



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

Our children grow up before our eyes. How wonderful to have a Cana-kind-of-day to begin the celebration of Emma Boyd's marriage to Stacy Elliot. We welcome Stacy and his family and others who may be with us because of wedding connections. Stacy is from Memphis.

Stacy and Emma will be living in Tallahassee, FL after their September 4th wedding in Nashville. (You are all invited to join the families today for a wedding Open House with refreshments and a light lunch downstairs immediately after our morning worship.)

God is all about family, marriage and the bonds of love which are intrinsic to our spiritual idea of marriage. I am always fascinated by Paul's description of God in **Ephesians 3**: "...I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named..." God is the origin, the genesis of all that is family.

We can't quite fathom the concept of trinity. Oneness in marriage is about as close as we can come to understanding the complexity of the Divine Being in three persons. Then, when children are conceived, we move even closer to experiencing life which is shared in a setting of complete love and total freedom from conflict.

In our sin-damaged world, of course, we never quite can achieve that complete selflessness which we sense is the ultimate goal for us. But even with the

problem of our individuality, even with our selfishness and lack of complete understanding, the love of family is a precious and priceless proof of God's intention and of our final possibility when we will be once again with Him.

At its best, church is to be family. We seldom lay aside all the barriers to deepest trust and to stark openness with one another which we know should be the standard. But the Christian community is a place where we are meant to love deeply and across the lines of earthly family. Even in a small congregation such as ours, however, we tend to divide ourselves into smaller circles of intimacy. It's just hard for us to transcend our insecurities and to trust the larger body to be a place of true acceptance, safety and love.

At least, though, in our Christian family we have the vocabulary to speak of unity in fellowship with the Holy Spirit. In our lifetimes, we have opportunity to grow more and more into that blessed bond which is deeper even than the blood ties of our family trees.

When I think of the beauty and ideal of family, I am always convicted of how I keep my own barriers up and thereby weaken the love I could give and receive. You're

probably like me.

For Emma and Stacy we wish great success on this voyage of love and family. We are eager to hear and see the story of their life.

*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:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>  
 Username: wcfamily  
 Password: 6302312062  
 Click "SINGLE" tab  
 Allow any Active X controls

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 . . . . . *Kyle Wheeler*  
 Kids Connection . . . . . *Ian Voigts*  
 Praise Songs . . . . . *Tim Boyd*  
     # A New Anointing  
     # These are the Days of Elijah  
     #810 Listen to Our Hearts  
     #701 My Jesus I Love Thee  
     #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
 Communion . . . . . *Don Brewster*  
 Sermon . . . . . *Chuck Miller*  
     #943 Do You Know My Jesus?  
 Prayer Cards . . . . . *Bob Voigts*  
 Closing Song . . . . . *Tim Boyd*  
     #709 How Sweet How Heavenly (1,4,5)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 8 . . . . . Jason Day  
 August 10 . . . . . A.J. Deitrick, Mike Urso  
 August 11 . . . . . Cole Livermore

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . Emma & Stacy'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  
 August 21 . . . . . Community Groups  
 August 26 . . . . . Mens Prayer Breakfast  
 August 28 . . . . . Praise Sunday!/Leadership Meeting

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 59  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 95  
 Wednesday Bible Class . . . . . 36  
 Contribution . . . . . \$4,519.25

Nursery Workers . . . . . Lynette & Shelby Root

Collection Counters . . . . . Justin Avey, Paul Mullins

## In Our Prayers...

**Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother**, hasn't been well. His kidneys are doing fine, but he has a blood disease and has been losing weight.

**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.

**Keith & Kim Lango**, former members, are making a return mission trip to Brazil. Chuck has a list of specific prayer needs if you are interested in being a prayer warrior for them.

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

**Chuck Miller** is waiting for prostate biopsy results.

**Jon Miller** is recuperating from his knee surgery.

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

**Bob Stiger, Bobbye's brother in law**, is struggling with depression and panic attacks.

**Bob Voigts** has to retest for his cancer after getting some dental work done.

**Freda Witham, Sally Hearn's mother**, is home from the hospital and recuperating from an infection.

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:

Brazil – Keith & Kim Lango

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.

## Bible Class Teachers

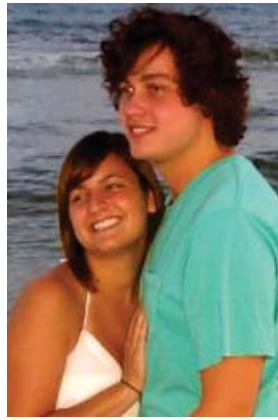
**Teachers are needed for our next rotation which will begin in September.** Please see Cindy Drumheller if you are willing to teach or be a substitute. If you are interested in helping, but feel inexperienced, Cindy will help you! Don't hesitate! See Cindy TODAY!

## RCC Sponsorships

There are 10 campers from camp this summer that need sponsorships of \$150. 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.

## Wedding Open House

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



## Living Room Café

**Tomorrow is our scheduled day to serve at the Living Room Café in downtown Chicago.** We'll leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. and should be back at 8:00 p.m. The Living Room Café serves, restaurant-style, families in need that are working through the Inspiration Corporation to gain a more solid living situation. Duties of volunteers include cooking, wrapping table service, making and serving coffee, tea and lemonade, waiting tables and clean up. See Julie Dean if you are going or have questions.

## 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 basket 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.

## 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.

## 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 is coming soon!



The Rockford Christian Camp Labor Day Retreat is Friday, September 2, through Monday, September 5. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. This retreat is for kids in grades 7-12. Early registration deadline is 8/19.

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.

## RCC Young Adult Retreat

The Rockford Christian Camp Young Adult Retreat begins next Friday, August 12, at 5:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday, August 14, at 2:00 p.m. The camp is directed by Chris Youssi and the cost is \$45 per person. This retreat is for adults who have finished high school and who are age 35 or younger.



## 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. Each person should make around a dozen Christmas ornaments of the same design. 1) Lynette has ideas for you or 2) come up with your own idea. **Workshop dates are this 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!