



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

China, Taiwan, Honduras, Mexico, Nigeria, Brazil. God has lifted our eyes to the world to show us just some of the things He is doing. The benefit to us is clear. It is impossible to think of God only in a local context when we have the privilege of being part of His work around the world.

Each of the nations I have listed have a connection to real people. Today's speaker, Steve Shaner, has recently spent 40 days in China. The movement of God in that atheistic nation captures the attention of much of the world. Scott and Bridgett and Joe and Allison also connect us to China.

Just next door, in Taiwan, Enoch and Jeannine Thweatt continue to develop, train, and teach new believers in the Way.

Honduras has a strong pull on our collective vision. Starting in Catacamas, then Choluteca, and now in San Marcos, we have been blessed to partner with Jarrod and Ally and all those who are part of the Mission Lazarus vision. We are excited to be returning, and as you read this, we should be in Honduras. Our worship will probably take place at 4:00 this afternoon.

Mexico has become a powerful faith place for us, as well. Kenn and Sherry have blessed us with a love for the ministry in Ensenada at City of Children. We are becoming firmly connected to that work and to God's hand there.

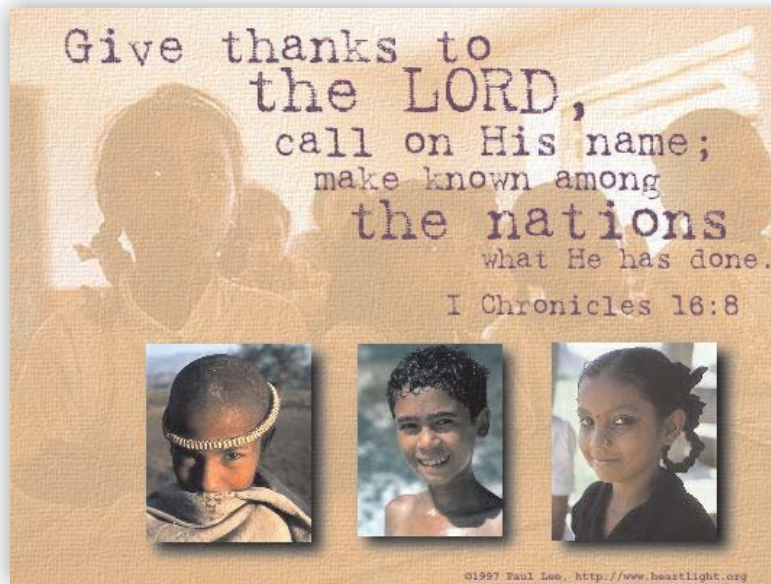
Nigeria is a battlefield under assault from our

brother Obadiah Doka. He is advancing the Kingdom in a Muslim/Pagan region where little success has been seen in winning souls to Christ. Doka will be with us on August 15th

Also, in southern Nigeria. Chi Ekwenye is working with women cast into the street and with their children. Susanna Homes is an inspiring work and Chi's powerful faith and her godly heart are a powerful work of God.

Keith and Kim Lango not long ago were working in Brazil on the Pantanal River and their stories of confrontation with animistic pagans and their passion to be available to God's call give us joy to be in fellowship with them.

I love the words of God in **Psalm 46:**



⁶The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

⁹He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and

cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. **Psalms 46:6-10 (KJV)**

He will be exalted in the earth.

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. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes begin at 9:30 and 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 teen room at the back of the auditorium. The adult class meets in the fellowship room.

Our Community Groups meet every Sunday throughout the year, except for the last Sunday of each month. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of praise and fellowship. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

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

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening (last Sunday of each month) . . 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. 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, Scripture Reading & Prayer Kenn Watson

Kid's Connection Cliff Plummer

Praise Songs Jon Miller

96 I Stand in Awe

134 The Lord's My Shepherd

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

23 Our God He is Alive

808 Abide With Me

Jesus is Lord

Communion Dewayne Smith

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Steve Shaner

Invitation Song

923 I Hear Thy Welcome Voice

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song

718 We Shall Assemble on the Mountain

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 27 Bob & Barb Voigts (anv.)

July 28 Bob Jett, Jackie Robinson

July 29 Charlie Hearn,

. Steven Ongalo, Rhonda Triplett

July 30 Chris Robinson

Dates to Remember

TODAY Praise & Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.

