



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

We rejoice with Chester and Phyllis Sitler and their family at their 60th Wedding Anniversary celebrated last Thursday. Their

lives have been an important part of the growth, blessings and spiritual maturity of this congregation. Chester and Phyllis have embodied the very spirit of hospitality and generosity like few Christians we know. Their outreach to family in need, and in adoption of Kim and Tim, serve as a powerful example of the love of Jesus for children.

In all the years of their ministry and leadership of this congregation, hospitality has been synonymous with the Sitler name. They always opened their home for anyone who needed a place, and provided not only lodging, but love and laughter (and lemon squares).

Chester's love for people has been a key to understanding his love for World Bible School. His mission efforts in Africa will only be fully understood and appreciated when the Father introduces him to his students. Chester's work with the bus ministry at West Chicago was a vital part of demonstrating the love of God for this community. Chester's corny jokes and

twinkling eyes communicate powerfully to each new generation that he loves them, too.

We all feel the loss and frustration of Phyllis' struggles with Alzheimer's Disease which seems to have stolen much of her awareness of the love we have for her and her remembrance of her family. Again,

Chester and Kim have

demonstrated with wonderful grace a patient and faithful ministry to her.

Our world has a great need for spiritual examples and warriors of faith. Those names in the "Hall of Fame" in **Hebrews 11** are the names of ordinary people who were faithful servants of an extraordinary God. Chester and Phyllis are the same kind of saints who give joy to the heart of God.

They are special, but they are not unique so far as this congregation is concerned. We have

a legacy of godly men and women who have committed their lives to one another, to God, and to the work of His church.

We hold these special saints up to you who are young. Set your goals to be faithful in love and in duty to God and to your family. Like Chester and Phyllis, you can build a powerful reward for eternity by loving and serving those whom God sends into your life.

Chester & Phyllis



May 29, 1948

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. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is 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 to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. 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 - Tim Boyd
- Announcements - Curt Robinson
- Singing
- Prayer - Scott Drumheller
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Steve Massie

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 3 Steve Massie
- June 6 Sally Hearn, Craig Livermore, Rick Root
- June 7 Cole Plummer, Alan & Donna Young (anv.)

Dates to Remember

- June 5 Food Pantry Delivery
- June 7 Leadership Meeting
- June 12 Shults-Lewis Putt-Putt Golf Outing
- June 15 Father's Day
- June 18 Seniors Breakfast
- June 21 RCC Board Meeting @ RCC
- June 22-26 Vacation Bible School!
- June 29 Annual Picnic

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 67
- Sunday Morning Worship 118
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 46
- Contribution \$3,679.74

Wednesday Ladies Class

Following is the plan for our Ladies Bible Class:
May 14 - June 18: The Epistles of John - Joanne Johnson

In Our Prayers...

Justin Avey has a tumor on his pancreas.

Bob Czernik is very ill and struggling with cancer.

The Gateway Church of Christ in Southgate, Michigan, experienced a great loss a couple of weeks ago. One of their elders, Dan Tarjeft, and his wife, Jennifer, the secretary at the church, were killed in a motorcycle accident. Other members, Aaron Wilmoth suffered neck injuries and his wife, Jenn, lost a leg. Ron and Nina Hyder, Cathleen Longfellow's cousins, were involved in the accident but did not sustain any injuries.

Margo Smetana, the infant daughter of Steve Link's friend, had a heart transplant several months ago. She is not doing well and may need another transplant.

Vacation Bible School is in the planning and coordinating stages. Pray that we can be a light to each other and to our community.

Jim Whitman was in the hospital this week with blood clots in his leg, the same leg as several years ago. He had angioplasty and other surgeries and is doing better. He came home on Saturday.

