



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

I love great texts which make clear the sovereignty of God over the nations. An example is **Isaiah 40:**¹⁵ Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the isles like fine dust.¹⁶ Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. **Isaiah 40:15-17 (RSV)**

Another favorite passage is when God breaks in with some dialogue of His own in **Psalms 46:10** Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. **Psalms 46:10 (KJV)**

How awesome is that? He *will* be exalted.

Sometimes it just doesn't look that way, does it? In our irreverent and increasingly unbelieving world, faith in God is really quite quaint to many. Many had quite a laugh at the flap about Saturday being the end of the world based on the foolishness of some internet preacher who really needs to read his Bible more closely.

But make no mistake, God will return and the Day of Judgment will come. Jesus said that no man,

however, knows the day and hour.

But even more than I like the texts that *proclaim* God's sovereignty, I may prefer the texts that demonstrate it. Take, for instance, the fascinating case of Daniel and his slave-mates. Picked as the best, the brightest, and the most beautiful, they were groomed by the court of Nebuchadnezzar to be prize plunder. They were gifted and their considerable gifts were to be the special enjoyment of a pagan king.

Now, to this king, who suffered from a simple logic (which is, actually, quite understandable) it looked like this: If the God of Israel was really so special, how come His people were slaves to Nebuchadnezzar? Makes sense, doesn't it, from his perspective?

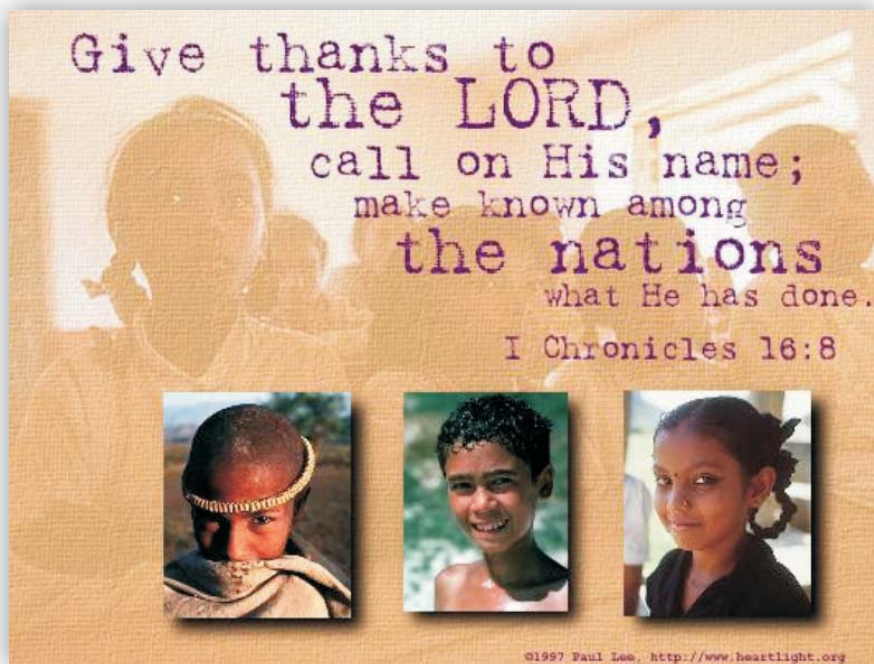
But God loved to come around, from time to time, just to stir up the dust bin and leave His imprint

in the sand. Like the time He gave Daniel miraculous knowledge of a secret dream. Or that fourth-man-in-the-fire event. Or the seven-years-of-insanity thing.

Nebuchadnezzar actually dropped us a note after that last encounter:³⁷ Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase. **Daniel 4:37 (KJV)**

He knew first-hand about that "abase" thing. Finally, he caught on. So may all the world, we pray! Before it's too late.

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. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

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

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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, Scripture & Prayer Paul Mullins

Kids Connection Brian Gifford

Praise Songs Jon Miller

#144 O Worship the King

#134 The Lord's My Shepherd

#791 On Bended Knee

#71 As the Deer

In Christ Alone

Communion John Johnson

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Jon Miller

#934 Softly and Tenderly

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jon Miller

#705 A Common Love

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 22 Elizabeth Henkel

May 23 Scott & Carrie Drumheller (anv.)

May 26 Paul Mullins

May 28 Tom & Nancy Doggett (anv.)

Dates to Remember

TODAY Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!

May 24 Tuesday Ladies Class

May 26 Teen Parent Connection

May 27 Mens Prayer Breakfast

May 31 Tuesday Ladies Class

June 2 Food Pantry Delivery

June 2 Teen Parent Connection

June 3 Mens Prayer Breakfast

June 5 Community Groups

June 11-17 Mexico Mission Trip

June 20-23 Vacation Bible School

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 46

Sunday Morning Worship 78

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 33

Contribution \$3,018.00

Nursery Workers Joan Avey, Sandy Boyd

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

John Albright, Dana Howard's brother-in-law, had heart bypass surgery on Wednesday. He is doing well.

Herman & Ava Bigger, Josephine Haggerton's brother and sister-in-law, are having health issues. Herman had his leg amputated below the knee because of an infection. Ava has had multiple mini heart attacks. They are both in care centers, having good days and bad days.

Frances Shearer reports that **Jarrod Brown** wrote that Soledad's adoption papers have finally been signed by the judge. Prayer is powerful!

Sandy Root, Rick's mother, is having carpal tunnel surgery tomorrow, May 23.

Shelby Root is having oral surgery tomorrow, May 23.

