



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Family is one of God's favorite ways of describing us. He is so much our Father. I like that interesting statement by Paul in **Ephesians 3:14**, "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named..." (The NIV says "from whom his whole family...") The point is that God sees us as His family. Aren't you glad!

And that isn't just for the multi-generation-good-guys, either. He just loves bringing new children around the table. Sometimes He even suggests the newcomers may have some position advantage over the long-term kids. Remember Jesus' statement in **Luke 13:29** "And men will come from east and west and from the north and south and sit at table in the kingdom of God." The idea you get is that there will be diners from places you never expected around the Lord's table.

But, back to family, that table image is very on the mark, isn't it? Table is where lots of family things happen, including good food and time to talk. Now I know we have lost lots of that in our time and culture. Often a Happy Meal in the back seat substitutes for quality time at the table, but resist that! Amen?

Table is a place for fathers and mothers to bless, to listen, to laugh and to be family. I did some Josh-watching last week, and it struck me how much enjoyment I get just from watching him and Esther and Lydia eat. Just eat.

The aim with the spoon or fork is not wonderful. Splatter and smear are the norm and occasionally the offered bite to share looks pretty disgusting. That is, unless you're family.

Family is a place of intimacy. Where wet diapers get changed,

where noses get blown, where boo-boos get loved and where heartaches get helped.

Now, can you imagine the Holy God, the Mighty Creator and Universe-Sustainer, holding you, rocking you, wiping tears from flooding eyes, and whispering your name in tender love. I confess that's hard for me to visualize unless

I'm writing or speaking about it, or trying to convince you. But it is true.

My Father loves me, and you. He loves to give us good gifts. His refrigerator is full of our crayon scribbles, and He stands guard over us in the night to watch over our souls.

It's not a show. It's not a lecture. It's not a business. It's family.

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:

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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, Scripture & Prayer Don Brewster

Kids Connection Jon Miller

Praise Songs. Dewayne Smith

#843 God Give Us Christian Homes

Marriage Scriptures & Comments

#705 A Common Love

Family Scriptures & Comments

#432 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?

#719 Love One Another

Community Scriptures & Comments

#704 Bind Us Together, Lord

#709 How Sweet, How Heavenly

Invitation Don Brewster

#736 To Christ Be True

Communion. Bob Jett

#364 Come, Share the Lord Dewayne Smith

Prayer Cards

#1025 God of Our Fathers. Dewayne Smith

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 13. John & Joanne Johnson (anv.)

June 14. . . Theresa Lemley, Nick Pedersen, Kendall Urso

Dates to Remember

TODAY. . . . Family & Friends Fellowship (class time)

TODAY. No Community Groups

June 11-17. Mexico Mission Trip

June 15 Family Devotional Campfire

June 17 Mens Prayer Breakfast

June 19 Father's Day (no Community Groups)

June 19 Family & Friends Fellowship (class time)

June 20-23. Vacation Bible School

June 26. Praise Sunday Picnic!

June 27-July 3. . . . Union Hill Church of Christ Teens

June 28 Mobile Market

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class.

Sunday Morning Worship.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class.

Contribution. \$4,969.35

Nursery Workers Lynette & Shelby Root

Collection Counters. Scott Drumheller, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, is having problems with his leg and it may have to be amputated. His other leg was amputated a few weeks ago.

Helen Plummer, Joan Avey and Cliff's mother, is doing better and is out of ICU. The doctors feel her improvement last week was a miracle.

Our Mexico Mission Team left yesterday morning. The team includes Thelma Griffin, Chuck Miller, Cyndi Perez, Frances Shearer and Dan Vantreese. They are traveling with the Watson's and members of the Church of Christ in Elgin.

Sandy Root, Rick's mother, had carpal tunnel surgery last week. She will have her other wrist repaired soon.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman
 Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Dachielle – Blake Mullins's friend
 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
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Myrna Levake
 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
 Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother
 Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 J.D. Potts – the father of Cyndi Perez
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts's cousins
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents
 Joe Stone – a friend from RCC
 Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

