A Preacher’s Perspective

The church is the most brilliantly conceived, designed and implemented plan in all of creation. Ironically, it is very easy to criticize and condemn. It’s almost a pastime among its members.

But make no mistake—God presides over it, lives in it, and works through it. It always does what He ordains.

Does that statement sound naive and idealistic? I submit that there is no other proper way to see the church.

It is the Bride of Christ. He has caused it to be, in spite of all our efforts and sinful behaviors toward one another and toward Him, without spot, wrinkle, blemish or any other fault. That can only be through grace and the amazing cleansing work, unceasingly, of the Holy Spirit.

One of the great challenges to our faith vision is the challenge of seeing the church in its glorified form. It is now, as I understand scripture, demonstrating to the citizens of the heavenly realms, the perfect working out of God’s redemptive plan for the ages.

That means, I believe, that our interactions with one another, our daily demonstration of discipleship, is bringing glory to God among those who inhabit His precincts in heaven.

The saints still meet around the table to proclaim the eternal presence of Jesus with us, body and spirit. The church still assembles to praise, pray and lift voices in song to declare love and gratitude to our Head, the Lord Jesus. The gospel the church proclaims is still and forever the power of God unto salvation.

The relationships we enjoy with one another and in the Spirit still work to help us remember Him, and to resist the attacks of the Prince of the Power of the Air.

Saints still provide comfort to one another in time of need, we still watch our world for a neighbor in need, we still share our homes, our hearts, and our fortunes with joy.

This church of which we are blessed to be a part is the very life of Jesus incarnate in the world. It lives in us as in Him. It is a thing of glory, of power and of eternal invincibility.

The illusion that it might fail or betray its mandate is just that, an illusion. It is His church, and He can never fail.

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:

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 Jett
Kids Connection ............................ Brian Gifford
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 ............................... Curt Robinson
Prayers & Pass Emblems
Sermon ................................. Chuck Miller
#715  The Church’s One Foundation
Prayer Cards ............................... Bob Voigts
#705  A Common Love

Birthdays & Anniversaries
May 21 ................................ Joshua Miller
May 22 ................................ Elizabeth Henkel
May 23 .............................. Scott & Carrie Drumheller (anv.)
May 26 ................................ Paul Mullins

Dates to Remember
TODAY ...................................... Community Groups
May 22 ................................ Tuesday Ladies Class
May 23 ................................ Wednesday Bible Class
May 25 ............................ Mens Prayer Breakfast
May 25-28 .......................... RCC Teen Retreat
May 28 ........................ Rachel’s Open House & Memorial Day
May 30 ........................ Wednesday Bible Class
June 1 ............................ Mens Prayer Breakfast
June 3 .............................. Community Groups
June 24-28 ........................ Vacation Bible School

Records You Helped Make
Sunday Morning Bible Class ........................
Sunday Morning Worship ........................
Wednesday Evening Bible Class ..............
Contribution ................................ $3,129.50

Nursery Workers .......... Shelby Root, Barb Voigts

Collection Counters ........ Justin Avey, Mike Henkel
In Our Prayers...

Aimee Cotton, daughter of Cindi and Todd Cotton, former staff at Shults-Lewis, is in a very troubled relationship and needs fervent prayers.

Carrie Drumheller broke her foot and is on crutches.

Cindy Drumheller will have knee surgery on Wednesday, May 30. She will need help with several things for a couple of weeks after the surgery – driving, personal care, meals, etc. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer.

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. 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.

Freeda Witham, Sally Hearn’s mother, was in the hospital a few days this week.

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 Librandle – 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 Siter
Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voights’ 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 Voigs

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 Headrke – 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 Voights – Korea
Students of Joe Voights – China
Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

Bible Class Teachers!

1. A teacher is still needed for the Grade 3-6 class on Sunday mornings.
2. Cindy Drumheller needs a substitute for her class on Wednesday evenings – May 30, June 6, 13 and 20. Her knee surgery is on May 30.
3. Please sign up to teach the 0-4 class on Wednesday evenings. Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

To help, please contact Cindy Drumheller.

Vacation Bible School

Get involved in Vacation Bible School this year!

We especially need teachers. 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 Tripplett
Devotional Leader: Jon Miller
Publicity: Sally Hearn

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
“All Aboard the Kingdom Express”
Sunday, June 24, through Thursday, June 28.
Dear Friends of Rockford Christian Camp,

As the weather continues to get warmer, Memorial Day weekend is almost here and the summer break is not really that far away, we are all beginning to think about and plan our summer activities.

Just this past weekend, I spent over $100 on flowers for the front yard (Happy Mother's Day, Carrie) and over $45 on a bike air pump, bee killer spray, mosquito fogger spray and a citronella candle for the backyard deck and this really cool nozzle for the hose to water those new flowers!

This is also the time of year when many of us are working to open RCC and prepare the camp for the upcoming retreats and summer camp sessions.

Just like those various things I bought to get my house and yard ready for summer, RCC has several maintenance and facility needs to get ready to open the camp. RCC needs things like new water heaters so we can have hot showers in the bathhouse, replacing and repairing the fireplace brick in the mess hall so we can use the fireplace on those cool evenings, an intercom system in all the cabins so we can communicate with everyone during summer thunderstorms and when it is time for a meal or the next activity (it is difficult to hear the megaphone in the new insulated, heated/air-conditioned cabins...ask anyone from Cabin 2 who was late to breakfast or a campfire), an ice dispenser, soccer nets, replacement canteen window, replacement cabin windows/screens, and of course, the list could go on and on...In all, the RCC board estimates that we need to raise at least $10,000 to get the camp facility ready and fully functional for the summer camp sessions...we could really use your help!

We ask that you please set aside just a small portion of what you would probably spend this summer on activities, landscaping, or upgrading your yard, patio or deck, and make a donation to RCC for its maintenance, facilities and program needs.

Please consider making a contribution to RCC today, or you can also make a donation by mailing a check to RCC or online through the RCC website: Rockford Christian Camp, P.O. Box 5966, Rockford, Illinois 61125 or www.rockfordchristiancamp.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Christian camping!

Sincerely,
Scott Drumheller, President, RCC