



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

To set at liberty those who are oppressed... What love and grace the Father has for the forgotten and those who are counted as unimportant to the world. We are so eager to hear the report of our team who will be returning tonight about 11:00 p.m. The woman in the picture was one of the grateful clients of the 2006 eye clinic team. The simple joy, which we may take for granted, of having eyeglasses to give us clear sight is unknown to many who live in the culture of third world nations.

All around the world, American Christians are sharing the wealth of our nation and lifting up our global neighbors with some of the bounty which God has provided for us.

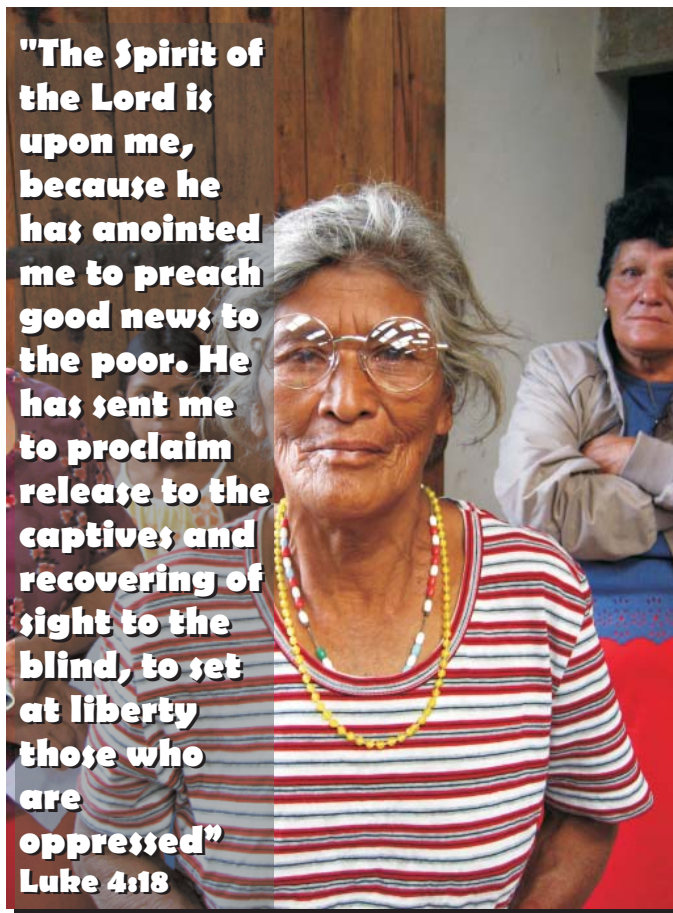
No other nation even comes close to America in the sharing of personal wealth. It is common and popular to hear how that Americans are wealthy and uncaring. We do not often hear that in 2007, Americans gave almost \$300 billion to charitable causes. The great majority of this was through religious organizations.

No one can have very accurate figures about how many churches, just like ours, are spending tens of thousands of dollars to show compassion and to relieve suffering for the needy of the world.

Jarrod Brown was captured by the needs of the people of Honduras following Hurricane Mitch. His dedication and hard work have opened doors for many

to pour out blessings to others from the abundance of American prosperity.

Now, it's fair to point out that American Christians do not give as generously as God would wish us to. The tithe is a Biblical idea of a universal sacrifice as expression of gratitude to God. Americans give about 2%-3% according to most studies. Yet, even at that level, Americans are doing great good, and we are blessed to be a part of the fulfillment of Jesus' mandate to release, restore, and set free.



Maybe this is a good time to challenge us to set our hearts to do even more. Are you giving a tithe (10%) to the Lord? Abraham tithed to Melchizedek, Jacob tithed, and the tithe was included in various contexts as part of the Law under Moses.

When we purpose to give first fruits, when we delight in sharing with those who have little material wealth, we delight the heart of God.

We have opportunities year round to bless our world and community. We have outreach through mobile markets, through collection of school supplies, through our food pantry, through help to our neighbors and our fellow members.

We are in partnership with Shults-Lewis and with the Lifeline of Hope, with the

Christian Relief Fund and Susanna Homes to do good around the world for children who are abandoned, abused and neglected.

Trust God's challenge to be faithful in your tithe and see how He may bless you. I'd love to hear your story!

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.

