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A Preacher's Perspective

ews is usually negative. That's what sells papers (you remember, those big sheets with pictures and text) and boosts ratings on tv. A steady diet of media can cause spiritual and emotional indigestion. It's just not the way of love.

Paul writes about love in 1 Corinthians 13, "love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth."

William Barclay has this to say about this text:

Love finds no pleasure in evildoing. It might be better to translate this that love finds no pleasure in anything that is wrong. It is not so much delight in doing the wrong thing that is meant, as the malicious pleasure which



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comes to most of us when we hear something derogatory about someone else. It is one of the queer traits of human nature that very often we prefer to hear of the misfortune of others rather than of their good fortune. It is much easier to weep with them that weep than to rejoice with those who rejoice. Christian love has none of that human malice which finds pleasure in ill reports. Barclay's Daily Study Bible (NT).

"No pleasure in anything which is wrong." That should be the attitude and spirit of one whose love is of God, of the Spirit.

In our world, that probably means we cannot

listen much to the reporting and gossip of media or even our friendships.

Are you part of a circle of friends who practice the principle of rejoicing in good things that you hear? We cannot just coast into such a mind-set. We have to seek it. The motivation for that kind of view of life is the inner action in our souls of the Holy Spirit.

I was reading the other day about Jesus' heartache as He looked at the city of Jerusalem, possibly from the Mount of Olives. He saw the city like chicks with

no mother hen. He saw them as sheep, scattered, vulnerable and lost with no shepherd.

We might quickly think of the cries of those in the city for His death just hours from the time He lamented over their lost condition.

But He loved them. He saw the good in them that He and His Father

had placed there. He grieved over Satan's lies and deceptions which worked to keep truth from their hearts.

We must pray to learn to love those whom Jesus loves and to hope for the revival of their souls.

I'm afraid that an investment in an all-good-news media outlet might be doomed to failure. Maybe that's just the negative in me! But I know that our souls can be rejuvenated by the Spirit's help. I know we can learn to rejoice in the truth.

See no evil. Speak no evil. Hear no evil.

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:

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

Jay Hearn Rick Root

Our Deacons are: John Day Jon Miller

Brian Gifford 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



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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.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays Paul Mullins							
Kids Connection Jon Miller							
Praise Songs	Jay Hearn						
#144	O Worship the King						
#134	The Lord's My Shepherd						
#791	On Bended Knee						
#71	As the Deer						
#	In Christ Alone						
Communion Me	ssage John Johnson						
Prayers, Pass Eml	blems & Collection						
Sermon	Chuck Miller						
#715	The Church's One Foundation						
Prayer Cards	Don Brewster						
#705	A Common Love						

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
May 20 Teen Parent Connection (last session)
May 21 Tuesday Ladies Work Day
May 22 Sinners Anonymous
May 22 Wednesday Bible Class
May 24 Mens Prayer & Pancakes
May 24-27 RCC Memorial Day Teen Retreat
June 6 Food Pantry Delivery
June 17-21 Vacation Bible School
June 21-23 RCC Young Adult Retreat

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class55	
Sunday Morning Worship	
Contribution\$5,115.25	

Nursery Workers

Joan Avey, Kelly Ieler





In Our Prayers...

Betsy, Bob Voigts'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 Vantreese'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 recently. 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 Voigts, 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 Hearn'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

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son of Marion Lake's cousin Scott Robinson - Curt's brother Kay Schrader Phyllis Sitler Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's mother Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousins Jim Whitman 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 Voigts – Korea Students of Joe Voigts - China Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

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Today

The elders encourage every member of our church family to meet with your Community Group today. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was



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shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. Acts 4:31-32a

Tuesday Ladies Class

This Tuesday, May 21, the Ladies Class will meet from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to work 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.

VBS Volunteers

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching and we need your help! Please let Cindy or Sally know if you are available to be a teacher's assistant or help with crafts.

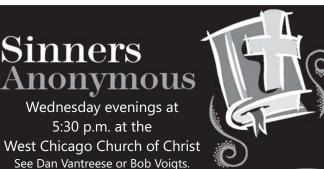


Happy Anniversary

Cindy Drumheller's parents, Robert & Phyllis Cissne, are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary this Wednesday, May 22. Unfortunately they are in separate care centers. Let's help

them celebrate with 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





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."

May 24-27	Memorial Day Retreat (Grade 7-12)
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)
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Be sure to visit the **RCC Cabin Keepers Foundation** section of the website to join us in this "locust" project. A small monthly donation from you helps us to build up our facilities and keep fees as low as possible.

Please join us as we Celebrate Alec's Graduation and Say, "So Long"

Congratulations!



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) Come ready to eat and play! (tennis, basketball, playground, Frisbee and more!) Hope to see you there! Tim and Sandy Boyd