



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

The holiness of God and His complete inability to countenance sin is troubling to us, the descendants of Adam, whose very nature is inclined to sin. The marvelous message of the Word is that reconciliation has taken place. God's justice is satisfied. I particularly like the expression of that found in a great old song, "Behold the Throne of God Above." The line says, in reference to the atoning work of Jesus, "...for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me."

That substitutionary atonement made for us by Jesus is so amazing in its grace that it can be used by our Enemy to tempt us to forget the awful price that had to be paid, and to forget a deep hatred of sin. The text from Isaiah which is quoted in this art work reminds us that God is pleased to dwell with those who are lowly and contrite.

The soul that is full of understanding of the horrible price which had to be paid to secure our pardon is a soul which is best capable of pleasing God. Can you imagine, if you had given your most precious son for the salvation of someone else, how you would feel if they seemed to have little appreciation or little regard for the cost which you paid for their redemption?

There is a phrase in **Lamentations 1**, which is

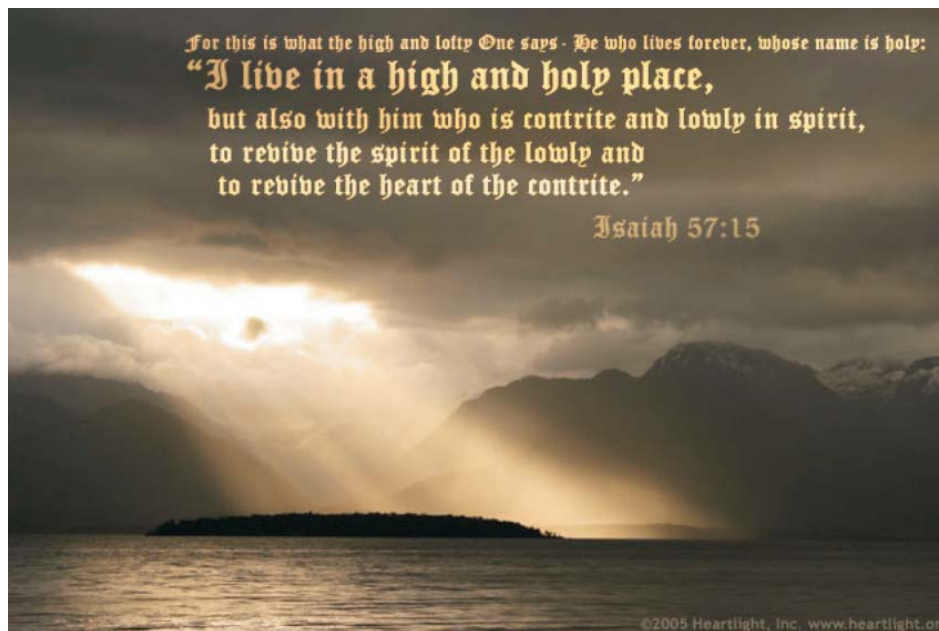
haunting to me. It is used to describe the sorrow of Jerusalem because of the punishment of God toward that city. Whenever I read it, however, I can't help but think of it in regard to those who look on Jesus on the cross. The phrase is, "is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?"

I can't imagine how God must feel to see the indifference, even the mocking, of those who look upon the willing death of Jesus, and who are unconcerned. Who feel no debt of gratitude.

God's place is truly High and Holy. We could never attain to it except for the love beyond understanding which ordained for it to be.

What, then, should be our response?

Gratitude, certainly. And praise, and serious acceptance of His Lordship.



But also a true hatred of sin. We must learn to hate the sin in us, the sin in those we love, the sin in the world. Our nature is to turn to sin for the pleasure of escapism, to justify our wounded egos, to pursue those things we have no right to possess. But our sins, like those of our fellow

inhabitants of this planet, cost the Holy God a broken heart and had some horrible impacts on the Divine Order which we may only come to understand in eternity at His feet.

Surely we must learn to hate sin.

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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 Click "SINGLE" tab  
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster      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 . . . . . Dewayne Smith  
     #121   Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing  
 Prayer Updates & Scripture . . . . . Curt Robinson  
     #71    As the Deer  
     #837   I Need Thee Every Hour  
 Prayer . . . . . Paul Mullins  
     #366   By Christ Redeemed  
 Communion . . . . . Kyle Wheeler  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
     #227   On Zion's Glorious Summit  
 Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller  
     #908   There's a Stranger at the Door  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts  
 Announcements . . . . . Curt Robinson  
     #635   Freely, Freely  
 Prayer . . . . . Scott Drumheller

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 23 . . . . . Scott & Carrie Drumheller (anv.)  
 May 26 . . . . . Paul Mullins  
 May 28 . . . . . Tom & Nancy Doggett (anv.)  
 May 29 . . . . . Chester & Phyllis Sitler (anv.)

