



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

I have known many fathers in my lifetime. As a child, some fathers drew me to themselves. Some were to be avoided. Some fathers seemed to light up when children were around. Others were distant and seemed not to notice.

Some fathers made a special point to ask about me and to show interest in my world. It was always a special treat to meet a father who was fun. Who laughed and thought of things to do which were exciting.

My father in law, Bruce Phillips, took me hunting and bought me fishing gear. He opened the world of the outdoors to me in ways my own father never had. He was wonderfully accepting of me even when I made terrible decisions. He was never critical and he always showed me respect. I am grateful for that. He was a full-time elder and was a godly man.

My uncle Harvey was a big man, a farmer, who was tremendously strong. His smile is forever etched in my memory. He was gentle and a loving host. He led singing at church. He had a brilliant mind.

My cousin Marvin Ed would sometimes go swimming with us in the creek. He taught shop in high school and had a business making walking canes. He smoked a pipe with sweet smelling tobacco and he laughed easily.

The father of one friend was always suspicious and seemed to think we were up to no good. Sometimes, we were. But I never felt we could earn his trust or his approval. I didn't want to be around him more than necessary.

Some of the very greatest of men in my life were also outstanding fathers. My greatest mentor from the time I was 16 was athletic director and head basketball coach at Harding University. He also was the director of Camp Wyldewood. Hugh Groover had a love for young people which I have seldom seen. His whole life revolved around encouraging them and pointing them to Jesus.

Another great father was John Lee Dykes. For years, he managed the Harding bookstore. He personally founded Camp Wyldewood and dedicated his life and fortune to ministry to youth. Tens of thousands have been blessed by his vision and his gentle loving spirit. I treasure a little replica of the Wyldewood gate which he made and gave me.

My own father grew up in a home which was very emotionally unstable. He suffered emotional and physical abuse. But he was the most loving, kind, and gentle father I could imagine. His vision in life was God. He talked about God and he tried to live godly.

I know you have a fathers-hall-of-fame of your own. Take a minute today to be thankful for the good ones who have shown you how.

Forgive those whose souls were scarred and who never understood father-richness.

Our sons and daughters need great fathers, lots of them. Make a commitment to be an all-star to as many as you can. The father roles of this earth are all tiny shards of the brilliant light which reflects from our Father in heaven. My grandfather called him, "Our fader" with a strong Michigan accent. The Holy One of Israel longs to receive us into His joy.

Shine for Him.

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 & Prayer
- Singing - Carson Boyd
- Lesson - Joey Chavez
- Singing
- Communion & Contribution - Jeff Robinson
- Singing
- Closing Prayer -
- Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 23 John & Missy Kissane (anv.)

Dates to Remember

Today Father's Day, Annual Picnic,
 Today Up & Out Kick-off
 June 22 The Night Ministry Volunteer
 June 24 Up & Out
 June 27 - July 3 City of Children Mission Trip
 July 1 Up & Out
 July 2 Food Pantry Delivery

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 49
 Sunday Morning Worship 89
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 36
 Contribution \$3,470

Nursery Workers

Carrie Drumheller, Becky Pedersen



Collection Counters

Steve Link, Rick Root



In Our Prayers...

The City of Children, Mexico mission team leaves next Saturday. Pray for their safe travels and their work while they are there.

Several of our members and their family and friends are suffering with job issues.

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is in Memphis Hospital for tests for a possible kidney transplant. His dialysis treatments make him very ill.

Eric Gard, Sally Hearn's brother-in-law, was in the hospital a week ago because of a blood clot in his leg. He is home and is planning to go back to work tomorrow. Also, his daughter's future father-in-law is in the hospital. He has cancer and is fighting an infection.

Marie Hayes is very uncomfortable with a rash on her arms. She has been to several doctors trying to figure out the cause.

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
 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



Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lemley, Jr.

and

Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Garner

*invite you to the celebration
 of the marriage of their children*

Katherine Grace

and

Benjamin Ross

on

Saturday, the Twenty-Seventh of June

at

6:30 in the evening

at

Valley Ranch in Rose Bud, Arkansas

Reception to follow.

For more information, search for them at

www.theknot.com



Annual Picnic!



Our Annual Picnic is TODAY following morning worship. Plan to stay for this great time of fellowship and fun! If you are visiting with us, you are especially welcome!

No Sunday evening worship tonight.

Garage Cleanout

If you have items in the garage which you want to keep, please get them out. We will be doing a cleanout soon, so salvage any treasures you have there.

Sunday School

We will be having one class this summer for all our children up through 6th grade. If you'd like to help, see Curt Robinson.

youth & family news

TEENS: Tomorrow we're going into Chicago to distribute sack meals to the homeless with **The Night Ministry** (www.thenightministry.org). Those of you planning to go should meet at the building at 3:00 p.m. to help assemble 100 - 200 sack meals that we'll distribute. 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 this Friday, 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 due today. Talk to Cliff if you're interested.

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.



Up & Out this Wednesday

Join us for our first Up & Out this Wednesday, June 24! Moms & Dads, singles, teens, and young children alike will enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun!

Come at 6:30 p.m. for "**Build-Your-Own Nachos!**" Sign up TODAY in the foyer to bring nacho stuff. **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 everyone!

Our first Up & Out is this Wednesday, June 24th. See separate note and the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

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 - sample schedules 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.

Even if you don't want to organize or help, come and join us each Wednesday night this summer for a night of singing, fellowship and fun!