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.
(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** **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 - *Dewayne Smith*
- Announcements - *Bob Jett*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Mike Henkel*
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - *Chuck Miller*
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - *Kenn Watson*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- August 10 A.J. Deitrick
- August 11 Cole Livermore
- August 15 Wendell Mott, Maria Zeisler
- August 15 Bob & Betsy Jett (anv.)
- August 16 Dewayne & Marilyn Smith (anv.)

Dates to Remember

- August 3-10 Honduras Mission Trip
- August 8-10 RCC Young Adult Retreat
- August 11-15 Greenlake Family Encampment
- August 14 Teen Kane County Cougar's Game
- August 17 Sunday Night Light, Teens
- August 18 Ladies Night Out
- August 20 Seniors Breakfast
- September 12 Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
- September 20 Shults-Lewis Annual Day
- October 1 Magi Boxes Due
- October 25-26 Chicago Celebration

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 68
- Sunday Morning Worship 101
- Contribution \$4,227.25



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In Our Prayers...

Pray for our Honduras mission team. They will be returning late this evening. Team members are: Don & Rob Brewster, J.J. Chavez, Bridgette Fordyce, Emily & Cary Gray, Jay, Rachel, Doug & Stacey Hearn, Bev Livermore, Christian Mathews, Molly, Blake, & Caitlin Mullins, Caitlin's friend, Molly, Cliff Plummer, Dan Vantrees, Karissa Wheeler, Chris, Sandy, Charissa & Shane Youssi from Rockford.

Leigh Ann Heenan, Julie Chavez's boss, has stage 1 liver cancer. She will have part of her liver removed on August 12.

Lauren Helton, Josephine Haggerton's nephew, has colon cancer.

Steve Ongalo's aunt Janice is doing better. She was able to attend her family reunion.

Frances Shearer had a stent replacement on Thursday. She is home and doing well.

Kids Under Construction

The Wednesday evening kids Bible class is going strong with "God's Big Backyard!" Each Wednesday there is a different leader who assists with a different combination of Bible lesson, craft, service project, game or snack. See Sarah Miller if you'd like to help. Kids, invite your friends!

Greeting Cards Available

The Wednesday evening kids Bible class consisting of Alex & Kelsey Drumheller, Sylvia Pyrez, Ethan Stirrup, and Emily Watson, made greeting cards last Wednesday under the direction of Jamie Miller. The cards are in a basket in the foyer and are available for you to take and write a note to send to your friends. Enjoy!



Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Lynette Root



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Stirrup



Youth & Family News

TEENS: For those going to the Kane County Cougars game this **Thursday, August 14**, meet at the Cougar's front gate at 6:00 p.m.

The next **Sunday Night Light** is next Sunday, August 17th at J.J.'s house.

Scholarship Appeal

J.J. Chavez has a scholarship opportunity through Harding University. They will match funds contributed to support J.J.'s education. If you would like to make a donation, please give a check or cash donation to one of the elders.

VBS Photographs Available

Vacation Bible School photographs are available on the Walgreen's website. See Chuck or Sally with any questions.

1. Go to www.walgreens.com
2. Look at the top of the window under "Sign In"
3. For User Name type in: `wcfamily2007`
4. For Password type in: `member2007`
5. Click on "Go"
6. The next window to open should have "Welcome West Chicago Church of Christ" in the center.
7. Click on the "Photo" tab along the top bar.
8. Open an album and follow the directions on how to order prints or e-mail them to a friend.
 - a. You can order the whole batch or select just one.
 - b. You can choose 4 x 6, 5 x 7, etc.
 - c. You can have the prints available to pick up at your closest Walgreens or you can have the prints shipped to an address of your choice.
9. Change the phone number on the order form to your phone number to keep your order separate from another member's order if using the same Walgreens.

VBS Community Corner

You can still donate items for the nursing home bags. Regular sized, brand name items are very appreciated. There are bins in the fellowship room for the following items.

Kleenex	Shampoo	Toothpaste
Lotion	Conditioner	Toothbrush
Bar of soap	Deodorant	Body spray

Ladies Night Out

There is a Ladies Night Out scheduled for **Monday, August 18**. Look for more information in next week's bulletin.

Shults-Lewis Golf Outing

The Shults-Lewis Golf Outing is **Friday, September 12**, in Valparaiso. Register on-line at www.shultslewis.org.