



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Sally found this drawing on the back of an attendance card last week. She thought it was very interesting and she sent it to me. I share her response to the card. I think it says some very important things. Let me say first that we don't know the artist. We don't mean to embarrass you. We just really like your work, for several reasons.

First, it is a picture with a lot of joy in it. The friendly sun, the happy looking flowers, and the place of worship with lots of windows and a neat fence all speak of an association with God's house that is one of happiness.

We live in a time when many people have only negative, critical things to say about the church. (Yes, we know that the church is not a building, but we're talking figuratively here.)

It's true that there are lots of eraser marks on the church which are the result of mistakes we have made and growth in our understanding of God's original design and intent. Our artist struggled to get the roof line just right. But he (or she) took pains to get just the right proportion. Good work.

I also like that sign on the building. It's big and bold and lays it right out there: "House of God!"~with emphasis! There's nothing subtle or unclear about the purpose for this edifice. It's label pays homage to the Creator and with pride and humility recognizes that He is the Lord of this house. All worshipers should

have such clarity about God's church. If we were clearer in our thinking about who is master of this house, we would have a different vision of one another and of our purpose in this world.

But the outstanding element in this picture, arguably, is that wonderful sunrise. I decided it's a sunrise rather than a sunset, because that fits with the general optimism of the drawing. Our Lord is the light of His church, and we walk in the light of His truth and in confidence based on His word. His word is a

light unto our feet and a lamp unto our path.

The fellowship we hold to with grateful and loving hearts is the fellowship of love for all the saints. As we have fellowship with one another, we are in the light with Him.

Now, I don't suggest that you

should draw rather than listen to the sermon, but if you need some creative outlet for your spirit, I hope you can produce the kind of happy images that our unknown artist has created. Thanks for your joyful vision of the House of God.

The psalmist is in agreement with the emotions of this artwork: "I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells." **Psalms 26:8**

Chuck Miller

Special thanks to Kyle Wheeler for preaching in my place this morning while I'm at camp. Lord willing, I'll be here tonight.



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. The adult class which meets in the auditorium is interpreted for the deaf, as well as this morning's worship.

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.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00

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 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 - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Paul Mullins
- Singing
- Prayer - Scott Drumheller
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - Curt Robinson
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Kyle Wheeler
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Chester Sitler

Dates to Remember

No birthdays or anniversaries this week.

July 7-14 RCC Senior Week
 July 14-21 RCC Intermediate Week
 July 18 Seniors Breakfast
 July 21-28 RCC Junior Week
 August 2 Food Pantry Delivery
 August 4 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 August 6-10 Midwest Encampment

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 73
 Sunday Morning Worship 124
 Contribution \$10,435.50

Office Hours for July

Cliff will be at RCC for Senior and Junior week. Sally will be working at RCC Junior week.

Teacher's Workroom

If you are interested in helping clean and organize the Teacher's Workroom, please see Sally.

In Our Prayers...

Hannah Allgood, a former member, returns tomorrow from being with People to People in Australia.

Chuck Hollis, Don Brewster's friend from work, died suddenly on Wednesday. Don had seen him on Tuesday.

Leroy Miller, Chuck's brother, is home from the hospital. He has a serious MRSA "superbug" which is very dangerous. He is grateful for our prayers.

Helen Plummer, Joan Avey and Cliff Plummer's mother, had outpatient surgery last Tuesday to remove a small carcinoma from below her eye.

Darrell Vaden had knee replacement surgery this week.

Linda Vantreese is at Pershing Convalescent Home, 3900 Oak Park Ave., Berwyn, 60402. Call her at 244-2416.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Andrea Bailey - a former member from California

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's mother

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

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

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts' sister

Bob Czernik - Chris's husband

John Day

Al Dorsey

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister

Josephine Haggerton

Thomas Haggerton - Josephine's nephew

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

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

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

Sue Lake - Marion's sister-in-law

Don Lemley

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

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

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Joan Lockett

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

Steve & Melissa Massie family

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

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

Doug Peterson

Melinda Poff - the sister of Jason Willis

Neil & Pat Ronzheimer - Nancy Doggett's sister & brother-in-law; Pat is here for some business needs and hopes to move back by the end of the month.

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother

Jim & Jamie Winner

Jeremy & Jim Whitman

Donna Young's parents

Michael Young - Alan's brother

Rick & Gina Zamora - Melissa Massie's brother and sister-in-law

Mothers-to-be:

Natalie Conner - Sally Hearn's niece

Kelly Ieler

Laura Leo - Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter

Tami Urso - Dan & Linda Vantreese's daughter

Gina Zamora

Olivia Zeisler - Maria's daughter-in-law

Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings - Justin Avey's employee

Evan Boyd - Tim & Sandy's nephew in Afghanistan

Dustin Meritt - Justin Avey's employee

Tyechia (Keesha) Price - a friend from RCC in Iraq

David Teel - Justin Avey's employee

John Tokarewich - the father of Sabrina Link's friend

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

Juan & Roxanna Flores - Honduras

Leonardo Ken & family - Honduras

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

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

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

Jake Tincher - Honduras. Jake will be returning from his mission work on Tuesday.

Nursery Workers

Bridgette Fordyce, Betsy Jett



Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



VBS



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Youth & Family News

We're having a **Family Movie Night** on the lawn, Friday night, July 20th! We're also inviting our friends who visited during VBS. Bring a blanket and your friends to watch "Finding Nemo", here at 8:30 (note time change. See Cliff or Lori if you have questions.

Jr. Camp Needs

Anyone interested in helping **cut and sew tunics** for the campers and teachers to wear, please see Melissa Massie. There are several sewing days scheduled, sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

We need **solid or striped flat sheets** to make our Marketplace shops. They can be returned after camp if you write your name on them. Please place them in the box in the foyer.

Camper/trailers are still needed for a couple of adult teachers. Please see Cliff if you have one available.

Ladies Class

Following is the schedule for the Wednesday Ladies Bible Class. We are especially grateful to our college students for leading our class this summer.

- July 11 College Student Devotional – Ashley Pedersen
- July 18 Franciscan Court Devotional/Visit
- July 25 Psalm 91 Devotional – Barb Voigts
- Aug. 8 Service Devotional – Frances Shearer
- Aug. 15 College Student Devotional – Katherine Lemley
- Aug. 22 1 John Devotional – Joanne Johnson

"Casting Call"

We are looking for adults to portray Bible characters for the Wednesday evening children's Bible class this summer. Please see Sarah Miller, if you would like to help out.

Midwest Encampment

Formerly known as the Lake Geneva Encampment, the **Midwest Encampment will take place from August 6 - 10 at William Bay, Wisconsin.** Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

Pepperdine Cds & DVDs

Pepperdine CDs & DVDs are available in the foyer for you to check out. This will be on the honor system, so please use the sign-out sheet and be sure to return each recording in good shape and in a timely manner.

Sign Language

If you are interested in learning sign language, please see Julie Chavez.