Benjamin Weishaar, Sally Hearn's great nephew, was scheduled to have cataract surgery last Tuesday, but he had a cold. It is rescheduled for this Tuesday, May 24.

Jim Whitman is having a test tomorrow to check the artery in his leg.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman
 Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Herman Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Dachielle - Blake Mullins's friend
 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
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Myrna Levake
 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
 Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Helen Plummer - Joan Avey's mother
 J.D. Potts - the father of Cyndi Perez
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup - Kelly Ieler's parents
 Joe Stone - a friend from RCC
 Jim Whitman

Mom-to-Be:

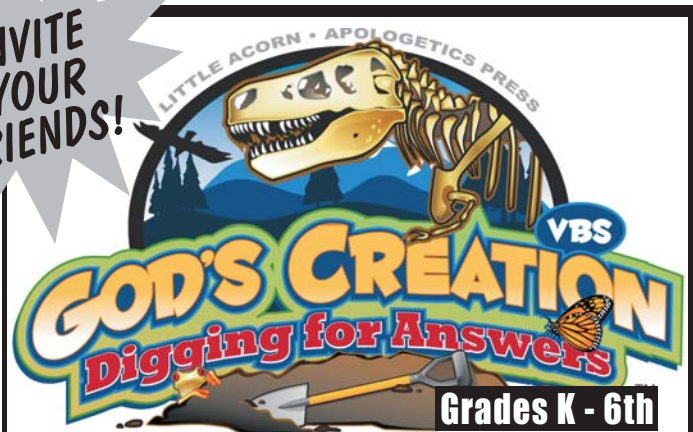
Beth Amato - Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter
 Sarah Rentschler - Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan
 Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew
 Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Klinton Wheeler - in training, going to Afghanistan in June
 Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria
 Living Room Café - Chicago
 Mission Lazarus - Honduras
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan
 Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago
 Students of Joe Voigts - China
 Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria



Vacation Bible School

June 20-23 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Check it out!! A VBS information station is available in the foyer. It includes:

- **Postcards** to mail to a friend.
- **Registration forms** for you to complete and return to the box provided. You are also welcome to distribute them to your friends!
- **Coloring pages** for our VBS decorations. Color and cut out the animal, then place it in the box provided. Please see the sample. See Julie Dean or Sally Hearn with any questions!

During VBS week, Some of our volunteers will be arriving right from work. Please see Joan Avey to provide an entree and/or dessert for their dinner.

Please see Sally Hearn or Cindy Drumheller if you would like to volunteer.



TODAY!

- 9:30 a.m. Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Song Service
Finger-food/Dessert
Fellowship

Directories!

Directories are available in the foyer. Please take the directory with your name in the lower right corner. There are also copies available if you would like an extra one. Let Chuck or Sally know, as soon as possible, if there are any corrections that are needed.

Mexico Sewing Project

There are several Bible-time robes that need the edges sewn. They need to be completed before the Mexico trip in June. Please see Frances Shearer if you can help.

Moms In School

Dear Friend of Moms In School

It is with mixed emotions that we write this letter to notify you that Moms In School is closing its doors as of the end of this school year. We are very sad to be closing and extremely proud of what we have accomplished.

With your help we truly made a positive difference in many, many lives. Our organization helped 175 high school students in the nineteen years of service to the community. Sixty five percent of these parents graduated from high school; our best benchmarking shows typically 35-40% of teen parents graduate high school. In addition at least 56 of these students went on to attend college. We believe our investment in the education of these parents is an investment in the future well being of all their children.

A number of factors including the slow economy contributed to our closing. We did not have enough participants attending to make it financially viable. We expect Educare of West DuPage to provide child care to teen parents going forward. Educare will be using the Moms In School location until their building is completed.

It took hundreds of people to support this mission over time and we can never effectively say how important your support was to our center. Thank you.

May God bless you,
Moms In School Board of Directors

Ladies Classes

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class is studying Ephesians and Colossians. There are just a few more lessons in the study guide, then we will stop meeting for the summer. The classes will resume in the fall.

The Wednesday evening Ladies Class is studying a series of lessons on 1 & 2 Peter. It is being led by Joanne Johnson. These are both great times of learning and fellowship.



Rockford Christian Camp Memorial Day Retreat has been cancelled due to low registration. However, summer sessions are as follows:
Senior week (completed grades 9 - 12): July 8 - 16
Intermediate week (completed grades 6 - 8): July 16 - 23
Junior week (completed grades 2 - 5): July 23 - 30
Check www.rcchome.com for more information.

Youth Ministry

Sunday morning teachers:

- Cradle roll - Bev Day
- Ages 3-4 - Joan Avey/Julie Dean
- Grades K-2 - Terri Bray
- Grades 3-6 - Lisa Henkel
- Teens - Jon Miller,
Brian & Shannon Gifford

Wednesday evening teachers:

- Ages 0-4 - Cyndi Perez
- Grades K-6 - Cindy Drumheller
- Teens - Chuck Miller



Congratulations!

Michael Sitler, Chester's grandson, graduated magna cum laude from Harding University, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting. He and his parents, Tim & Cindy Sitler, reside in Arkansas. Best wishes to him, always!



Living Room Café

Due to the Mexico mission trip and RCC sessions, we will not serve at the Living Room Café in June or July. We will start again in August.

Wedding Open House

You are invited to a Wedding Open House in honor of Stacy Elliot and Emma Boyd on Sunday, August 9. It will be held in the fellowship room immediately following worship. A light lunch will be served. Please see Joan Avey with any questions.