Freeda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother, is scheduled to have her gall bladder removed this Tuesday.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother
 Sylvia Atten - Dana Howard's friend
 Andrea Bailey - a former member from California
 Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS
 Bonnie Bingham
 Leona Boston - Lynette Root's aunt
 Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law
 Mary Brent - Joe Kirts's sister
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 John Day
 Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes' daughter
 Al Dorsey
 Doug Dorsey - Al's son
 Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson
 Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana
 Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister
 Elizabeth Griffin
 Josephine Haggerton
 Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative
 Mary Henkel - Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend
 Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother
 Steve Link
 Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,
 Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece
 Tim Miller
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of
 Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Pat Ronzheimer
 Adonnica Schmittou - the sister-in-law of former
 members Matthew & Debbie Allgood
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitrler
 Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin
 Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin
 Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend
 Linda Vantreese
 Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother
 Jim & Jamie Winner
 Jim & Jeremy Whitman
 Rick & Gina Zamora

Mothers-to-be:

Laura Callejo - Cliff Plummer & Joan Avey's niece
 Missy Day
 Amanda Grandlienard - former member

Armed forces overseas:

Wes Clark - the son-in-law of Lynette Root's friend
 Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's
 sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16
 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter
 Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of
 Lori Plummer

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras
 (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria
 Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO
 Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango
 - Brazil
 Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan - check the
 bulletin board for a current newsletter
 Joe Voigts - China - also pray for the churches and all
 the new Christians - Joe will be home in July

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Jamie Miller



Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



Food Pantry Delivery

We will be receiving our Food Pantry Delivery from the Northern Illinois Food Bank this **Thursday, June 5**. We'll start working at 10:00 a.m. and should be finished no later than 11:30. **Pre-teens and teens**, stocking the shelves is a great way to serve your church and your community. Let Cliff or Sally know if you can come help!

Graduation Open House

You are invited to an Open House to celebrate the high school graduation of **J.J. Chavez** on **Saturday, June 14**, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** at their home, 2 S 330 Hart Road in Batavia.



Honduras Trip

The Honduras Mission Trip is scheduled to depart on Sunday, August 3 (note date change) and will return Sunday, August 10.

The mission group traveling to Honduras will be meeting during Bible class time each Sunday downstairs at the Miller's home.

If you would like to provide financial support to help those who are making the trip, see one of the elders, or give cash or a check and clearly indicate it is to support the trip.

**Missions
Prayer Group**
~ SUNDAYS ~
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.
Teen Room

Teacher Needed

A teacher is needed for the Wednesday Kids Class in June - the 4th, 11th and 18th. See Cliff to get the materials.

Annual Picnic

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 29**, for our **Annual Picnic** immediately following morning worship. This is a great event to invite your friends and neighbors for fellowship and fun! Meat and lemonade will be provided. Bring side dishes, lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an afternoon on the church lawn!



Green Lake Encampment

Check the bulletin board for information about the **Green Lake Family Encampment** on **August 11-16**.

Sign up in the foyer!

Talk to Cliff!

TODAY!

Lend a Hand! Help with VBS!

God's BIG BACKYARD™
Where Kids have a blast serving Jesus!

Youth & Family News

TEENS: Rockford Christian Camp sessions began this weekend with the Memorial Day Teen Retreat.

Other sessions are as follows:

Senior completed grades 9-12 . July 11-19

Intermediate completed grades 6-8 . July 19-26

Junior completed grades 2-5 . July 26-August 2

Please note RCC retreat fees are \$75 and camp fees are \$150. Be sure to register two weeks prior to any camp session to forego late fees.

Our next **Sunday Night, Light**, is next Sunday, June 8, after evening services. Guys bring drinks; girls bring veggies or dessert.

Mark your calendars for the annual **Youth Putt-Putt Golf Tournament**, benefitting Shults-Lewis, on Thursday, June 12. The cost is \$15 (including lunch). We'll leave from the building about 8:30 a.m., and return after lunch.

VBS Needs

As part of this year's VBS curriculum, the children will be assembling packets of items for our mission team to deliver to children in Honduras. We need 110 of the following items by **Sunday, June 15:**

gallon size ziplock bags

combs

bars of soap

wash cloths

pads of paper

pencils

pencil sharpeners

sunglasses

flip flops - there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for

flip flops of different sizes

Please note: toothpaste and toothbrushes for the packets will be provided.