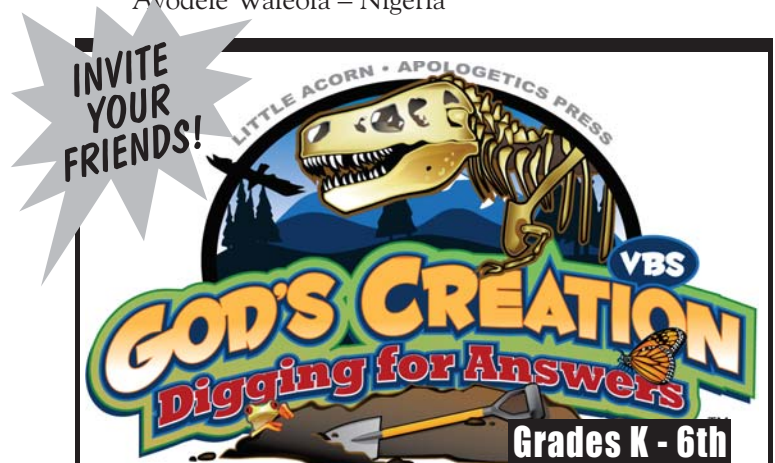
Beth Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter
 Sarah Rentschler – Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan
 Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew
 Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Klinton Wheeler – Afghanistan
 Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

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



Vacation Bible School

June 20-23 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

There will be a short VBS leader meeting immediately following worship today at the front of the auditorium.

Check our VBS information station in the foyer:

- Postcards to mail to a friend.
- Registration forms for you to complete and return to the box provided. You are also welcome to distribute them to your friends!
- Coloring pages. Color and cut out the animal, then place it in the box provided. Please see the sample. See Julie Dean or Sally Hearn with any questions!

We Need:

- We need meals each night for some of our volunteers who will be arriving right from work. Please see Joan Avey to provide an entree, salad and/or dessert.
- Volunteers – If you would like to be a group guide, see Chuck. If you would like to help in other ways, see Sally Hearn or Cindy Drumheller.

Community Groups

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today! The elders want to encourage everyone to get involved in their Community Group. Please see Chuck or Don if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events!

Following is a list of exciting events in which every member will want to take advantage:

This morning during class time –

Family & Friends Devotional

Wednesday, June 15 – Family & Friends Devotional

Campfire: Bring drinks and skewers for cooking your hotdog and marshmallows. Questions, see Cindy Drumheller. We'll begin at 7:00 p.m., as usual.

Sunday, June 19 – Family Devotional during class time

June 20-23 – Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 26 – Start of next teacher rotation

Sunday, June 26 – **Praise Sunday Picnic!** Join us on the church grounds after worship for our annual picnic. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring side dishes and desserts to share, lawn chairs and blankets.



Shults Lewis

Pickup your change can from the foyer and start collecting your change. Bring your full cans to Annual Day on Saturday, September 17. See where your money goes and how it is being used. If you can't attend Annual Day, give your cans to Dwayne Smith, Justin Avey or Kyle Wheeler on Sunday, September 11, or Wednesday, September 14th.

Several workshops are scheduled to discuss and work on items for our Shults Lewis Annual Day booth. Dates are as follows. Please see Lynette Root with any questions.

June 28, Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

July 12, Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

August 9, Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

September 8, Thursday @ 10:00 a.m.

Directories!

Directories are available in the foyer. Please take the directory with your name in the lower right corner. There are also copies available if you would like an extra one. Let Chuck or Sally know if there are any corrections.



The Union Hills Church of Christ Youth Group will be visiting our youth group from Monday evening, June 27, until Sunday, July 3, after worship. Tim Miller is their youth minister. We will have housing, chaperoning and food needs. If you can help in any way, please speak to Jon Miller or Brian Gifford.



The two youth groups will be spending a couple of days downtown Chicago. They will also be having campfires and game nights at the church building. One of the scheduled events will be serving at a **Mobile Market on Monday, June 28**, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., in the church parking lot. Adult volunteers will also be needed. Also, at 10:30 that morning they will be doing a **service project at Franciscan Court Supported Living Facility.**

Rockford Christian Camp summer sessions – don't forget that registration forms need to be postmarked 2 weeks prior to the camp session beginning to forego a late fee:
 Senior week (completed grades 9 - 12): July 8 - 16
 Intermediate week (completed grades 6 - 8): July 16 - 23
 Junior week (completed grades 2 - 5): July 23 - 30
 Check www.rcchome.com for more information.



Mobile Market
June 28th
5-7 p.m.

Teacher's Workroom Supplies

If you have any craft supplies at home that you don't need, please consider donating them to our Teacher's Workroom. See Cindy Drumheller or Julie Dean if you have any questions.

Food Pantry

We need grocery bags – paper and plastic – to use in our food pantry. Any donations may be left under the table by the restrooms.