## Dates to Remember

Today . . . . . Community Group Leader's Meeting  
 May 27 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 May 28 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 May 28-31 . . . . . RCC Memorial Day Retreat  
 May 30 . . . . . Community Group Leader's Meeting  
 June 3 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 June 4 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 June 5 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting  
 June 8 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class  
 June 10 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 June 11 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 June 12-18 . . . . . City of Children Mission Trip

## Records You Helped Make

Contribution . . . . . \$3,809.39

Nursery Workers . . . . . Joan Avey, Sabrina Link

Collection Counters . . . . . Justin Avey, Jeff Ieler

## In Our Prayers...

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, and their nephew, Steve Aultman,** will be going through the kidney transplant soon.

**Mary Lou Bertrand, Lynette Root's grandmother,** is in the hospital. Also, prayers for **Lynette's parents, Paul & Judy Bertrand,** as they take care of her.

**Joyce Duke, Bobbie Whitman's sister,** is having tests for a possible blockage in her carotid artery.

**Josephine Haggerton** is traveling and will return May 29. She has a few health issues and will be seeing doctors when she returns.

**Myrna Lavake** is half way through a series of radiation and chemo treatments for cancer in her throat.

**Dee Phipps, Stacey Hearn's father,** passed away Wednesday morning. **Her mother, Barbara,** is struggling with several health issues.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

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

Bobby 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 Vantrees'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

## Congratulations!

Shannon Manny (Pedersen) received her Masters of Arts in Teaching from Aurora University last weekend.



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## 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](http://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](http://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:*

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## Graduation Open House

You are invited to a **Graduation Open House in honor of Shelby Root TODAY**, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at her home, 1190 Waltham Lane in Bartlett.



## 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.

## Thank You!

Kyle Wheeler, on behalf of Shults-Lewis, sends a big thank you to us for sponsoring the 2010 Spring Golf Outing. **The event raised \$5,000 in donations for the children's home.** They also really appreciated Jon Miller presenting awards to the participants.

Cliff thanks everyone who donated food for the meal at The Bridge this past week. Also, thank you to everyone who took a night out of their week to serve and fellowship!

## Abundant Living Seminar

Abundant Living's mission is to encourage, inspire, equip and challenge Christian seniors. A couple of our members have expressed an interest in going to their annual seminar/retreat in Branson, MO, this fall, and thought it would be fun to get a group from our congregation to go! A flyer is posted in the foyer. More information is available at [www.abundantlivingseniors.org](http://www.abundantlivingseniors.org).

## Addresses

A new directory will be printed soon, so please make sure to let Sally know if you have a new address or phone number. A couple of our members have new information, plus information for the Gifford family:

- **Peter Drumheller:** 7116 Sunset Dr., Crystal Lake 60014
- **Ryan Heather:** 2 Green Hills Court, Sugar Grove 60554 630-466-4353 (h), 630-779-6995 (c)
- **Brian & Shannon Gifford:** 760 Newberry Drive, Batavia 60510; 732-266-7263 (Brian's cell), 732-266-7617 (Shannon's cell)

# youth & family news

**TEENS: TONIGHT** we'll have a **Sunday Night, Light** here at the building. Please bring \$3 for food.

**RCC: Rockford Christian Camp Memorial Day Teen Retreat is Friday through Monday, May 28-31.** Registration forms are available in the teen room. Check out their updated website: [www.rchome.com](http://www.rchome.com).

## 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.

## RECURRING PROJECTS

### Community Groups

As our Small Groups program grows into weekly, year-round Community Groups, pray for those directing this program, for those who have volunteered to lead a group, and for additional leaders. Everyone is welcome to the preliminary meetings below. Bring a sack lunch. Meeting portion begins at 1:00.

**Today:** Brian & Shannon Gifford's  
**May 30:** Kenn & Sherry Watson's  
**June 6:** Brian & Shannon Gifford's



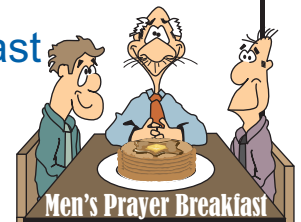
### Tuesday Ladies Class

Sherry Watson is hosting a Tuesday morning Ladies Class at her home, 5 N 530 Deer Run Drive in St. Charles at 10:00 a.m. Coffee, hot tea and muffins provided. You are welcome to bring a lunch to enjoy after the 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 June 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.