



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

In-gathering. It's always been a time of joy and celebration, from the days of ancient nomads and subsistence farmers of the desert to the high-tech machinery of our time. Harvest is a big deal.

I must say that I join my grandson Joshy in special delight in the big tractors. Riding in a sky-lift chair over the state fair it was amazing to see the John Deere exhibit area. There were machines there as big as small houses.

But I liked the display of the old tractors even more than the new ones. Now, I've never really been a farmer, but I've always been around farms. I remember those

old Ford and Minneapolis-Moline tractors from the farms of my cousins and from the places my father worked as a veterinarian.

There's not much that captures the imagination of small boys like big machines. I remember as an 8-year-old riding in a silage trailer behind a big John Deere at the Looney's farm in western Arkansas. The sights and smells of that day will never leave my memory.

People who work closely with the land and with crops have always celebrated with fairs and festivals. Usually, there has been great thanksgiving and praise to God for the bounty of the land.

The feasts of Israel were often associated with ingathering in addition to their religious connections. The Passover was associated with the barley harvest, Pentecost was associated with the wheat harvest, and Tabernacles was celebrated as a general harvest festival.

Psalm 65 praises the work of God in providing for His people: ⁹You care for the land and water it; you

enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

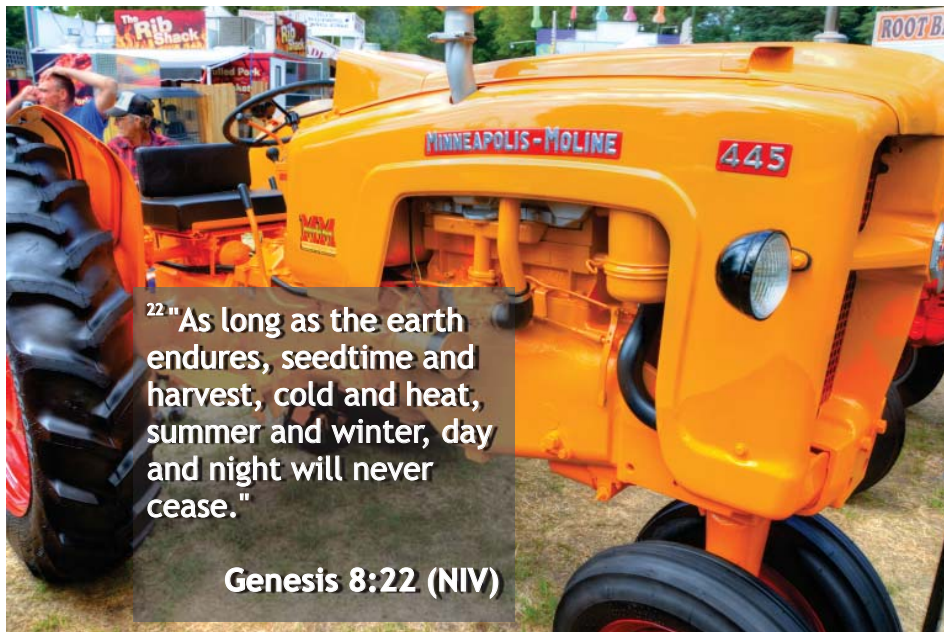
¹⁰You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

¹²The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. ¹³The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing. *Psalms 65:9-13 (NIV)*

If you get a chance to visit a county or state fair this summer and fall, I encourage you to take the opportunity to reflect on how completely we are dependent on the grace of God through His laws of agriculture.

Not only are we sustained, we are richly blessed. I'm not sure where deep-fried butter fits into that, but I tried it, and it was good!



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.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays *Paul Mullins*
 Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*
 Praise Songs *Rick Root*
 #155 *Highest Place*
 #167 *Hosanna*
 #126 *The Lord My Shepherd Is*
 #121 *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*
 #100 *Holy ground*
 #318 *O Sacred Head*
 Communion *Bob Jett*
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection

 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #947 *Jesus is Tenderly Calling*

 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 #186 *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 15 Wendell Mott
 August 15 Bob & Betsy Jett (anv.)
 August 16 Dewayne & Marilyn Smith (anv.)
 August 17 Craig & Bev Livermore (anv.)

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
 August 15 Senior Citizen Breakfast
 August 15 Sign Language Class
 August 17 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 August 19 Community Groups
 August 22 Sign Language Class
 August 24 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 August 26 Shannon Gifford Baby Shower
 August 26 Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!

