



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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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 sermon orations 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 *Psalms 33:12* is always applicable to such developments of cultural opposition to matters of faith: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

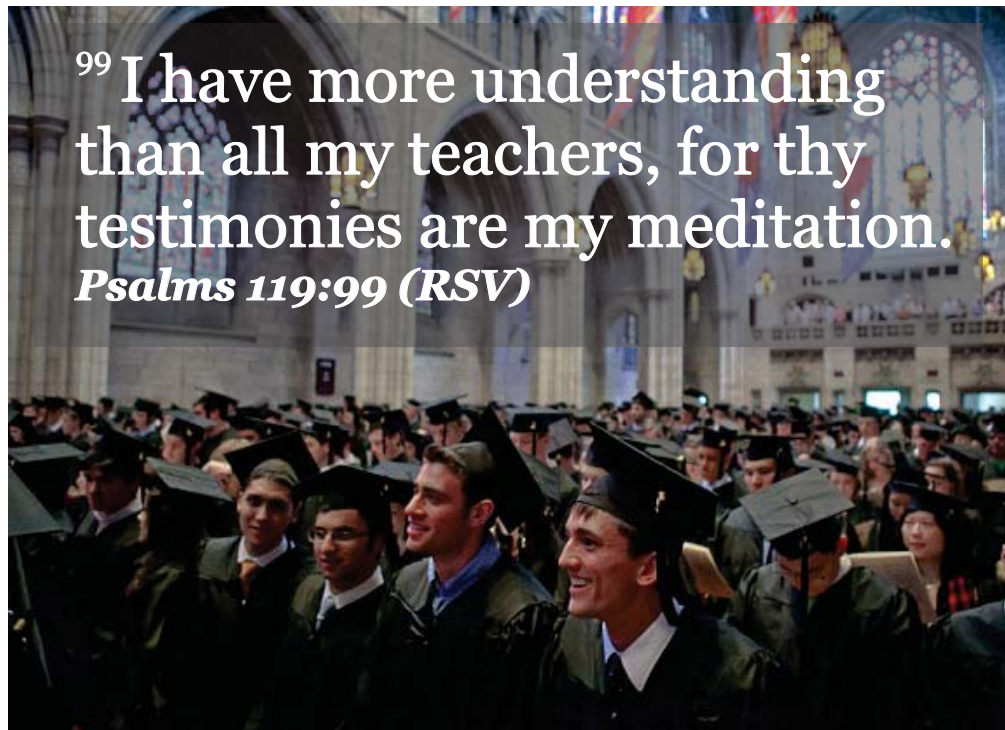
Our prayer for this year's graduates and for all those who are coming behind them, is to find a nation which is more open to a reverence and relationship with the Lord God.

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



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 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

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class. 39
 Sunday Morning Worship. 105
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class. 21
 Contribution. \$5,164.63

Nursery Workers Bev Day, Maryssa Dean
 Collection Counters. Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

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 Ieler'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 Headtke – 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 money-maker. 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



West Chicago Community Groups

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.

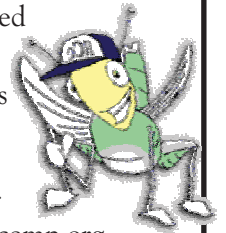
We'll also start working on VBS decorations soon. Please see Sally or Julie if you would like to help. We will probably be tracing and painting poster-size images. A work day will be scheduled soon.



Rockford Christian Camp – Our God is an awesome God, and RCC exists to glorify Him. He shelters us under beautiful trees and whispers to us in the soft winds of summer. At RCC, His word is lifted up, and Jesus is worshiped as the centerpiece of everything in heaven and on earth. His love binds us together and gives grace and harmony to our relationships with one another. **If you have completed grades 2 through 12 in school** and have never experienced a week at camp, don't miss this great opportunity to make new friends and get closer to our Holy Father. **Following are session dates** – remember register two weeks in advance of each camp session to forego a late fee. Forms are available in the teen room or they can be found on the RCC website.

- July 6 - 14: Senior Week - completed grades 7-12
- July 14 - 21: Intermediate Week - completed grades 6-8
- July 21 - 28: Junior Week - completed grades 2-5

Also, be a part of the Cabin Keepers Foundation. Join us in this "locust" project to help us build up our facilities and keep our fees as low as possible. For more info check www.rockfordchristiancamp.org.



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!

