



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Mud doesn't really seem very spiritual, does it? But it seems to have an affinity for youth ministers at Rockford Christian Camp. We have pictures, yes, of your own children and friends caked and covered and slathered and smothered in mud. Do you think the shaving cream is meant to be a remedy or an accessory?

I do think Jesus would enjoy a good mudfight in the environment of RCC. It is the kind of happy celebration which makes us laugh, helps cope with the heat, and gives us great delight in one another.

Maybe you are just not able to appreciate mud as a healthy and happy option. Would that mean that you are a stick-in-the mud?

I am so proud of our staff and campers who help illustrate why we spend such effort and resources on Rockford Christian Camp.

This past Senior camp session we rejoiced with some of our older teens, some who had already graduated, who made their life commitment to Jesus and put him on in baptism. Our team of workers, not all of whom had such glorious mud photo-ops as Cliff, were just a glory to the Lord and a great pride to our congregation. And our campers were the heart of it all.

Soon, of course, we'll do a full-fledged, full color RCC presentation with mud art galore and our list of

awards and achievements.

But back to the original question, I couldn't help but think of a mud-story which is in fact one of the most spiritual and most beautiful in all of scripture. You probably thought of it, too.

In one of the strange actions which he took in his ministry, our Lord Jesus used mud to heal a blind man, to challenge a distorted perversion of the law, and to serve as an object lesson to self-righteous Pharisees. The story, you may recall, takes place in **John 9**. This man, blind from birth, is healed when

the Lord spits on the ground, makes mud with the dirt and spit, and covers the eyes of the man born blind. He then tells the blind man to go to the Pool of Siloam and wash. The man goes, washes and can see.

Spit and mud are about as far removed from liturgical nicety and pretentious affectation as you can get. But Jesus seems to be saying, "If you can't see

the glory of God's compassion in the healing of affliction, then your life is in the mire and you are seeing through mud-covered glasses." (I know that's not really in the text, but it captures the point, I think.)

When mud becomes memorable and produces laughter and love and praise to God, it's really beautiful.



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. 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 – Rick Root
- Announcements – Paul Mullins
- Singing
- Prayer – John Johnson
- 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 – Kyle Wheeler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- July 22 . . Wayne & Camellia Davis (anv.), Marion Lake
- July 23 Angela Henderson, Terrie Kirts,
 Melissa Massie
- July 24 Steve Doggett
- July 26 Bob & Barb Voigts (anv.)
- July 28 Bob Jett, Jackie Robinson

Dates to Remember

- July 21-28 RCC Junior Week
- August 2 Food Pantry Delivery
- August 4 Elder/Deacon Meeting
- August 6-10 Midwest Encampment
- August 15 Seniors Breakfast

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 74
 Sunday Morning Worship 120
 Contribution \$6,654.00

Office Hours for July

Please contact Chuck this week if you need assistance. The Plummers and Hearn are at RCC.

In Our Prayers...

Taylor Baum, who attends Shelby Root's school, is 9 years old and was diagnosed with leukemia in April. She is going through chemotherapy treatments and possibly bone marrow transplant in the near future. If you are interested in being a bone marrow donor, go to www.marow.org.

Leveda Manning, Justin Avey and Theresa Link's aunt, is in a lot of pain with hip problems. She is scheduled for hip replacement surgery at the end of the month.

Chuck Miller has a ruptured blood vessel in his leg which has caused swelling and stiffness.

Stephen Stilwell, Bridgett Fordyce's father, is having reconstructive surgery on his elbow.

Darrell Vaden is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

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
 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
 Tychia (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

Nursery Workers

Theresa & Sabrina Link



Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



Sign Language

The last class for this session of sign language classes will be July 30. The classes will start again in September.

Julie Chavez is teaching a sign language class for elementary school-aged children through the DuPage Center for Independent Living. Check out the flyer/registration form on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Midwest Encampment

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

Ladies Class

Following is the schedule for the Wednesday Ladies Bible Class. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated with the fellowship/devotional at Franciscan Court last Wednesday. Everyone had a great time!

