



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

**B**lessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Ps. 33:12

There was a time when those words were commonly used to describe America. In scripture, they describe Israel, in particular. It has never been true that America was "God's nation" in the sense that Israel was. Yet the general Christian ideals and values of our land made it easy to apply the label "Christian nation." Our citizens, for the most part, shared in a culture which understood biblical allusions and references.

The system of laws, in particular, the ideals of impartiality and concern for the poor, were powerfully impacted by scripture. The Supreme Court chambers display the 10 Commandments.

Those who decide the status of such things tell us that America is now "post-Christian." I think we see the basis for that in the world around us. We are now described as a "pluralistic" society. That means we are tolerant and accepting of virtually any world view. The key idea to remember is that, while we accept all spiritual world views equally, the underlying secret is that our culture holds them all to be mythological nonsense. Ours is an age of secular progressivism.

Christian teachings and values which might oppose homosexuality are to give way to the cultural endorsement of that lifestyle. To many, the Sharia law of Islam is just as sound a basis for our national character as is the Judeo-Christian heritage which formed our national character.

Scripture makes it clear that there is no other nation than Israel which could boast of laws given it by God. "He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel." <sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!" **Psalms 147:19-20 (RSV)**

But in addition to the importance of scripture as a guiding principle for a nation, righteousness is also a vital factor in whether or not God shows His favor to a people. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." **Proverbs 14:34 (RSV)** Even for the Gentiles, God looks at the values and ethics of a people in determining whether His favor will rest on them.

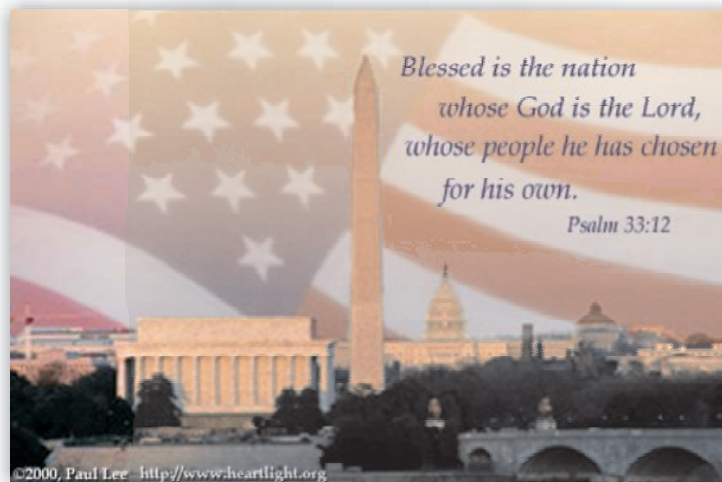
A psalm of Solomon describes a righteous king whose reign will include a high standard of morals:

<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.



**Psalms 72:11-14 (RSV)**

On the other hand, wickedness of those in the public trust is a disgrace to a land: "The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men."

**Psalms 12:8 (NIV)**

We must fervently pray that our nation will turn its face to God and hold to His precepts.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen for his own."

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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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 . . . . . Rick Root  
     #234   Worthy is the Lamb  
 Prayer Updates & Scripture . . . . . Curt Robinson  
     #77    Glorify Thy Name  
 Prayer . . . . . Bob Jett  
     #334   'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow  
     #344   Low in the Grave He Lay  
 Communion . . . . . Kyle Wheeler  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
 Sermon . . . . . Chuck Miller  
     #907   Hark the Gentle Voice Calleth  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts  
 Announcements . . . . . Curt Robinson  
     #214   Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?  
 Prayer      Dan Vantreese

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 31 . . . . . John & Becky Pedersen (anv.)  
 June 3 . . . . . Steve Massie

## Dates to Remember

Today . . . . . Community Group Leader's Meeting  
 May 28-31 . . . . . RCC Memorial Day Retreat  
 June 3 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 June 4 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 June 5 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting  
 June 6 . . . . . City of Children Packing Lunch/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 . . . . . \$7,550.00

Nursery Workers . . . . . Jamie Miller, Molly Mullins

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

## Food Pantry Delivery

There is a food pantry delivery this Thursday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are always welcome!

## In Our Prayers...

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

**Kenneth Beeman, Dana Howard's neighbor,** is doing much better.

**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.

**John Harris,** a former deacon, passed away from cancer.

**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 last week. **Her mother, Barbara,** is struggling with several health issues.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey  
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents  
 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  
 Bobbye 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 Tinchler - 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



## 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:* <http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>  
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## City of Children

The City of Children mission trip is from June 12 - 18. Following are several things that are needed:



**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.

**T-Shirts** – We would like to purchase 112 t-shirts for the City of Children. They are \$7 a piece. Please give your contribution to Kenn Watson or Sally Hearn.

**MEETING** – Next Sunday, **June 6**, there will be a “packing” meeting for the City of Children mission team immediately following worship. We’ll grab pizza and pack our extra bag.

## Chicago Celebration Cookbook

A cookbook is being compiled by the Chicago-land churches to celebrate our diversity as we share some of our most favorite foods. **The new deadline is Friday, June 11.** Send your favorite recipes to [sally@wcfamily.org](mailto:sally@wcfamily.org).

## 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).

## Jean Jackets

We are looking for jean jackets to embellish and sell at the Shults-Lewis Annual Day in September. Check sale racks, garage sales and thrift shops for inexpensive jackets to be embroidered, beaded, etc. Questions, see Lynette.

## Addresses

A new directory will be printed soon, so please let Sally know if you new information. Some changes:

- **Peter Drumheller:** 7116 Sunset Dr., Crystal Lake 60014
- **Ryan Heather:** 2 Green Hills Court, Sugar Grove 60554 630-466-4353 (home), 630-779-6995 (cell)
- **Steven Ongalo:** 1125 Gates Street, Aurora 60505
- **Brian & Shannon Gifford:** 760 Newberry Drive, Batavia 60510; 732-266-7263 (Brian), 732-266-7617 (Shannon)

## Corporate Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Corporation of the West Chicago Church of Christ, 350 E. James Avenue, West Chicago, IL, in keeping with the bylaws of the Corporation, hereby give official notice of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Corporation which shall be held on **Sunday, June 13, at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall** at the West Chicago Church of Christ, 350 E. James Avenue, West Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the 2010 Annual Meeting is to transact the regular business of the Corporation, including the election of members of the Board of Directors, the filling of any vacancies, and to act on any business that may properly come before the Corporation.

## 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.

## 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:** Kenn & Sherry Watson’s  
**June 6:** Brian & Shannon Gifford’s



### Tuesday Ladies Class

Sherry Watson is hosting a Ladies Class at her home, 5 N 530 Deer Run Drive in St. Charles on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Coffee, hot tea and muffins provided. 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 July 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.