



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Father's Day is next week. This week, several of our dads are at RCC with their sons for our first annual Father/Son Retreat. This is a great beginning to what we hope will be a growing tradition.

Ours is a day when it is more and more rare for fathers and sons to have a strong relationship. Statistics are powerful in demonstrating the impact on children of living with only one parent. Here are a few examples:

The strongest predictor of whether a person will end up in prison is that they were raised by a single parent. (Harper and Mclanahan, 1998)

72% of juvenile murderers and 60% of rapists came from single mother homes. (Colson, 2004)

70% of runaways, 70% of juvenile delinquents, and 70% of child murderers come from single mother homes. (Redding, 2008)

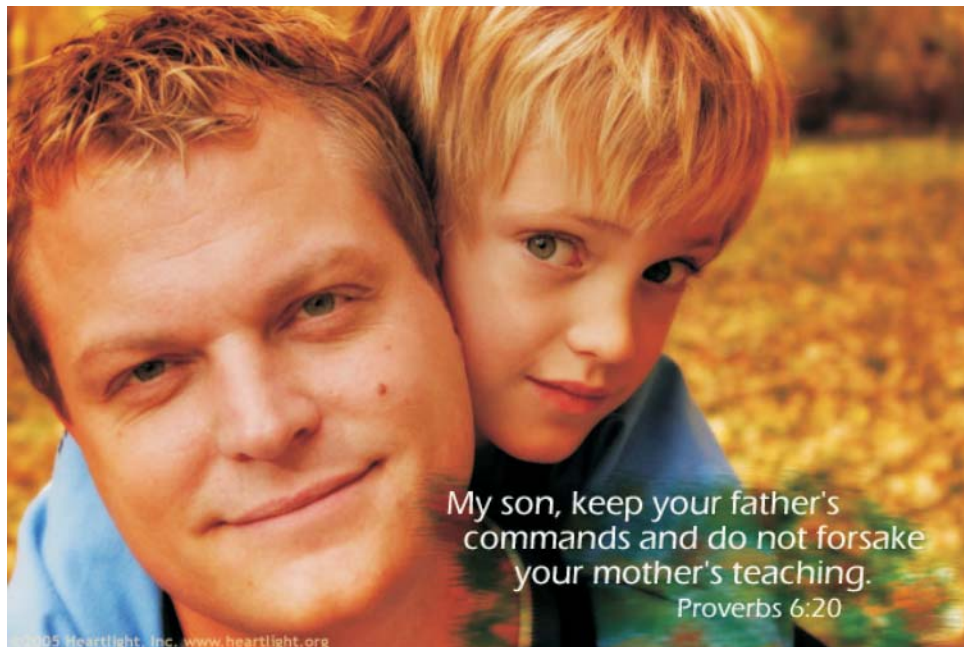
The illegitimacy rate went up more than 300% since 1970. (House Ways and Means, 2003)

Get the picture?

Single mothers are often themselves victims, and the irresponsibility of men in regard to fathering is a sad reality. In our day, no time may be better spent than in helping, encouraging, and promoting that families follow the pattern of a mother and father

which reflects the teaching of Scripture.

It is also more and more important that we do everything we can to help single mothers and to reach out to those young people growing up without a father. One of the great promises of scripture is God's promise that He will be a father to the fatherless. Nations, churches and individuals who take up that commitment are likely to receive special blessings from God as they try to make good on His heart's desire.



My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching.
Proverbs 6:20

Christian men face challenges in growing into the kind of godly examples which our world needs. We need to help each other learn to pray, to foster kindness and communication instead of verbal and physical abuse, and to teach our young people how to win the battle for moral purity. Staying together

through tough times in marriage is of vital importance to children. (Note the statistics above.) Sadly, divorce rates for believers even sometimes is greater than the rate for unbelievers. This is not a reflection of faith or discipleship.

Satan has no greater success in his plans to destroy godliness than his assault on the family and the church. It is exciting to see our men and sons together this weekend. I challenge each of our men to make this event a priority each year.