July 24-31 RCC Junior Week

July 23-31 Honduras Mission Trip

July 27 Tuesday Ladies Class

July 29 Teen Parent Connection

July 30 Men's Prayer Breakfast

August 1 Community Groups

August 3 Tuesday Ladies Class

August 5 Food Pantry Delivery

August 5 Teen Parent Connection

August 6 Men's Prayer Breakfast

August 7 Elder/Deacon Meeting

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 65

Sunday Morning Worship 113

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 31

Contribution \$4,269.44

Nursery Workers Theresa & Tristan Link

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

In Our Prayers...

Our Honduras mission team returns this Saturday.

Joe Amato, Bob & Betsy Jett's son-in-law, returned from Afghanistan.

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is supposed to have a kidney transplant. Their nephew, Steve Aultman, was going to donate his kidney, but tests found he has some health issues which will not allow him to do so. Their niece is now going through tests to donate her kidney.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Herman & Eva Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother and sister-in-law
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother
 Daphene Collins - Chuck Miller's cousin
 John Day
 Al & Doug Dorsey
 Joyce Duke - Bobbie Whitman's sister
 Joyce Eakins's brother, Hubert
 Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew
 Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Mason Hutchins - friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins
 Myrna Levake
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother
 Steve Link
 Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son
 Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother
 Bobbye Miller
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Pat Ronzheimer
 Kay Schrader
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins
 Barb Tincher - Jake's mother
 Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Jennifer Piehl - Tom & Nancy Doggett's daughter

Armed forces:

James Bartels - the son of Lynette Root's friend - Iraq
 Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew
 Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan

Jeremy Riley - great-great-nephew of Josephine Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Jonathon Young - a former member is a Warrant Officer in the army and plans to fly helicopters.

Missionaries:

Mission Lazarus - Honduras
 Students of Joe Voigts - China
 City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria
 Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Needs for Our Community

A couple of families from our community need clothing for their children. Please check the bulletin board for specific information.



Sermon on the Mount Series

We are beginning a series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount. There are many ways you can take advantage of all the opportunities to study this important topic.

1. Check our Facebook group - "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount"
 - * You must be a member of Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and complete the information on the home page.
 - * If you are already a member of Facebook, log on as usual and search for "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount."
2. Go to our website: www.wcfamily.org and click on the "Sermon on the Mount" logo.
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Guest Speaker

Steve Shaner is our guest speaker this morning. He is a long-time member of the Naperville Church of Christ, but has been teaching at Harding University in Arkansas for the last couple of years. He recently returned from an extended trip to China.



Church Directory

Please check the directory that is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Write in clearly any correction or addition. Initial beside your family's information, so that Sally knows you have checked it. Directories will be distributed next Sunday, August 1.

Baby Shower

The ladies of the church are invited to a Baby Shower for Tami Urso, the daughter of Dan & Linda Vantreese, and her new little boy, Adam. It will be held this Saturday, July 31, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. The hostesses are her sisters, Tina and Tracy. Tami is registered at Target.



Doka Visit

Obadiah Doka from Nigeria will be speaking to us Sunday morning, August 15. We will have a Potluck Luncheon immediately following worship in the fellowship room.



Jean Jackets for Shults-Lewis

We have collected over 20 jackets to embellish and sell at the Shults-Lewis Annual Day in September. If you have any questions about this project or if you would like to help embellish the jackets, see Lynette.



Abundant Living Seminar

If you are interested in going to the Abundant Living seminar in Branson, MO, this fall, please check the flyer that is posted in the foyer. More information is also available at www.abundantlivingseniors.org.

Magi Boxes!

Yes, it's about that time again! Our Magi Box project will come full swing in the fall. Just a heads-up for you to save shoe boxes and purchase extra school supplies. Also, be thinking about getting your extended family, workplace, neighbors or community group involved! The deadline is the beginning of October.

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TEENS: Your teacher this morning is Jon Miller and your teacher Wednesday evening will be Brian Gifford.

Cliff is planning a trip to Six Flags on Thursday, August 12. Please sign up on the clip board located in the teen room.

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst
after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called
the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted
for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and
persecute you, and shall say all manner
of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:
for great is your reward in heaven:
for so persecuted they the prophets
which were before you.

Matthew 5:3-12