



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

VBS starts today! Welcome to God's Big Back Yard!

We've had lots of helpers getting ready, and we're very glad you've come. We hope you will make your plans to be here tonight and every night this week to have a great time, to enjoy being with friends and to be reminded what an awesome God we serve.

Serve. That's the main theme of the week. We'll be looking at the many kinds of serving we do in our world. God is all about serving. Jesus taught us by serving us. One of His most well-known lessons was the time He got a towel and washed the feet of his friends. What a servant!

We have had lots of people practicing their service already just to be prepared for all the great things we'll be enjoying this week.

Teachers have been working on the lessons for each night. Some people have been working on crafts projects. Others have been painting, building, and decorating. Have you noticed?

Some of our servants have been planning for snacks and treats. (I like that part of VBS!) We have a team who have been practicing skits and working on songs. Others have been doing cleaning and just a thousand other things.

Did you notice in the picture that some of the

people seem to be working while others seem to be acting silly?

Acting silly, laughing, and having fun while we work is one of the best parts of being a family. Our church family has people who are very creative and very hard-working, and very silly. Sometimes, when we get tired from work, laughing and having fun can take away the stress and we don't feel so tired.



I want to challenge you this week to pay close attention to the special servants who are working to make VBS great. When you notice someone being a servant, take a minute to say thanks. And look for ways you can serve,

too. Our lessons and skits will be helping us be more service-aware.

I sure feel blessed and grateful to be a part of such a serving and loving church family. Our goal this week is to make you feel how much God loves you by the way we delight in serving you.

Remember Jesus' great words: "Whoever would be greatest among you must be the servant of all."
Matthew 20:26

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. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is 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:

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| 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 to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. 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 – Rick Root
- Announcements – Curt Robinson
- Singing
- Prayer – Scott Fordyce
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon – Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer – Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer – Kyle Wheeler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 23 John & Missy Kissane (anv.)

Dates to Remember

- June 22-26 Vacation Bible School!
- June 29 Annual Picnic
- July 1 Teens to Six Flags Great America
- July 11-19 RCC Senior Week
- July 19-26 RCC Intermediate Week
- July 26-August 2 RCC Junior Week



Ryan Stirrup works with his dad in putting the finishing touches on the fire pit project he has developed as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.

In Our Prayers...

Bob Czernik is very ill with cancer.

Maxine Garon, one of our deaf interpreters, had her gall bladder removed on Thursday.

Pray for our Honduras mission trip this August.

Dennis Jentsch, a friend of Julie Chavez, had a kidney removed. He will be starting chemotherapy treatments.

Kay Schrader is recuperating from pneumonia.

Margo Smetana, the infant daughter of Steve Link's friend, had a heart transplant several months ago. She is not doing well and may need another transplant.

Ryan Sweeney, the husband of Shelby Root's teacher, passed away. He was 27 years old and had cystic fibrosis.

Vacation Bible School is just week away. Pray that we can spread the gospel to our community.

Freeda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother, is waiting for test results.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

Sylvia Atten - Dana Howard's friend

Justin Avey

Andrea Bailey - a former member from California

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Leona Boston - Lynette Root's aunt

Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts's sister

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

John Day

Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes' daughter

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey - Al's son

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister

Elizabeth Griffin

Josephine Haggerton

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend

Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobby's foster son

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

Tim Miller

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Adonnica Schmittou - the sister-in-law of former members Matthew & Debbie Allgood

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin

Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Linda Vantreese

Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother

Jim & Jamie Winner

Jim & Jeremy Whitman

Rick & Gina Zamora

Mothers-to-be:

Laura Callejo - Cliff Plummer & Joan Avey's niece

Missy Day

Amanda Grandlienard - former member

Shelley Prosser - Joan Lockett's daughter

Armed forces overseas:

Wes Clark - the son-in-law of Lynette Root's friend

Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO

Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango - Brazil

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan - check the bulletin board for a current newsletter

Joe Voigts - China - also pray for the churches and all the new Christians - Joe will be home in July

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Kim Sitler



Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



Green Lake Encampment

Check the bulletin board for information about the Green Lake Family Encampment on August 11-16.

Honduras Trip

The Honduras Mission Trip is scheduled for Sunday, August 3 to Sunday, August 10. Those going are: Don & Rob Brewster, J.J. Chavez, Bridgette Fordyce, Emily & Cary Gray, Jay, Rachel, Doug & Stacey Hearn, Bev Livermore, Christian Mathews, Molly, Blake, & Caitlin Mullins, Caitlin's friend, Molly, Cliff Plummer, Dan Vantreese, Karissa Wheeler, Chris, Sandy, Charissa & Shane Youssi from Rockford.

The mission group traveling to Honduras will be meeting during Bible class time each Sunday downstairs at the Miller's home.

If you would like to provide financial support to help those who are making the trip, see one of the elders, or give cash or a check and clearly indicate it is to support the trip.

Missions Prayer Group

~ SUNDAYS ~
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.
Teen Room

Annual Picnic

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 29**, for our **Annual Picnic** immediately following morning worship. This is a great event to invite your friends and neighbors for fellowship and fun! Meat and lemonade will be provided. Bring side dishes, lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an afternoon on the church lawn!

Rent-A-Teen

Need some work done around your house or yard? Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer to see what is available. The money the teens earn will go towards the Honduras mission trip. See Cliff with any questions.



Teachers Needed!

There are several opportunities for Bible teachers. Please see Cliff if you are interested:

1. Teaching the teen class on Sunday mornings in July and August.
2. Two male teachers are needed for Rockford Christian Camp Junior Week, July 25 - August 2. See Cliff asap!

Corporate Meeting

Please meet this morning, June 22, at the front of the auditorium for a brief corporation meeting of the Church of Christ of West Chicago immediately following worship.

Shoes Needed

A family who visits our food pantry needs flip flops for 10 children/teens - sizes 1, 3, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 10. Let Sally know if you can help.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: Don't forget to register for RCC!

Payment for Senior week must be mailed by this Friday, June 27, or there is a \$15 late fee.

Teens, mark your calendars for **Tuesday, July 1**, with a trip to Six Flags Great America. We'll leave the church building at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$30. We're ordering tickets on-line early this week, so **sign-up today** outside the Teen Room if you plan to go.

There is a **Sunday Night Light** scheduled for Sunday, July 6.

The **Quodesh Leadership Retreat** is **September 25-28** at Greenlake, Wisconsin. Pick up an application from Cliff if you're interested. Sophomore through Seniors may apply. Completed applications should be returned by July 1.

Starting TONIGHT!

June 22-26
Sunday through Thursday

God's BIG BACKYARD™
Where Kids have a blast serving Jesus!

Tonight, June 22, is Family Night!

Join us at 5:00-9:00 p.m.

for a picnic & family activities

Monday-Thursday 6:30-9:00 p.m.
(Completed K-6th Grade)

Vacation Bible School - VBS - starts **TODAY** at 5:00 with family activities and picnic! (Remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket.)

You can still pre-register your kids by completing a registration form that is available in the foyer. **Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!**

Adults - come and join us each evening! An adult Bible class will be led each evening by John & Joanne Johnson or Scott Fordyce. Come and enjoy the fellowship.