God likes it.

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.

Bible classes 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 fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

Our Small Group Fellowship program takes place during the fall, winter and spring months and is on the first and third Sundays of each month in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 (The Sunday Morning Worship is interpreted for the deaf.)
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class. 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our elders.

Elders:

Don Brewster **Bob Jett**
Chuck Miller **Bob Voigts**

Deacons:

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

Paul Stirrup: Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence



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This Morning...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Please pass them to the aisle to be picked up before the sermon. 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
- Singing - *Dewayne Smith*
- Announcements - *Don Brewster*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Bob Jett*
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - *Bob Voigts*
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - *Chuck Miller*
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - *Cary Gray*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 14 Theresa Lemley, Nick Pedersen
- June 14 Cary & Emily Gray (anv.)
- June 16 Dylan Stirrup
- June 19 Justin Avey, Jeff Robinson
- June 20. Emily Watson

Dates to Remember

- June 13-14 Father & Son Retreat
- June 17 Seniors Breakfast
- June 20 Elder/Deacon Meeting
- June 21 Father's Day, Annual Picnic,
- June 21. Up & Out Kick-off
- June 22. The Night Ministry Volunteer
- June 24 Up & Out
- June 27 - July 3. City of Children Mission Trip

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 80
- Sunday Morning Worship 142
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class. 41
- Contribution \$2,939.28

Nursery Workers Sandy Boyd, Jackie Robinson

Collection Counters Steve Link, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is in Memphis Hospital for tests for a possible kidney transplant.

Wayne Baxman, Dana Howard's uncle, passed away last Sunday. Please pray for his family, Kurt, Mark, Scott and Drew.

Eric Gard, Sally Hearn's brother-in-law, has a blood clot in his leg. He was in the hospital this week for tests. Also, **his daughter's future father-in-law** is in the hospital. He has cancer and is fighting an infection.

Roxanne Whitman is having problems with her eyes.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister has MS
 Bonnie Bingham
 Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law
 Don & Pat Brewster
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother
 John Day
 Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes's daughter
 Al Dorsey and his son Doug
 Joyce Eakins
 Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson
 Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana
 Josephine Haggerton
 Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative
 Marie Hayes
 Mary Henkel - Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter
 Joe and Sky Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son and granddaughter
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother
 Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley Prosser,
 Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of
 Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Pat Ronzheimer
 Stacey Schnaitman - daughter of Bev Scalone, the
 Johnson's neighbor
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Avery Sternberg - the daughter of Jay Hearn's cousin
 Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin
 Barb Tincher - Jake's mother
 Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Lauren Avey - Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law
 Bridgette Fordyce - former member

Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew is in Kuwait and then will go to Iraq

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of
 Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown -
 Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)
 Students of Joe Voigts - China
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria
 Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria
 Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

What Do Teachers Make?

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?" To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?"

Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?" (She paused for a second, then began...)

"Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor winner. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 5 without an iPod, Game Cube or movie rental."

"You want to know what I make?" (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table.)

"I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions. I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn't everything. I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in math. They use their God-given brains, not man-made calculators. I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know about English while preserving their unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. I make my students stand, placing their hand over their heart to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, One Nation Under God, because we live in the United States of America. Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life." (Bonnie paused one last time and then continued.)

"Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant."

"You want to know what I make?"

"I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. What do you make, Mr. CEO?"

His jaw dropped, he went silent.

Annual Picnic!

