A Preacher’s Perspective

If there is any true mark of God’s people it is their expression of love and help for those who suffer. This spirit is the origin of the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief program which Ken Leonard will talk about today.

When the church was in its infancy, when the tensions between Jews and Gentiles were strong, pulling even the apostle Peter into racist hypocrisy, it was a great project of benevolent sharing which the Holy Spirit used to unite the churches across racial and ethnic lines to become one.

The apostle Paul organized and helped to implement this disaster relief effort for the Christians in Jerusalem. Wherever he went, he told of the saints in Jerusalem who were in a very difficult time.

The response was generous and powerful. Even the church at Macedonia, itself a likely target of relief efforts, insisted that it be included and allowed to participate in the collection.

Paul’s direction to the Corinthians, “take up a weekly collection and set it aside so we don’t have to do so when we arrive,” has become our model for weekly offerings. We probably tend to forget the purpose, however. It was not for maintenance of the building or extra Freon for the air conditioner. Rather, it was to have ready funds to send to hurting brethren.

Now, we are grateful for Freon and for all the comforts we enjoy. But we find true joy when we enter into the spirit of Macedonian brethren. Their purses were lean but their spirits were full, so they joined in. Scripture says God gave them grace.

He continues to give grace to us when we remember our neighbor in need, especially when that neighbor is a Christian brother.

We are grateful to have Ken with us to share more of the story of this powerful ministry.

Chuck Miller
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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 ........ CURT ROBINSON
Kids Connection .......................... JON MILLER
Praise Songs .......................... JAY HEARN
  #587  Sing and Be Happy
  #96   I Stand in Awe
  #53   Father, I Adore You
  #659  I Love to Tell the Story
  #18   Faithful Love

Communion .......................... PETER DRUMHELLER
Prayers & Pass Emblems
Sermon ..................................... KEN LEONARD
  #567  Restore My Soul

Prayer Cards .......................... BOB VOIGTS
  #703  I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 10 ................................. Charlie Lockett
June 13 ................................. John & Joanne Johnson (anv.)
June 14 ................................. Theresa Lemley, Nick Pedersen & Kendall Urso

Dates to Remember

TODAY ................................. Community Groups
June 9-15 .............................. Mexico Mission Trip
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 22 ................................. Mens Prayer Breakfast
June 24-28 ............................. Vacation Bible School
June 29 ................................. Mens Prayer Breakfast
July 1 ................................. Annual Picnic

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class .......................... 42
Wednesday Evening Bible Class .................... 17
Contribution ................................ $2,072.00

Nursery Workers .............. JAMIE MILLER, KIM SITLER

Collection Counters. SCOTT DRUMHELLER, PAUL MULLINS
In Our Prayers...

A few of our members are in Mexico at the City of Children this week. They return this Friday, June 15. 

Ava Biggers, Josephine Haggerton’s sister-in-law, passed away last week. 

Cindy Drumheller is at home recuperating from knee surgery. She was released from the rehab center on Friday. 

Ken Gill, Josephine Haggerton’s son-in-law, had surgery recently to remove a mass. 

Paul Stirrup, a former member, is having heart surgery this Tuesday, 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
- Aimee Cotton
- 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
- 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 Sitter
- 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 needed for the Grade 3-6 class on Sunday mornings.

2. Please sign up in the foyer to teach the 0-4 class on Wednesday evenings.

Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Annual Day is in September. 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. See Lynette Root with questions.

Annual Picnic

Our Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 1. Join us on the church grounds after worship for a wonderful time of fellowship. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring side dishes and desserts, as well as, lawn chairs and blankets. Invite your friends!

Annual Meeting Notice

The Board of Directors of the Corporation of the West Chicago Church of Christ, 350 East James Avenue, West Chicago, IL, in keeping with the bylaws of the Corporation, hereby give official notice of the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Corporation which shall be held on Sunday, June 24, at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall at the West Chicago Church of Christ, 350 East James Avenue, West Chicago, IL.

The purpose of the 2012 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.
Guest Speaker Today

Welcome Ken Leonard from Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Efforts who is speaking to us this morning. This effort immediately responds to any major disaster in the continental United States.

Today!

Community Groups meet today, “…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! If you are interested in helping, 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 Tripplett
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 help. We’ll have a better idea of how many we’ll be serving as we get closer to the week of VBS. Decorations – please see Sally or Julie if you would like to help. A work day will be scheduled soon.

A GATHERING of the Jesus Freaks

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 to 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

ALL ABOARD the Kingdom Express

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!