



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Big prayers and little prayers. Interesting idea. Does that mean long prayers and short prayers? Does it mean prayers from children or from adults? From the righteous or the wicked?

There are lots of surprising examples and teachings about prayer in scripture. Literally hundreds of books have been written suggesting special insight into prayers, special prayer techniques, or even debunking prayer as a form of spiritual self-deception by those who call themselves believers.

The skeptics have a problem, however. In prayer, God reveals Himself in ways that are personal, supernatural, and virtually invisible except to the one (or ones) praying.

Last week I had a wonderful prayer experience with my sweet granddaughter, Mary. We needed a paddle for our ice cream freezer, and we went to Wal-Mart to look for one. Mary asked me if we could have a "paddle prayer," and then she led us in a wonderful prayer.

In her prayer, Mary carefully explained to God that the paddle we needed was not the kind for giving spankings, but was for making ice cream. I know God was pleased to have her point that out.

The innocent and totally trusting prayers of children may be among the earth's most inexhaustible,

renewable energy sources. Jesus spoke of the praise of children as "perfect praise." I believe that for Jesus, children served as a daily reminder of the perfect purity of heaven and of the hope for all mankind.

In our plans for ministry to Mexico and Honduras, one of the surest marks of God's approval

is that both these efforts are focused on blessing children. There just cannot be too much effort in this world to express God's immeasurable love for children. The looks, the touches, the kindnesses, the words of love and comfort are all ways in which God is expressing His boundless love to the world's children.

And the warning of Jesus to those who would harm or mistreat the little ones is truly filled with dread. "Better," Jesus said, "that a millstone be tied around their necks and they be dropped into the sea." Think about that. This is a personal threat against those who are the agents of Satan in damaging the innocence and tenderness of these small hearts. I think only parents of one-year-olds

can begin to feel something of the affection of the Holy Heart toward these most vulnerable of human beings.

Enter into that joy by love for children. Thank God for the privilege of reaching out to them in Mexico and Honduras.

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 Group fellowship program begins Sunday, July 11, and will continue throughout the year. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for hymn singing and enjoy a dessert potluck.

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 Bob Voigts

Our Deacons are:

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

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 Don Brewster
- Prayer Updates & Scripture Steve Link
- Singing Jay Hearn
 - #39 Awesome Power
 - #508 A Wonderful Savior
 - #689 Be Still, My Soul
- Prayer Justin Avey
 - #324 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?
- Communion Bob Voigts
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon Don Brewster
 - #919 Behold a Stranger at the Door
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
- Announcements Steve Link
 - #18 Faithful Love
- Prayer Jeff Ieler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 13 John & Joanne Johnson (anv.)
- June 14 Theresa Lemley, Nick Pedersen
- June 19 Justin Avey, Jeff Robinson

Dates to Remember

- TODAY Corporate Meeting
- TODAY No Evening Service
- June 12-18 City of Children Mission Trip
- June 16 Seniors Breakfast
- June 17 Teen Parent Connection
- June 19 Honduras Team Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- June 20 No Evening Service
- June 22 Tuesday Ladies Class
- June 24 Teen Parent Connection
- June 25 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- June 27 Annual Picnic
- July 1 Food Pantry Deliver
- July 4 Community Group Kick-Off @ Watson's

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 57
- Sunday Morning Worship 85
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 28
- Contribution \$6,261.00

- Nursery Workers Betsy Jett, Jackie Robinson
- Collection Counters Paul Mullins, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Our Mission Team in City of Children, Ensenada, Mexico. They return this Friday.

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, will have a kidney transplant from **their nephew, Steve Aultman**. They are still waiting for it to be scheduled. Herman has been very ill from this dialysis treatments.

Mary Brent, the sister of Joe Kirts, is in critical, but stable condition in the hospital in Springfield. She is suffering from bleeding on the brain and has pneumonia.

Gilbert Dorsey, Al Dorsey's brother, passed away Thursday morning. He was almost 90 years old and was suffering with dementia. Please pray for his wife, Betsy.

Joyce Duke, Bobbie Whitman's sister, is waiting for test results.

Myrna Lavake is going through a series of radiation and chemo treatments for cancer in her throat.

Joe Lefebvre, a friend of Joe and Terrie Kirts, lost his daughter to ARDS. Also pray for her husband, Jason.

Lina, the foster daughter of Henry & Candra Phillips, is scheduled for heart surgery on August 2.

Dulane Willis, a friend of our church family, suffered a mild heart attack this week. Her address is: 325 River Park Road, Loves Park, IL 61111.

Please see last week's bulletin for a list of those suffering with long-term issues.

Mothers-to-be:

Jennifer Piehl – Tom & Nancy Doggett's daughter
Tammy Urso – Dan & Linda Vantreesse's daughter

Armed forces:

Joe Amato – Bob & Betsy's son-in-law – Afghanistan
James Bartels – the son of Lynette Root's friend – Iraq
Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew
Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
Toby Logsdon – Dwayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan
Jeremy Riley – great-great-nephew of Josephine Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad
Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer
Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
Chris Yauch – the husband of Wendell & Margaret Mott's granddaughter, Mallory
Jonathon Young – a former member is a Warrant Officer in the army and plans to fly helicopters.

