



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

**W**aiting on the Lord is one of the marks of spiritual wisdom. It is impossible for us to look into the hearts of our friends, our family, or even our enemies. As a result, we cannot know how God will shape and use those who are the familiar characters in our life drama.

Neither are we able to read the living history of our days and we cannot predict the outcomes of the threads of action which are being woven into the fabric of our life tapestry.

The older we get, the more we are blessed to see the marvelous unfolding of God's surprising and amazing providence. I usually get into this philosophical mindset after another camp session, and this year is no exception.

Those cheesy sentimental songs like "Sunrise, Sunset" and "Turn Around" play in my head as the memories of my own children in their youth blend with the beautiful young people of our congregation who are so quickly becoming adults.

I can only imagine how God delights in watching the growth of our children and the maturing of our adults. You get a glimpse of His father-heart in **Hosea 11** as He talks of "Ephraim," His beloved nation, and how He taught His children to walk. You can picture

our Father-God holding chubby fingers and lovingly guarding wobbly steps as His little ones grow.

Yet God's heart was so often broken by His nation of children. They so often turned from His loving care to follow after the Enemy. Again and again, God has gone after them, has restored them, and has once more held them to His heart.

But here and there is a story of one who remembered. Daniel remains faithful even as a captive. Esther risks all to save her people from the enemy

Haman. And one of the healed lepers, a Samaritan, came back to say, "thank you, Jesus."

Jesus invests everything in the church which is His own body. He entrusts ordinary believers with the treasure of the ages—the salvation of men by grace. And God waits

with eager anticipation for the great culmination of all praise and worship in eternal fellowship of the faithful with the Son. You and I are being daily transformed from one degree of glory to another.

If we will only wait for our Salvation, God will prove Himself faithful and will carry us on eagles wings to new heights of joy. When we receive our inheritance, it will be worth all the wait.

*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 . . . . . Chuck Miller  
 Singing . . . . . Dewayne Smith  
 108 - The Lord Is In His Holy Temple  
 Announcements. . . . . Kyle Wheeler  
 71 - As the Deer  
 700 - More Love to Thee, O Christ  
 Prayer . . . . . Bob Jett  
 47 - Holy, Holy, Holy  
 382 - Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?  
 779 - I Love You, Lord  
 Lord's Supper. . . . . Curt Robinson  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
 Sermon. . . . . Chuck Miller  
 940 - Only a Step  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts  
 Announcements. . . . . Kyle Wheeler  
 738 - Take the Name of Jesus With You  
 Closing Prayer . . . . . John Johnson

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 22 . . . . . Marion & Pat Lake  
 July 23 . . . . . Terrie Kirts, Melissa Massie  
 July 24 . . . . . Steve Doggett

## Dates to Remember

July 18-25 . . . . . RCC Intermediate Week  
 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 Worship . . . . . 67  
 Contribution . . . . . \$3,094.50

**Nursery Workers . . . . .** Molly & Caitlin Mullins

**Collection Counters . . . . .** Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

## Lost & Found

Check the table by the restrooms to see if your Bible is there. Check the coat rack shelf for your umbrella.

## In Our Prayers...

Pray for peace in Honduras and safety for all of the Mission Lazarus staff and kids in all the programs. Blake Mullins and several of the other interns returned to Honduras yesterday.

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

Gail Cole, Frances Shearer's friend from Kansas, is in the hospital after suffering a head injury from a fall last weekend. She has been in an induced coma.

Peggy Falkenhayn is the daughter of Virginia, Tom Doggett's friend. Peggy has masses growing on her throat. She had goiters removed from there a couple of years ago. Julie Falkenhayn Scheskie, Virginia's other daughter, is having work problems. Virginia is also a friend of Kathy Kummer, one of our former members.

Josephine Haggerton is having outpatient surgery on her eyelids on Wednesday. She had a check-up on her heart and she is doing well.

Danielle Nichols, Alyssa Milam's cousin, has been on our prayer list for several years. Danielle is around 6 years old and lives in New York where she is enrolled in a private school. She has physical and mental disabilities, but is able to walk without a walker. When she was born they said she would never walk. Danielle's home life is not good and her mother is in trouble with the Department of Child Services. Alyssa's mother is going to New York to be approved as a foster mother for Danielle.

Jim Whitman will be going through tests, including a stress test, this next week.

### 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

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

## City of Children Mission Trip, 2009



## 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 9:00 a.m. – in lieu of Bible classes – to give extra time for everyone to wish them well. 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.

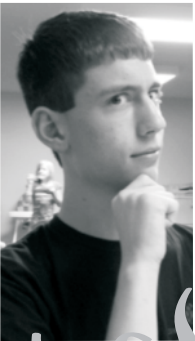
## Clothing Needed



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.



# youth & family news



**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

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.



*But when our time was up, we left and continued on our way. All the disciples and their wives and children accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray. Acts 21:5*



## 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 22. At 6:30 p.m. we'll share a meal of "do it yourself nachos"!

Hope to see you there!

## Up & Out

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

### 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!

