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A Preacher's Perspective

Surely no provision of God better pointed to the age of grace than God's establishment of the Year of Jubilee. Each fiftieth year, everyone got a do-over. Land was returned, debts were cancelled. Everything started fresh.

"Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land.

¹⁰ Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each one of you is to return to his family property and each to his own clan." **Leviticus 25:9-10 (NIV)**

Imagine your life had just bottomed out.

You were destitute and everything seemed to be aligned against you. But then, the silver trumpets sounded.

It happened on the tenth day of the seventh month, that most holy of days, the Day of Atonement – Yom Kippur. Those in defeat and disgrace would again know the blessing of dignity and of equal standing in the land. Their neighbors would no longer look down on them as failures.

And God had other reminders in the ordinance, as well. God reminded them that the land was His. They never owned it, they just had use of it. Their wealth was only in the crops. The land was God's and He distributed it according to the allotment for tribes.

But one of the most remarkable characteristics of the Year of Jubilee had to do with the crops. In the year of Jubilee there was to be no sowing or reaping. But God made provision for this discipline.

In the year before the holy fast of sowing, God would give increase to last for three years: one year for the celebration, and two years for the sowing of another crop and the harvesting of it.

God not only blessed the people with liberty, He also made provision to show them miraculous care to remind them that all their success was the result of

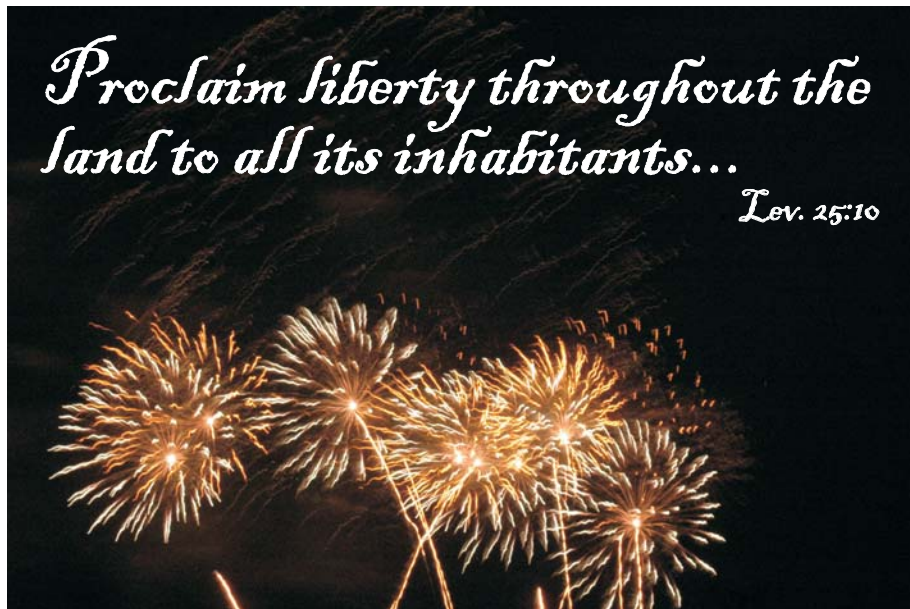
their relationship with their God. As that harvest was gathered the year before Jubilee, every Israelite was given confidence that God had remembered and that He was again proving faithful to His own promises.

I always loved the way Bill Gothard expressed this aspect of God's nature: "Whatever God orders, He pays for!" God is still

willing to demonstrate His generosity to those who show faith in Him.

Jubilee pointed to grace. Only in the person of Jesus Christ do we come to understand grace in its most powerful and blessed dimension. In Christ, Jubilee is today. Our sins are cancelled. Our debts are all paid. Liberty reigns in the lives of all who are called to be sons of God in Christ Jesus. And God will provide for those who trust Him for every blessing.

Let the silver trumpets sound.



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
 Chuck Miller

Bob Jett
 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 - Tim Boyd
- Announcements - Kyle Wheeler
- Singing
- Prayer - Cary Gray
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - Curt Robinson
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - John Pedersen

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- July 5 Nadine McCormick
- July 6 John Johnson
- July 6 Kenn & Sherry Watson (anv.)
- July 7 Abby Contreras

Dates to Remember

- July 8 Up & Out
- July 10-18 RCC Senior Week
- July 15 Seniors Breakfast
- July 15 Up & Out
- July 18-25 RCC Intermediate Week
- July 19 Ignite Chicago
- July 25-August 1 RCC Junior Week
- August 3 Living Room Café
- August 5 Up & Out
- August 7-10 RCC Young Adult Retreat
- August 10-14 Green Lake Family Encampment

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 55
- Sunday Morning Worship 88
- Contribution \$3,610.05

Nursery Workers Joan Avey, Jamie Miller

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

In Our Prayers...

