A Preacher’s Perspective

Congratulations to our graduates–Rachel Hearn and Daniel Henkel! Hopefully next week we’ll have a slide show featuring Daniel and Rachel.

There was a time in our country when every year, a part of graduation activities was to visit a local church where the graduates heard a special sermon directed at them called a baccalaureate sermon. Only a few schools still observe the practice.

The practice seems to have begun at Oxford University in 1432 where each graduate (bachelor) was required to give a sermon in Latin. The sermons came to be known as laurels.

The value of baccalaureate sermons depends upon whether or not the graduates are inclined to give serious consideration to a message from the older generation which has a spiritual foundation. I believe that the young people of our congregation are good listeners. We have much to be grateful for in the inter-generational relationships which we enjoy as part of our fellowship.

So far as our country is concerned, however, the news is not so good. Court decisions about the separation of church and state have made it very rare to find a faith-based activity for graduates. In fact, many schools have even forbidden a prayer at commencement or any reference at all to God or faith.

That text we often quote from Psalm 33:12 is always applicable to such developments of cultural opposition to matters of faith: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”

Our prayer for this year’s graduates and for all those who are coming behind them, is to find a nation which is more open to a reverence and relationship with the Lord God.

Revival has taken place in our land and it could happen again. What it takes is the grace of God, the power of the Holy Spirit and hearts which truly turn to Him in humility, in repentance and in righteousness.

This is our deepest hope for the graduates of 2012.

Chuck Miller

Psalm 33:12

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for thy testimonies are my meditation.

Psalms 119:99 (RSV)
If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshiping 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.

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

http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com

Username: wcfamily
Password: 6302312062
Click “SINGLE” tab
Allow any Active X controls

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, Announcements, Birthdays ....... Paul Mullins
Kids Connection  ......................... Brian Gifford
Praise Songs  ......................... Tim Boyd

#63  I Will Call upon the Lord
#23  Our God, He Is Alive
    Hide Me Away Lord
#226  Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
    In Christ Alone

Communion  ......................... Bob Voigts
Prayers & Pass Emblems

#474  Thank You, Lord, for Loving Me
Sermon  ......................... Chuck Miller
#386  He Loves Me
Prayer Cards  ......................... Bob Voigts

#705  A Common Love

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 3 .............. Steve Massie
June 6 .... Sally Hearn, Craig Livermore, Rick Root
June 8 .................. Joan Lockett

Dates to Remember

TODAY ................... Community Groups
June 6 ............... Wednesday Bible Class
June 7 .................. Food Pantry Delivery
June 8 ................. Mens Prayer Breakfast
June 9-15 ............. Mexico Mission Trip
June 10 ............... Community Groups
June 11 ............... Living Room Café
June 13 ................... Wednesday Bible Class
June 15 ................. Mens Prayer Breakfast
June 17 ............... Fathers Day
June 20 ... Seniors Breakfast, Wednesday Bible Class
June 24-28 .... Vacation Bible School

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In Our Prayers...

A few of our members will be going on the Mexico Mission trip. They leave next Saturday, June 9, and will return the following Friday, June 15.

Harold Carter, the father-in-law of Lynette Root’s sister, is having several health issues.

Aimee Cotton
Carrie Drumheller broke her foot and is on crutches.
Cindy Drumheller had knee surgery this week and has moved to DuPage Convalescent Center for rehab.
Shannon Gifford must take it easy because of Braxton-Hicks contractions. If you can assist them with meals, cleaning or babysitting, please see Sally.

Ken Gill, Josephine Haggerton’s son-in-law, is having surgery on June 7th to remove a mass.

Linda Mullins, Paul’s sister-in-law, is having tests for possible cancer.

Paul Stirrup, a former member, is having heart surgery on June 12th.

Those suffering with long-term issues:
Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s brother
Justin Avey
Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root’s parents
Herman Biggers – Josephine Haggerton’s brother
Bonnie Bingham
Nancy Brewster
Bob & Phyllis Cissne, Cindy Drumheller’s parents
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
Rachel Jinkerson – daughter of former elder, Darryl & Cindy, they reside in Texas
Pat Johnson – Dana Howard’s aunt
John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim
Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman’s niece
Don Lemley
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
Joan Mullins – Paul’s mother
Josh Otte – Chris Czernik’s nephew & the son of Marion Lake’s cousin
Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff
Scott Robinson – Curt’s brother
Kay Schrader
Phyllis Sitler
Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts’ cousins
Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ielers’s parents
Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:
Lauren Avey – Justin & Joan’s daughter-in-law
Kathryn (Lemley) Garner
Shannon Gifford
Christina Voigts

Armed forces:
Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s grand-nephew
Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard’s nephew
Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey’s, Afghanistan
Jacob Headke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root’s friend, Iraq
Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

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

Bible Class Teachers!

1. A teacher is still needed for the Grade 3-6 class on Sunday mornings.
2. Please sign up to teach the 0-4 class on Wednesday evenings. Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Annual Day is in September, but it’s not too soon to think about how you can help. This year we are putting together two baskets to be sold in the auction. Please check the sign-up sheet in the foyer for items to be donated to go into the baskets. Also, quilts and afghans made to be sold in the auction are usually a big moneymaker. Please see Lynette Root if you have any questions.

Guest Speaker

Next Sunday, June 10, Ken Leonard from Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Efforts will be speaking to us during worship.

Rockford Christian Camp

Donations are still being accepted for RCC to help fund some maintenance issues. Please give your check to one of the elders and include “RCC” on the memo line.
Today!
Community Groups are scheduled to meet TODAY. Please see Chuck or Don if you would like to join a group. “...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” – Acts 2:46-47

Vacation Bible School
Get involved in Vacation Bible School this year! We especially need teachers. If you are interested in helping in any way, please see one of the leaders listed below, Cindy Drumheller or Sally Hearn.
Registration: John and Bev Day
Education Director: Cindy Drumheller
Application Station Director: Lisa Henkel
Decorations: Sally Hearn and Julie Dean
Dinner & Snacks: Joan Avey and Marion Lake
Skit Director: Rhonda Triplett
Devotional Leader: Jon Miller
Publicity: Sally Hearn

Dinners are needed for the VBS volunteers on Monday through Thursday the week of VBS. Please see Joan Avey if you can donate a salad, entree and/or dessert. We’ll have a better idea of how many we’ll be serving as we get closer to the week of VBS.

We’ll also start working on VBS decorations soon. Please see Sally or Julie if you would like to help. We will probably be tracing and painting poster-size images. A work day will be scheduled soon.

Vacation Bible School
June 24-28, 2012
Sunday - Thursday
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Are you ready to roll full-steam ahead into a life which is blessed by the actions, attitudes, and decisions you make every day? Come to VBS and enjoy skits, activities, crafts, fun games and catchy songs!