



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

Grace is sufficient. How hard that is for us to believe. We tend to feel that there must be something which is required of us. Surely, something?

Years ago, I heard Jack Exum talking about his understanding of grace. He held up a yardstick. He said, "I may be able to accomplish a two-foot work. God makes up the rest." Then, he said, "I realized that I really contribute nothing at all. It's all God's work."

I think that captures the truth pretty well. But we just need to feel we have some contribution to make. The crowds who witnessed the feeding of the multitudes asked Jesus, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." **John 6:28-29**

So, can we handle that?

Can we really believe in Him and in what He has done for us?

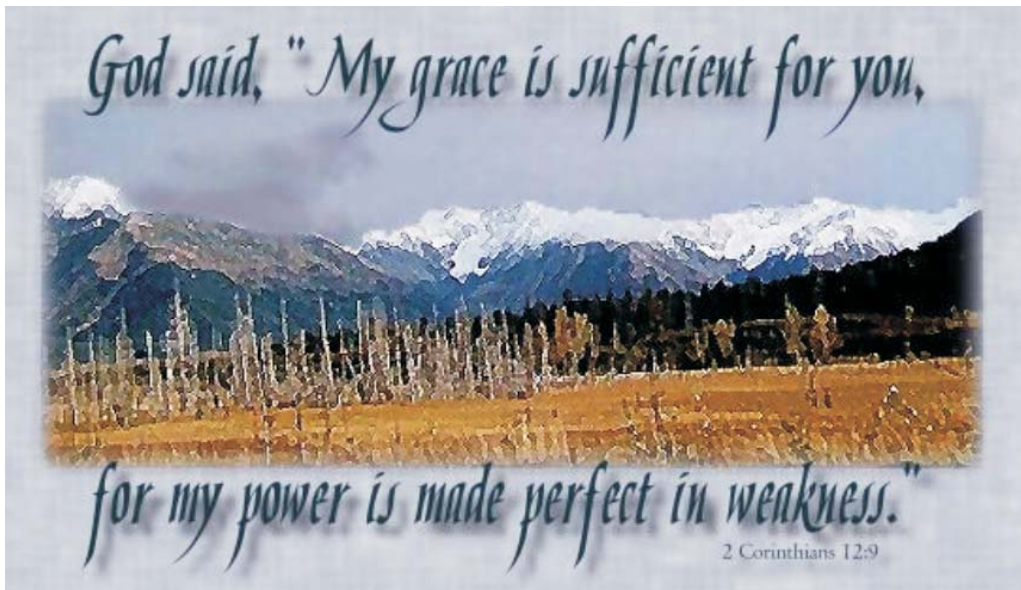
Can we believe that His grace is sufficient?

Paul's early life was one of achievement and success. He was the bright young mind, perhaps, of Gamaliel's school. He was confident. He was accomplished. He was a Roman citizen. He was a Pharisee of Pharisees. But he was about as wrong as a man could get.

He was an enemy of the risen Lord.

After God had rebuked him, saved him and re-commissioned him, He visited upon Saul some problem which Saul simply calls his "thorn in the flesh:"

<sup>7</sup> And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."



I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

<sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for

when I am weak, then I am strong. **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

We couldn't exactly say that Paul "enjoyed" his affliction, but he did value it. He came to see that anything which causes us to trust completely in God for our strength must ultimately be seen as a blessing, not a curse.

Quite a challenge, isn't it? Sometimes we need help to remember this truth. Good friends in Christ help us to trust in His grace, alone.

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.

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. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
 (The Sunday Morning Worship is interpreted for the deaf.)  
 Sunday Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our elders.

