



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

The Spirit has brought to mind recently how blessed and honored I am to be in fellowship with you. I have such wonderful support and such delightful opportunities because of you. When I am at camp, the joy of being with my children, the blessing of being with your children, seeing the staff work together for the Kingdom—these are truly rich joys of life. Thank you for all you do for me.

Of course, each year I can certainly tell I am older and the staff are younger. It seems that it was only yesterday that some of the teachers and counselors were themselves campers. I even remember when their parents were campers! One of my great blessings is to get to spend time with Don Brewster. Don is such a dedicated servant to the Lord and especially to Rockford Christian Camp. This year we get to have Rob and Joe Kuhnle with us, also.

Last week I got to be a host for Nate and Jes Turner, two young people who are returning from two years in China. They are making plans to live in the Chicago area this fall, and Gailyn Van Rheenen, whom some of you will remember spoke to us about church planting, introduced us via email. It was such a joy to be helpful to them, and I'm grateful that you allow me such opportunities.

I want to share a loss with you, as well. Just a few days ago I was shocked to get word that Jim Gaskill had passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. Jim was the coordinator of the Deeper Walk ministries which Tim and I went through—training in spiritual warfare. Jim was one of the most gracious, kind, and excellent men

I have ever encountered. He had such an ability to anticipate needs and to communicate the loving acceptance of God. He seemed always to look for ways to build up others.

I have felt great sadness and loss at Jim's passing, though I have great confidence in his relationship with Jesus. It's a reminder of how much God uses people we love to show His love to us. As John expressed the idea, we love God (whom we have not seen) through His disciples, who have richly touched us. Pray for Jim's family.

I think about the young ones in our congregation and at camp. I wonder how much of their growth in the Lord I'll get to see. I like to think of the amazing power of their lives to bless their world. We are excited (if a little apprehensive) that the interns are probably heading back to Honduras this week to continue their work. Matt Tincer (Jake's brother) is bringing a medical brigade which will minister to about 2000 people. It's so important in their lives to receive this blessing. What wonderful things God may do through this. There may be another Soledad waiting to be saved.

Today, Blake Mullins will share a little bit about his experiences so far and his plans to return. Blake is one of those young men who delights our souls and we are so pleased to partner with him to be with Jarrod and Ally.

God is good, and we are rich because of His love. Thank you for my great blessings as a minister to you. I'm learning to love you more and more.

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 – Jay Hearn
- Announcements – Kyle Wheeler
- Singing
- Prayer – Justin Avey
- 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 – Mike Henkel

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 16 . . . . . Nicholas Bray  
 July 17 . . . . . Rourke Mullins

## Dates to Remember

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 . . . . . 64  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 114  
 Wednesday Evening Up & Out . . . . . 42  
 Contribution . . . . . \$3,126.25

**Nursery Workers . . .** Lynette Root, Cleta Watson

**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. Jarrod and his father, Bill, remain in Honduras. Allison, Soledad, and Levi were in Texas with Jarrod's mother, but was scheduled to return to Honduras yesterday. Check out the update on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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

**Avery Sternberg, the daughter of Jay Hearn's cousin,** is doing better. They still have days when she doesn't eat very much, but the tests she had these last few months showed no physical abnormalities, which is very good news.

### 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  
 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  
 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



# youth & family news



## Good-bye, Stirrups...

Join us Sunday, August 2, for a breakfast potluck to honor the Stirrup Family. We will meet in the fellowship room at 9:30 a.m. - in lieu of Bible classes. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. Bring breakfast casseroles, fruit, juices and sweet things to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. They are planning to leave for Houston that evening.



## Clothing Needed

Rockford Church of Christ needs clothing, especially for children, for their monthly clothing give-away. Please have your donations to the building by Wednesday, July 22.

## RCC Sponsorships

We need sponsorships for six youths to go to camp this summer. Camp fees are \$150 per camper. Give your donations to Justin Avey, Don Brewster, Scott Drumheller or Chuck Miller.



**TEENS:** Those of you who are interested in working on puppet skits, meet at the building from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 and August 4.



## 2009 RCC CAMP DATES

Intermediate: completed grades 6-8 . . . . . July 18-25  
 Junior: completed grades 2-5 . . July 25-August 1  
 Young Adult Retreat: ages 18 - 35 . . . . . August 7-9

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.



**SENIORS:** This Wednesday, July 15, is our Seniors Breakfast. Join us at 10:00 a.m. at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 by Randall Road. Everyone is welcome!



## 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 15, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, July 22, at 6:30 p.m. we'll share a meal of "do it yourself nachos"! See the sheet in the foyer and sign-up for what you can bring.

Hope to see you there!

## Up & Out

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

