



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Baptism is a beautiful, powerful and precious gift from God. Let's review it from scripture:

Jesus commanded it of the disciples: He said, ¹⁵ ... "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15-16 (RSV)

Peter commanded it in answer to the question "what shall we do?" in the sermon at Pentecost: ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38 (RSV)

Paul taught rich doctrinal associations with baptism in his letters: Baptized into His death: ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:3-5 (RSV)

Baptized into Christ: ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:27 (RSV)

Circumcision of the heart: ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² 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. Colossians 2:11-12 (RSV)

All the conversions in Acts include an account of baptism. In Acts 8, when the Ethiopian Eunuch understands the gospel, he asks for baptism: ³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"

³⁷ [Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.]

³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. Acts 8:36-38 (NIV)

Peter speaks of the saving power of the water of baptism: ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 3:21 (RSV) The point is that baptism is closely associated with the forgiveness of sins.

Now, in spite of all these texts (and a number of others), some of our friends stress that baptism is not essential. Is that the impression you get from these texts?

Based on these passages, our teaching and practice is that:

1. Baptism is for those who can hear and believe the gospel.
2. Baptism is for the remission of sins.
3. Baptism is the command given by Jesus and repeated by Peter in the first Christian sermon. We believe it is the command for all believers today.
4. Baptism should be the immediate response of faith, not a ceremony to be observed at a later time.
5. When we are baptized, we enter the death of Jesus, we put on Christ, we enter the church (1 Corinthians 12:13), our sins are washed away, and we become a new creation.

Baptism is meant to be a never-forgotten starting point for a new life in Christ.

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. 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.

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

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 & Prayer *Curt Robinson*

Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*

Praise Songs *Rick Root*

#533 *I am a Sheep*

#479 *Peace, Perfect Peace*

#480 *Blessed Assurance*

#477 *There is a Place of Quiet Rest*

#382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*

Communion

Sermon *Chuck Miller*

#911 *Bring Christ Your Broken Life*

Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*

Closing Song. *Rick Root*

#226 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (1,3)*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 2 Jamie Miller
 August 6 Nathan Dean

Dates to Remember

TODAY Praise Sunday!
 August 4 Food Pantry Delivery
 August 5 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 August 7 Emma & Stacey's Open House
 August 8 Living Room Café
 August 9 Shults-Lewis Craft Work Day
 August 12 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 August 14 Community Groups
 August 17 Senior Breakfast
 August 19 Mens Prayer Breakfast

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class. 29
 Sunday Morning Worship. 62
 Contribution. \$6,656.70

Nursery Workers Betsy Jett, Jackie Robinson

Collection Counters Michael Henkel, Jeff Ieler



**Our Food Pantry Delivery is
 this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is having more tests because of another possible health issue.

Laverne, the sister of Joyce Eakins, has an undiagnosed illness which causes her white blood cell count to drop.

Lisa Gleason, Dana Howard's sister, is in the hospital because of migraines. They are working to get her medications regulated.

Anne Librande, Joanne Johnson's mother, fell and broke her collar bone on Wednesday. She has her arm in a sling and needs extra assistance, but is doing well.

Jon Miller had knee surgery a week ago. He will be in a cast for six weeks before starting therapy.

Scott Robinson, Curt's brother, is healing well but faces a long recovery.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Herman Biggers – Josephine Haggerton's brother

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Dachielle – Blake Mullins's friend

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey – Al's son

Joyce Duke – Bobbie Whitman's sister

Joyce Eakins's siblings

Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew

Josephine Haggerton

Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd &

Rourke Mullins

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Myrna Levake

Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and
the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff

J.D. Potts – the father of Cyndi Perez

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts's cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Beth Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter

Shannon Manny – John & Becky Pedersen's daughter

Sarah Rentschler – Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew
is in Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

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

Klinton Wheeler – Afghanistan

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Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection – West Chicago