**Elders:**

**Don Brewster**                      **Bob Jett**  
**Chuck Miller**                      **Bob Voigts**

**Deacons:**

**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  
**Paul Stirrup:** Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence



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## This Morning...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Please pass them to the aisle to be picked up before the sermon. 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
- Singing - Cary Gray
- Announcements - Cliff Plummer
- Singing
- Prayer - Kenn Watson
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - John Johnson
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Kyle Wheeler

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 31 . . . . . Esther Miller  
 May 31 . . . . . John & Becky Pedersen (anv.)  
 June 3 . . . . . Steve Massie  
 June 6 . . . . . Sally Hearn, Craig Livermore, Rick Root

## Dates to Remember

June 1 . . . . . Living Room Café Volunteer  
 June 4 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 June 7 . . . . . Graduation Sunday  
 June 7 . . . . . Elder/Deacon Meeting  
 June 8 . . . . . Living Room Café Volunteer  
 June 13-14 . . . . . Father & Son Retreat  
 June 17 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast  
 June 21 . . . . . Father's Day, Annual Picnic,  
 June 21 . . . . . Up & Out Kick-off  
 June 22 . . . . . The Night Ministry Volunteer  
 June 24 . . . . . Up & Out  
 June 27 - July 3 . . . . . City of Children Mission Trip

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . .  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . .  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . .  
 Contribution . . . . . \$4,423.00

**Nursery Workers** . . . . . Bev Day, Cleta Watson  
**Collection Counters** . . . . . Paul Mullins, Paul Stirrup

## In Our Prayers...

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother,** is beginning the process of having a kidney transplant. He is very grateful for our prayers.

**Jarrold & Allison Brown** are almost finished with the adoption process of Soledad.

**Cathy Miller, Chuck & Bobbye's daughter-in-law,** is scheduled to be induced on Tuesday.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey  
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents  
 Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister has MS  
 Bonnie Bingham  
 Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law  
 Don & Pat Brewster  
 Nancy Brewster  
 Jim & Julie Chavez  
 Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother  
 John Day  
 Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes's daughter  
 Al Dorsey and his son Doug  
 Joyce Eakins  
 Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson  
 Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana  
 Josephine Haggerton  
 Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative  
 Marie Hayes  
 Mary Henkel - Mike's mother  
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister  
 Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter  
 Joe and Sky Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son and granddaughter  
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece  
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother  
 Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley Prosser, Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen  
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son  
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece  
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin  
 Doug Peterson  
 Pat Ronzheimer  
 Stacey Schnaitman - daughter of Bev Scalone, the Johnson's neighbor  
 Kay Schrader  
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler  
 Avery Sternberg - the daughter of Jay Hearn's cousin  
 Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin  
 Barb Tincher - Jake's mother  
 Jim Whitman

### Mothers-to-be:

Lauren Avey - Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law  
 Caitlyn Czernik - Chris's daughter-in-law  
 Bridgette Fordyce - former member

### Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew  
 Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew is in Kuwait and then will go to Iraq

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni  
 Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend is going to Iraq

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)  
 Students of Joe Voigts - China  
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria  
 Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria  
 Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria  
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers  
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

## Safe and Sound...

Last night a strong 7.1 earthquake shook Honduras and was felt as far away as Cancun. Only minor damage has been reported at this time. In southern Honduras many folks were wakened by their shaking beds but there has not been any reported damage. My family never noticed the quake; we slept right through it. Thanks for the many emails and phone calls. We'll keep you posted if the situation changes. En Cristo,

*Jarrold Brown, Mission Lazarus*



*Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lemley, Jr.*

*and*

*Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Garner*

*invite you to the celebration  
of the marriage of their children*

*Katherine Grace*

*and*

*Benjamin Ross*

*on*

*Saturday, the Twenty-Seventh of June*

*at*

*6:30 in the evening*

*at*

*Valley Ranch in Rose Bud, Arkansas*

*Reception to follow.*

*For more information, search for them at*

*[www.theknot.com](http://www.theknot.com)*



## Happy Birthday!

Willene McGuffey will be celebrating her 80th birthday, Saturday, June 6. Willene is the mother of Linda Vantrees and the wife of Clayton, one of our former deacons. Birthday wishes may be sent to: Willene McGuffey, 425 Pepsi Cola Road, Batesville, AR 72501.

## Graduation Open Houses

You are invited to graduation open houses. Each open house will be held at the graduate's home:



- Carson Boyd, next Saturday, June 6, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Caitlin Mullins, Sunday, June 7, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Nick Pedersen, Friday, June 12, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## Outreach Opportunity

"The Living Room Café" in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood serves restaurant-style meals to homeless men and women. We have an opportunity to help prepare and serve dinner on Monday night, June 1, and Monday night, June 8. We'll need to leave West Chicago by 2:30. Sign up on the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.