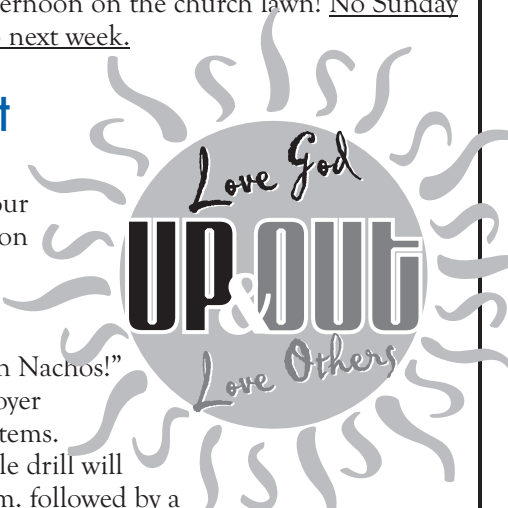
Our Annual Picnic is next Sunday, June 21, following morning worship. Invite your friends for this great time of fellowship and fun!

Meat and lemonade will be provided for the picnic. Bring side dishes, lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an afternoon on the church lawn! No Sunday evening worship next week.



Up & Out June 24th

Join us for our first Up & Out on Wednesday, June 24! Come at 6:30 p.m. for "Build-Your-Own Nachos!" Sign up in the foyer to bring nacho items. Singing and Bible drill will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a fruits of the spirit version of "Apples to Apples!" Audience participation is expected! Hope to see you there! And, don't forget to bring your friends!



Up & Out

Up & Out - Love God, Love Others! Join us for a summer event for all ages!

Through the summer, in place of our usual Wednesday night service, our church family will meet for a fun and active time of fellowship.

Each Wednesday night will include an assembly with songs, a Bible drill and a Bible story or skit. Then, depending upon the activity planned for that evening, we'll work on a service project, do a craft, or play field games.

We need your help and participation! Sign up in the foyer as a family or individually to organize an Up & Out event! You'll decide what we do that night - suggestions are on the bulletin board in the foyer. Don't want the responsibility of planning an entire evening? You can also sign-up to help with just an activity (service project, game, craft, etc.), or just with food (meal or snack).

Cliff and others are available as resources with ideas about skits, games, service projects, etc.

Our theme for the summer is the Fruit of the Spirit!

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TEENS: The teens are leading worship next Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day). Please pray for the group of teens who are planning our services that morning.

On Monday, June 22, we're going into Chicago to distribute sack meals to the homeless with **The Night Ministry** (www.thenightministry.org). Sign up in the downstairs classroom if you'd like to go. We need to make 100 - 200 sack meals to distribute that evening, so meet at the building at 3:00 p.m. to help assemble the meals. We should return around 10:00 p.m.

Registration forms for RCC are available in the Teen Room and downstairs. **Senior Camp registrations are due June 26.**

Do you think of yourself as a leader in our teen group, or want to be considered as one? Our area-wide teen leadership retreat, **Qodesh**, is October 8-12, 2009. Registration forms are available in the Teen Room and must be returned to Cliff by Sunday, June 28.

TEENS & FAMILIES: A few people have expressed an interest in attending "**Ignite Chicago**," a Christian music festival in Schaumburg. One day tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for children age 12 and under; the concert is from noon 'till about 10:00 p.m. If you're interested in attending on Sunday, July 19, please sign-up in the foyer. See Cliff if you have any questions.

SENIORS: The **Seniors Breakfast** is this Wednesday, June 17, at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

City of Children VBS Presentation

The author of "Shaped by the Story," Michael Novelli, will be speaking about his book today at 4:00 p.m. at the church building. The mission team will be using the book for their VBS classes at the City of Children in Mexico. To learn more about the book, go to: www.echothestory.com.

Also, this presentation will be broadcast via web cam to the other mission teams going to Mexico with our team.

Church Family Photos

A print of our church family photo is available in the foyer for each family. Please take the photo with your name. If you would like the photo a different size or to have a digital version, please see Sally.

Green Lake Encampment

The **Green Lake Family Encampment** held in Wisconsin, will be **Monday through Friday, August 10-14**. For more information check the bulletin board or contact Helen Plummer, Cliff & Joan's mom, at hplum15@aol.com or visit www.greenlakefamilyencampment.com.

Directory Photo

Please make sure to have a new directory photo taken. The "photo studio" is set-up at the far end of the foyer.