Pray for peace in Honduras and safety for all of the Mission Lazarus staff and kids in all the programs. All of the interns, including Blake, Leslie, Shane and Carissa, returned to the states last Wednesday. Jarrod, Allison, Soledad, Levi and Jarrod's parents, Bill & Schelley, remain in Honduras.

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

Amy Ferguson, a former member, has been on our prayer list for a long time. She had been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. She recently had blood work done and the doctor didn't find any arthritis. Praise God!

Marie Hayes is doing better. She is allergic to the sun.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

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

Lizz Bartalone - Doris Biancalana's daughter

Bridgette Fordyce - former member

Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew in Baghdad

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

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

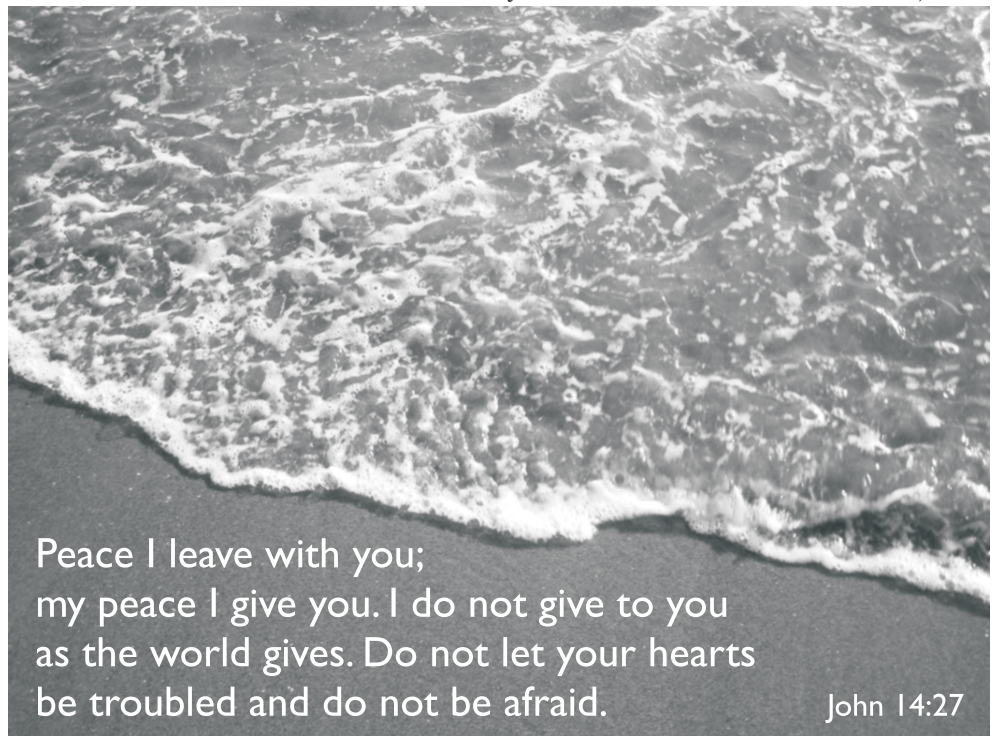
Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Photo by Rachel Hearn - a beach in Honduras, 2008



Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give you. I do not give to you
as the world gives. Do not let your hearts
be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

youth & family news

Young Adult Retreat

Adults, age 18 - 35, are invited to enjoy a weekend of fellowship and spiritual refreshment at the fourth annual RCC Young Adult Retreat, August 7 - 9. Registration forms are available on the camp's website.

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.

Clothing Needed

Rockford Church of Christ needs clothing, especially for children, for their monthly clothing give-away. More information will be available next week.

Garage Cleanout

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

TEENS: Please let Cliff know asap if you need a ride to Senior Camp on Friday, July 10th.

Those of you who are interested in starting to work on **puppet skits**, meet at the building from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. this Tuesday, July 7. We'll also meet from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 and August 4.



2009 RCC CAMP DATES

Senior completed grades 9-12. July 10-18
 Intermediate . completed grades 6-8 July 18-25
 Junior completed grades 2-5 . . July 25-August 1

Please note RCC retreat fees are \$75 and camp fees are \$150. Be sure to register two weeks prior to any camp session to forego late fees.



Up & Out this Wednesday

All ages - Moms & Dads, singles, teens, and young children alike will enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun this Wednesday, July 8!

Our theme this week is "Joy!" Join us at **6:30 p.m.** to share a meal of **pizza & breadsticks** (donations will be accepted, and you can bring a salad or drinks if you'd like) At 7:00 p.m. we'll head upstairs for a **skit and Bible drill**, then outside for a couple of **field games**.

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 was a great success and a lot of fun! See below how you can get involved.

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!