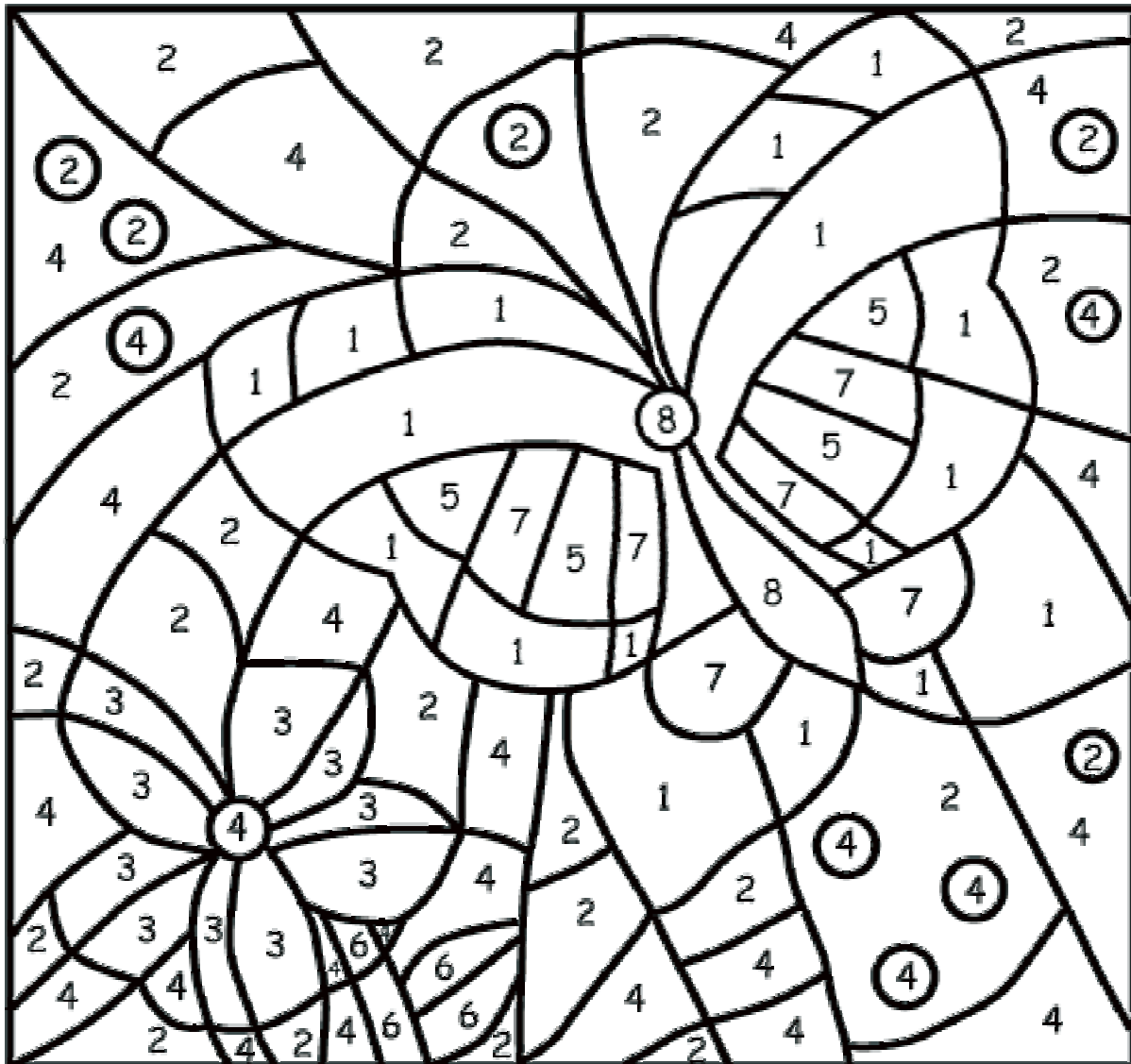
- July 25: Psalm 91 Devotional - Barb Voigts (2 weeks)
- Aug. 8: College Student Devotional - Katherine Lemley
- Aug. 15: Service Devotional - Frances Shearer
- Aug. 22: 1 John Devotional - Joanne Johnson (2 weeks)
- Sept. 5: Spiritual Disciplines (17 week study)

Youth & Family News

TEEN PARENTS: Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 19.** A luncheon meeting is scheduled for immediately following morning worship in the fellowship room.

Family Movie Night is **Friday, August 24,** at **8:30 p.m.** The movie will be *Dreamer* with Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning. Join us in the side yard!

Make Your Own Color Code!



Can you see what this picture is? Color each number a different color to find out!

Make your own Color Code:

1=	2=	3=	4=
5=	6=	7=	8=