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

New Address

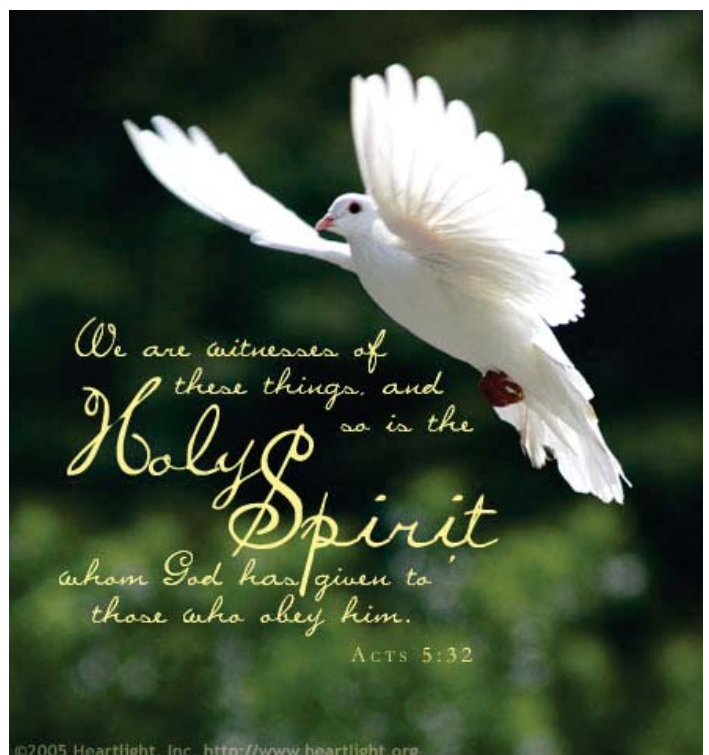
Wendell & Margaret Mott moved today. Their new address is:

700 W. Fabyan Parkway

237 Cedar

Batavia, IL 60510

Their phone number did not change. It is 630-879-4403.



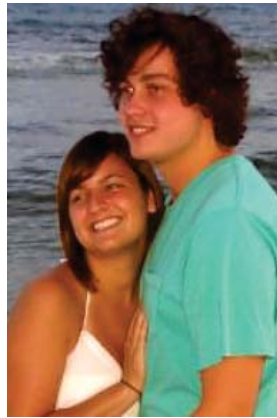


Today is Praise Sunday!

- 9:30 a.m. Bible classes
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 6:00 p.m. Worship/Song Service
 Finger-food/dessert fellowship

Wedding Open House

You are invited to a **Wedding Open House** in honor of Stacy Elliot and Emma Boyd next **Sunday, August 7**, immediately following worship in the fellowship room. A light lunch will be served. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's, Pottery Barn and Target.



RCC Sponsorships

There are 10 campers from the last two sessions of camp this summer that need sponsorships. The fee is \$150 per camper. Contact Chuck Miller, Don Brewster, Justin Avey or Scott Drumheller to make a donation. Partial or full sponsorships are welcome! Please write checks payable directly to Rockford Christian Camp.

Coupons Needed

A local family is asking for coupons to help them make ends meet. Please see Joanne Johnson to donate coupons.

Teacher's Workroom Supplies

If you have any craft supplies that you don't need, please consider donating them to our Teacher's Workroom. See Cindy Drumheller or Julie Dean with questions.

The Magi Project

Healing Hands International will be here Tuesday, October 4, to pick up Magi Boxes. As in the past several years, we are a collection site. If you are interested in organizing a Magi Project at your work place, please see Sally. School supplies are a great addition to a Magi Box. While you are shopping for your children's supplies, consider picking up a few extra items to include in a Magi Box. More information will be available soon.



If you are interested in hosting a youth group event, please see Sandy Boyd, Brian Gifford or Jon Miller. The event could entail a service project or outing or can be as simple as hosting a devotional in your home.

Care Package

A care package is going to be sent to Klinton Wheeler on a monthly basis. Please bring your donation and place it in the bin that is available in the foyer. Frances Shearer will pick up the items the third Wednesday evening of each month to ship the package. Possible items to donate are: toothpaste, deodorant, magazines, deck of playing cards, cans of nuts, store-bought cookies, etc. Please no homemade or chocolate items. Questions, see Frances.



Shults-Lewis

Shults-Lewis change cans are available in the foyer. Bring your full cans to Annual Day on Saturday, September 17. You can also give your cans to Dewayne Smith, Justin Avey or Kyle Wheeler on Sunday, September 11, or Wednesday, September 14th.

Craft Items for our Annual Day booth – it was decided at our last workshop that along with the jean jackets left from last year, we will be selling handmade Christmas ornaments. The idea is for each person to make around a dozen Christmas ornaments of the same design. 1) Lynette has ideas for you to use that include instructions and a supply list or 2) come up with your own idea. **Workshop dates are Tuesday, August 9, and Thursday, September 8.** Join us in the fellowship room at 10:00 a.m. to work on your project. We may also have some ornaments we will put together in assembly line fashion. Questions? See Lynette Root!