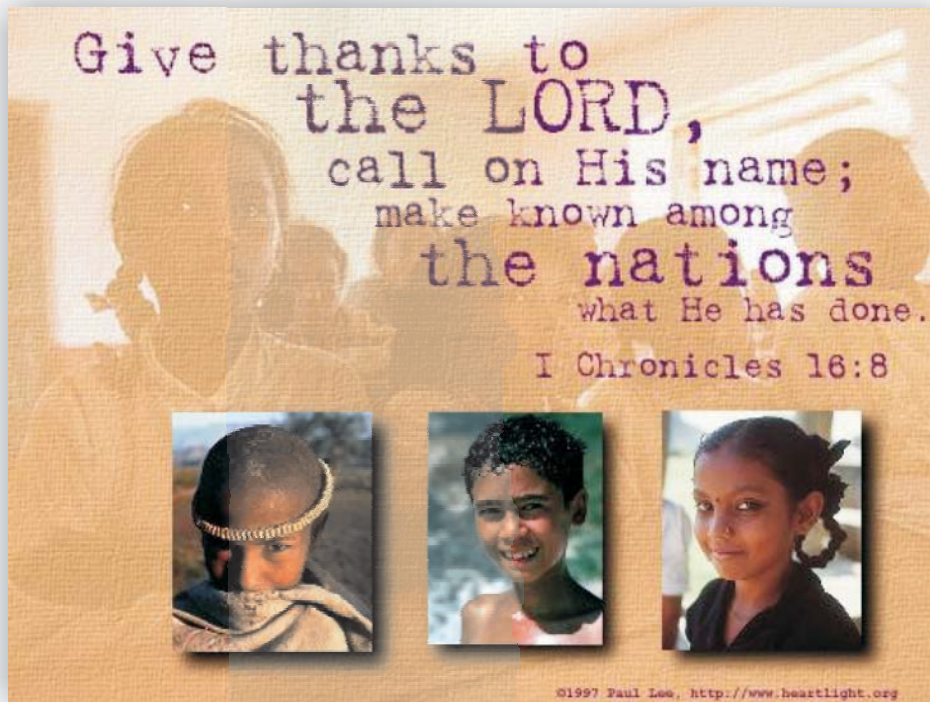
Every time we reach across a barrier of ethnicity or language or

bitterness with the loving message of Jesus, we are participating in that wonderful ministry of reconciliation (**2 Cor. 5**) to which we have been called. Jesus is reconciling the world to Himself, and we can be his instruments.

In our outreach to Mexico, to Honduras, to Africa, and to our own communities, God is proving in the heavenly realms that His church is able to break down Hell's division and to bring together the alienated people of God.

We welcome our brother Ricardo Barrera today to share the vision of God for the world.

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 Jon Miller
 #19 Come Thou Almighty King
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Curt Robinson
 #647 Soldiers of Christ Arise
 #777 Father Hear the Prayer We Offer
 Prayer Brian Gifford
 #350 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak
 Communion Kyle Wheeler
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Ricardo Barrera
 #923 I Am Coming Lord
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Curt Robinson
 #718 We Shall Assemble
 Prayer Kenn Watson

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 18 Jeff & Kelly Ieler (anv.)
 May 21 Joshua Miller
 May 22 Elizabeth Henkel

Dates to Remember

Today 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
 June 3 Food Pantry Delivery

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Worship 117
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 29
 Contribution \$5,492.00

Nursery Workers

Sandy Boyd, Carrie Drumheller

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.

Mike Hagan, Doris Biancalana's nephew, is back from his tour of duty in Baghdad. They are very grateful for our prayers and his safe return.

Josephine Haggerton had a gastroscopy on Friday and received a good report. She is still having problems with her face and will see a specialist when she returns from her cruise. She is traveling from May 20-29.

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.

Dee Phipps, Stacey Hearn's father, is in the hospital and is not doing well. **Her mother, Barbara**, is also struggling with several health issues.

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

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

Bobbye 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:

Jennifer Piehl - Tom & Nancy Doggett's daughter

Tammy Urso - Dan & Linda Vantreese'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

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



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 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 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:* <http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>
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Chicago Celebration Cookbook

A cookbook is being compiled by the Chicago-land churches to celebrate our diversity as we share some of our favorite recipes. If you have a recipe to include, see Sally.

The Bridge

Several of you expressed an interest in serving at The Bridge this 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.**

Honduras Food Distribution

Everyone is invited to a **Tastefully Simple Open House this Tuesday, May 18, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at the home of Molly Mullins. All profits will be used for food distribution to villages during the Honduras mission trip. If you can't attend, but would still like to order, see Molly.

Graduation Open House

You are invited to a **Graduation Open House in honor of Shelby Root** next 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. **Deadline: June 1.**

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

RCC Wish List

Rockford Christian Camp needs to replace one or two deep fryers. The cost of each fryer is \$750. Make contributions to Don Brewster or Chuck Miller payable to Rockford Christian Camp.

It's a Girl! It's a Boy!

Ben and Kristin Livermore are the proud parents of Elizabeth Ann. She was born on Thursday, May 13th. Rob and Erin Livermore are the proud parents of Cooper Angus born on Saturday, May 15th. Proud grandparents are Craig and Bev Livermore.

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TEENS: Join us for a **Connection Point @ Rockford this afternoon!** We'll have lunch together, and leave from the building about 2:00.

Next Sunday, May 23rd, we'll have a **Sunday Night, Light** here at the building.

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 asap. Check out their updated website: 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

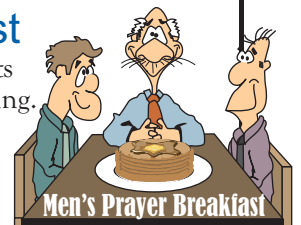
Sherry Watson is hosting a Tuesday morning Ladies Class beginning this Tuesday, May 18.

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 RSVP to Sherry.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

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



Living Room Café

We go to the Living Room Café in Chicago the second **Monday** of every month (except June). Our next date to serve is July 12. Please sign up in the foyer.

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.