Missionaries:

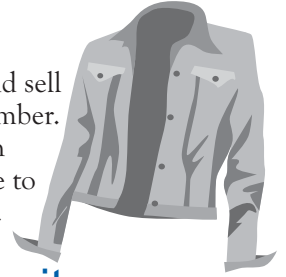
Mission Lazarus – Honduras
Students of Joe Voigts – China
City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico
Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria
Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria
Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

City of Children

Donations are still being accepted to purchase 112 t-shirts for the City of Children. They are \$7 a piece. Please give your contribution to Kenn Watson or Sally Hearn.

Jean Jackets for Shults-Lewis

We need jean jackets to embellish and sell at the Shults-Lewis Annual Day in September. Please WASH the jackets. See the flyer in the foyer for more information. Deadline to donate is July 20. Questions, see Lynette.



Needs for Our Community

A family needs baby wipes and size 4/5T pull ups for a boy and a girl. Used clothing is needed. Sizes are: Girl - 6 months; Boy - shirts 4/5T, shorts 2/3T, sandals size 9; Girl - shirts 4/5T, shorts 3T, sandals 9-12; Girl - shirts 6 or 7/8, shorts 6/6x, sandals 9-12. Another family needs clothes for six boys, size small, medium and large. New and gently used are welcome. Please give any donations directly to Sally.

Mission Lazarus, Honduras Mission Trip
July 24-31, 2010



Sermon on the Mount Series

We are beginning a series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount. There are many ways you can take advantage of all the opportunities to study this important topic.

1. Check our Facebook group – “West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount”
 - * You must be a member of Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and complete the information on the home page.
 - * If you are already a member of Facebook, log on as usual and search for “West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount.”
2. Go to our website: www.wcfamily.org and click on the “Sermon on the Mount” logo.
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Corporate Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Corporation of the West Chicago Church of Christ, 350 E. James Ave., West Chicago, IL, in keeping with the bylaws of the Corporation, hereby give official notice of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Corporation which shall be held **TODAY, at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall** at the West Chicago Church of Christ, 350 E. James Avenue, West Chicago, IL. The purpose of the 2010 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.

Annual Picnic

Our Annual Picnic is Sunday, June 27, following morning worship. Invite your friends for a great time of fellowship and fun! Meat and lemonade will be provided for the picnic. Bring side dishes, desserts, lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an afternoon on the church lawn! **No evening service on tonight, June 20 or 27.**



Honduras Team Meeting

A Honduras Mission Team meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 19, at 5:00 p.m. here at the church building.

Abundant Living Seminar

Abundant Living's mission is to encourage, inspire, equip and challenge Christian seniors. A couple of our members have expressed an interest in going to their annual seminar/retreat in Branson, MO, this fall, and thought it would be fun to get a group from our congregation to go! A flyer is posted in the foyer. More information is available at www.abundantlivingseniors.org.

Addresses

A new directory will be published soon. Let Sally know if you have new information. Some changes:

- **Julie Dean and family, Nathan, Cory, Maryssa and Taylor:** 1309 Vanstone Drive, Machesney Park, IL 61115; 815-904-6654
- **Cindy Drumheller:** 202 Canterfield Parkway West, West Dundee 60118
- **Peter Drumheller:** 7116 Sunset Dr., Crystal Lake 60014
- **Kim Fischer:** 2200 Jackson Boulevard, Apt. 2E, Chicago, IL 60612
- **Ryan Heather:** 2 Green Hills Court, Sugar Grove 60554 630-466-4353 (home), 630-779-6995 (cell)
- **Steven Ongalo:** 1125 Gates Street, Aurora 60505
- **Brian & Shannon Gifford, Noah & Corben:** 760 Newberry Drive, Batavia 60510; 732-266-7263 (Brian), 732-266-7617 (Shannon)

youth & family news

TEENS: It's Youth Volunteer Night at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on **Thursday, June 24, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** We will leave from the church building at 5:45. Dress for working and no sandals. Sign up on the flyer posted outside of the teen room.

The teens are preparing and hosting the meal for **Teen Parent Connection on Thursday, July 1.** Please sign up on the flyer posted outside of the teen room!

Rockford Christian Camp sessions are in July. Check out their updated website: www.rcchome.com.

RECURRING PROJECTS

Community Groups

Everyone is invited to a **Community Group Kick-Off Picnic at the Watson's on Sunday, July 4!** The party starts at 2:00, we will eat around 4:00 and then head to Jon & Jamie Miller's around 8:30 to watch the Bartlett fireworks. Meat will be provided. A sign-up for side dishes is in the foyer. Also, bring lawn chairs and drinks. Our Community Groups will continue to meet every Sunday, except for the last Sunday of each month, throughout the year. On the last Sunday of each month we will all gather at 6:00 p.m. at the church building for a dessert fellowship and singing.



Tuesday Ladies Class

Sherry Watson is hosting a Ladies Class at her home, 5 N 530 Deer Run Drive in St. Charles on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Coffee, hot tea and muffins provided. Bring a lunch to enjoy after the classes. **All ladies are welcome and encouraged to invite their friends.** Please RSVP to Sherry.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets **Fridays from 6:30 - 8:00** at the building.

Living Room Café

We go to the Living Room Café in Chicago the second **Monday** of every month (except June). Our next date to serve is July 12. Please sign up in the foyer.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meets here every Thursday night. **Meals for 8-10 people are needed for June 17 & 24 and July 15 & 22.** See Molly Mullins if you can help. A sincere THANK YOU to everyone who has already helped! The parents and leaders are always very appreciative!