



West Chicago Church of Christ

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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.

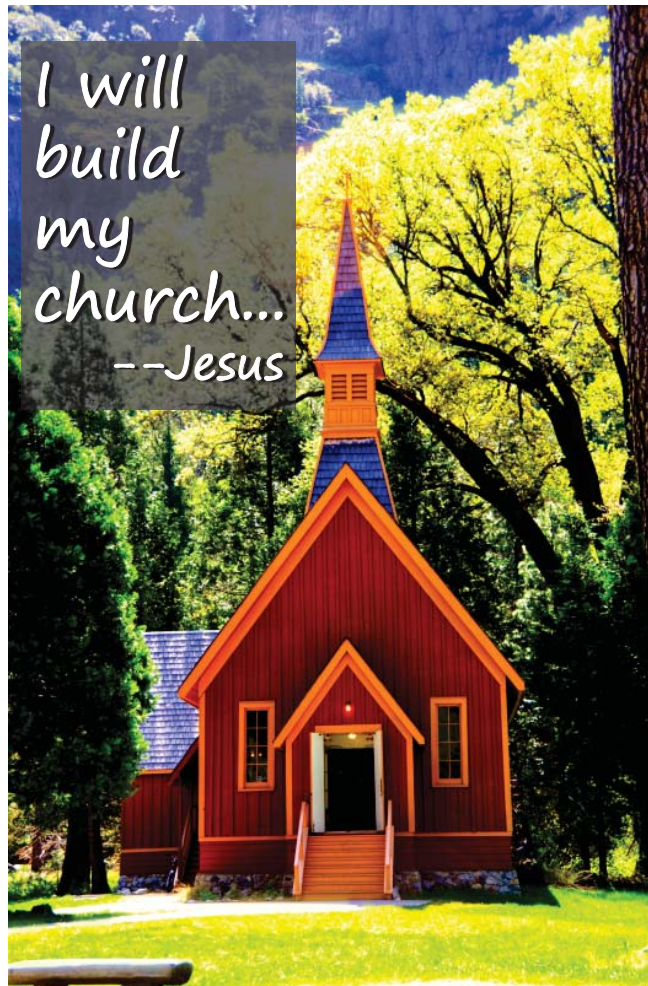
The relationships we enjoy with one another and in the Spirit still work to help us remember Him, and to resist the attacks of the Prince of the Power of the Air.

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 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>

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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.

Freda 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 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 Headtko – 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



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

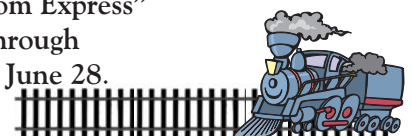
Get involved in Vacation Bible School this year!
We especially need teachers. If you are interested in helping in any way, please see one of the leaders listed below, Cindy Drumheller or Sally Hearn.

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 Triplett
 Devotional Leader: Jon Miller
 Publicity: Sally Hearn

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"All Aboard the Kingdom Express"

Sunday, June 24, through
 Thursday, June 28.





Special Contribution

TODAY we will take up a special contribution for Rockford Christian Camp.

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

Also, please check out our newly designed website and consider signing up for our new and improved Cabin Keepers Foundation program. Side by side, a little at a time, and we can make a huge impact!

Thank you for your continued support of Christian camping!

Sincerely,

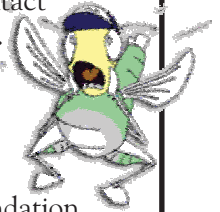
Scott Drumheller, President, RCC



Rockford Christian Camp Memorial Day Retreat begins this Friday at 4:00 p.m. 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

Being a part of the Cabin Keepers Foundation.
For more info check www.rockfordchristiancamp.org.



Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet TODAY.

Please see Chuck or Don if you would like to join a group.

"...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. – Acts 2:46-47"



West Chicago Community Groups

Tuesday Ladies Class

This Tuesday is the last time the class will meet for this session. The class will start again in the fall.

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.

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!