## Father & Son Retreat

Teenage guys and their dads, we hope you join us for our **Father & Son Retreat**, Saturday, June 13 to Sunday, June 14. Please complete a registration form and give to Cliff as soon as possible, so necessary plans can be made. Extra forms are available on the bulletin table in the foyer.



## Small Group Surveys

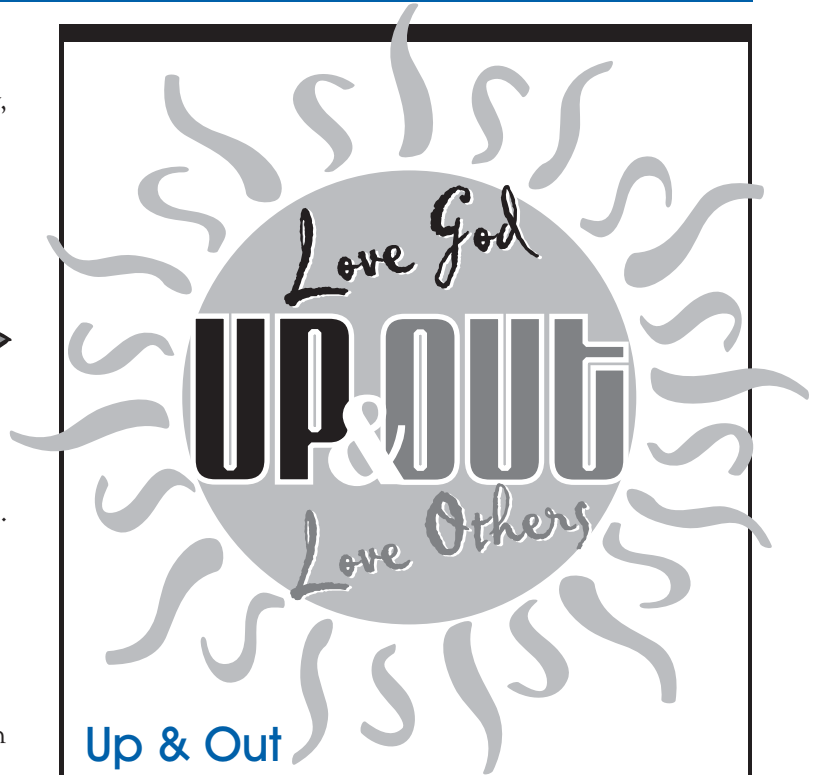
Small Group Fellowship Surveys are available on the bulletin table in the foyer. If you have not already done so, please complete a survey and give it to Don, Cliff or Bob V.

## Church Family Photos

A print of our church family photo is available in the foyer for each family. Please take the photo with your name. If you would like the photo a different size or digitally, please see Sally.

## Directory Photo

Please make sure to have a new directory photo taken. The "photo studio" is set-up at the far end of the foyer.



## Up & Out (Vacation Bible School)

Up & Out - Love God, Love Others! Join us for a summer event for all ages!

Through the summer, in place of our usual Wednesday night service, our church family will meet for a fun and active time of fellowship. Each Wednesday night will include an assembly with songs, a Bible drill and a Bible story or skit. Then, depending upon the activity planned for that evening, we will divide into groups to work on a service project, do a craft, play field games, etc.

Each evening will generally run from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., but may start earlier so we can share a meal, or stay later to roast marshmallows in the fire pit.

We need your help and participation! Sign up as a family or individuals as a group to organize an Up & Out event! Work together and plan a skit, a service project, activity, or game. Cliff and others are available as resources. Your plans need to be ready and in order a week before the Wednesday you are organizing and need to be OK'd by Cliff at that time.

Our theme for this summer's Up & Out is the Fruit of the Spirit. The kick-off event is Sunday, June 21, at our annual picnic!

## Green Lake Family Encampment

The Green Lake Family Encampment held in Wisconsin, will be Monday through Friday, August 10-14. For more information check the bulletin board or contact Helen Plummer, Cliff & Joan's mom, at hplum15@aol.com or visit [www.greenlakefamilyencampment.com](http://www.greenlakefamilyencampment.com).