



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Baptism is one of the sweetest gifts of God to His church. It was commanded by Jesus, Himself, and it was an assumed experience of every believer. Perhaps its strongest endorsement comes from Jesus in **Mark 16:15-16** "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Whoever believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (KJV)

It is at once simple and profound. Its dramatic experience to the flesh makes it an unforgettable point of time in which faith meets obedience. Some have thought of it as a "work," but it is nothing we do. It is something we allow to be done to us. It is something we receive.

Baptism assails the flesh on all three fronts: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. Interestingly, all the changes to the practice of baptism which the New Testament describes are changes to accommodate one or more of these objections of the flesh to this expression of faith. Simple water immersion by believers has been changed to be more beautiful, more comfortable, and less humbling. Do those changes seem like a good idea?

One of the rich passages about baptism is in

Colossians 2:12-15 "and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,¹⁴ having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

¹⁵ He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him."

In our public obedience in baptism, the "powers and principalities" are again disarmed and made a public spectacle. Awesome!

One of the rich blessings of our time at camp is the common experience of baptisms in the Kishwaukee River.

Somehow, the

setting seems to add to the event. It is much easier to picture Jesus at the Jordan there on the banks of the river. The separation from our culture and the trappings of the outside world enhance the simple purity of the act.

Have you been baptized? Why not?

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 Chuck Miller
 Singing Jay Hearn
 180 - Jesus Is Lord
 Announcements Kyle Wheeler
 10 - A Mighty Fortress
 469 - Faith Is the Victory
 Prayer Paul Mullins
 390 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
 320 - Nearer the Cross
 Lord's Supper Curt Robinson
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 922 - Jesus Paid It All
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Kyle Wheeler
 548 - The Lily of the Valley
 Closing Prayer Steve Massie

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 26 Bob & Barb Voigts (anv.)
 July 27 Cathleen Longfellow
 July 28 Bob Jett, Jackie Robinson
 July 29 . Charlie Hearn, Steve Ongalo, Rhonda Triplett
 July 30 Christopher Robinson

Dates to Remember

July 25-August 1 RCC Junior Week
 August 3 Living Room Café
 August 5 Up & Out
 August 6 Food Pantry Delivery
 August 7-10 RCC Young Adult Retreat
 August 8 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 August 10-14 Green Lake Family Encampment
 August 12 Up & Out
 August 19 Seniors Breakfast,
 Living Room Café, Up & Out

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 56
 Sunday Morning Worship 96
 Contribution \$3,804.04

Nursery Workers Theresa & Sabrina Link

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Mike Henkel

In Our Prayers...

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

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, has a benign mass in his colon. He will have surgery to remove the mass and part of his colon. After recuperation he will have a kidney transplant.

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, is scheduled to have his gall bladder removed tomorrow.

Gayle Cole, Frances Shearer's friend from Kansas, passed away last Monday. She suffered a head injury from a fall a couple of weeks ago.

Frank Combs, Josephine Haggerton's uncle, was killed in a car accident last weekend on the way to his friend's funeral. He lived with his family in California.

Al Dorsey is having problems with his feet because of diabetes.

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 had outpatient surgery on her eyelids on Wednesday. She is doing very well.

Marie Hayes is still suffering and very uncomfortable from her sensitivity to the sun.

Ken Macht, the husband of Kathy (Kummer) who is one of our former members, had bypass surgery and a pacemaker installed.

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 had a test this week and they found a blockage in a vein going to his lung. He is scheduled for more tests and needs to see a cardiologist.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

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

Doug Dorsey

Joyce Eakins

Chad Englebach – Marie Hayes' grandson

Sarah Hayden – 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

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

Blake Mullins – Honduras

Makinde Olufemi – Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

UP & OUT



Good-bye, Stirrups...



Join us next 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. Marianne and the kids are flying to Houston that evening. **Paul's last Sunday with us is today.**

youth & family news

ADULTS & TEENS: "The Living Room Café" in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood serves restaurant-style meals to homeless men and women. We have an opportunity to help prepare and serve dinner on Monday night, August 3, and Monday night, August 10. We'll need to leave West Chicago by 2:30. **Sign up on the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.** Space is limited to six people.

Clothing & Diapers Needed

Rockford Church of Christ needs childrens clothing for their monthly clothing give-away.

A family from the community needs baby wipes and diapers, size 5 for two children and pull-ups size 4T/5T for night-time.

See Sally if you can help with these needs.

RCC Sponsorships

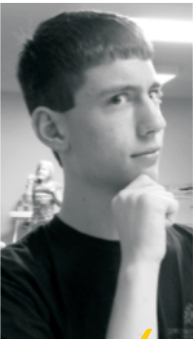
We need sponsorships for six youths to go to camp this summer. Camp fees are \$150 per camper. Give your donations to Justin Avey, Don Brewster, Scott Drumheller or Chuck Miller.

Lost & Found

Check the table by the restrooms if you are missing your Bible. Check the coat rack shelf for your umbrella.

Magi Boxes

Just a reminder that Magi Boxes are due the beginning of October. School supplies are a great addition to boxes, so when you're out shopping pick up some for the kids in Honduras. More information will be coming soon.



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 29. We'll begin at 7:00 p.m. with a skit and then head outside for games. The evening will conclude with a special treat! *Hope to see you there!*

We Need Your Help and Participation!

See Cliff if you'd like to get involved.

- Sign up in the foyer as a family or individually to organize an Up & Out event!
- 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.

Come and join us each Wednesday night this summer for a night of singing, fellowship and fun!



Come join us this evening at 6:00 in the fellowship room for Worship & Praise!



UP & OUT