Records You Helped Make

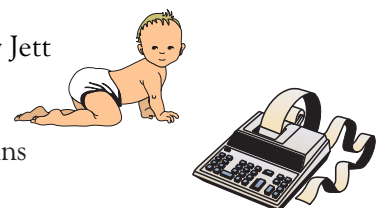
Sunday Morning Bible Class 44
 Sunday Morning Worship 74
 Contribution \$3,412.50

Nursery Workers

Carrie Drumheller, Betsy Jett

Collection Counters

Mike Henkel, Paul Mullins



In Our Prayers...

Chris Czernik fell and broke her back. She is staying with a relative. Her address is 26W121 Jewel Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 and her cell phone is 630-330-7744.

Art Geiselman, Jay Hearn's cousin, passed away this week. He was 90 years old. Jay is traveling to Evansville, Indiana with his parents for the funeral.

Pat Johnson, Dana Howard's aunt, has health issues.

Sue Lake, Marion's sister-in-law, is having serious issues with her liver. She is on the list to receive a liver transplant. **Sue's mother, Nola**, has diabetes and has a sore on her leg that is not healing.

Rose Stirrup, Kelly Ieler's mother, had cancer surgery this week.

Bob York fell while traveling and broke his shoulder and three ribs. He is back home after some time in Delnor.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Herman Biggers – Josephine Haggerton's brother

Nancy Brewster

Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey – Al's son

Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew

Rachel Goodman (Jinkerson)

Josephine Haggerton

Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke

Mullins

John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother

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

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Joan Mullins – Paul's mother

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son of

Marion Lake's cousin

Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff

Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Jose Olman Santeliz – Mission Lazarus

Kay Schrader

Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Lauren Avey – Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law

Kathryn (Lemley) Garner

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew, Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey's, Afghanistan

Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Taylor Mathews – Mike's middle son

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

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

Scenes from the Iowa State Fair



Top L: Biggest Pig (1335 lbs.); **Top R:** Biggest Pumpkin (933 lbs.); **Center:** Biggest Bull (2646 lbs.); **Bottom L:** Deep Fried Twinkie; **Bottom R:** Deep-Fried Butter.

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet TODAY.

“...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – Acts 2:46-47



Living Room Café

We are serving at the Living Room Café tomorrow, August 13. We will leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. Please let Chuck know if you plan to go.

Sign Language

Maxine Garon has graciously offered to teach us some sign language to be able to better communicate with Joyce Eakins. These classes will continue for the next two Wednesday evening Bible classes on August 15 and 22. Everyone, of every age, is encouraged to attend.

SAVE



Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Annual Day is Saturday, September 15. We have several opportunities for you:

- Western Photo Booth** – we will offer several costumes for customers to wear to have their photo taken. We need Country & Western, cowboy/girl, “damsel-in-distress” items for background, props and costumes. Please see Sally Hearn if you would like to help with this effort. P.S. A saddle would be wonderful!
- Gift baskets to be sold in the auction.** Please sign up in the foyer to donate items to go into the baskets. You may also give a monetary donation to Lynette Root. A couple of items that would be really nice to include are a robe, slippers and two iPods. A basket is available in the foyer for your items. **Deadline for items is Sunday, September 2.**
- Quilts and afghans** hand made to be sold in the auction are usually a big hit. Questions, see Lynette. **The Golf Outing is Friday, September 14.** You may register online at www.golfinvite.com/shultslewisfall.

Baby Shower

Ladies are invited to a Baby Shower Luncheon in honor of Shannon & Levi Gifford on Sunday, August 26. It will be held in the fellowship room right after worship. Gift ideas are coming soon! See Joan Avey or Barb Voigts with questions.



Six Flags event postponed! There aren't a lot of teens able to go to Six Flags this week. Some are even starting school!! Jason Willis and Jon Miller have decided to postpone the idea until next summer.

The Magi Project

Healing Hands International will pick up Magi Boxes in October. As in the past, we are a collection site. If you are interested in organizing a Magi Project at your work place or school, please see Sally. There are several ways you can help put together a Magi Box:



- Sponsor contents of a box \$13
- Sponsor shipping of a box \$7
- Sponsor contents of a box, plus shipping. \$20
- Donate items for contents of box. **Check the sign-up sheet in the foyer.**

Important dates:

- Sunday, August 19: special contribution for Magi Boxes (bring your “sponsorship” money)
- Tuesday, August 28: wrap boxes around 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, September 9: donated items are due
- Tuesday, September 11: sort items – get ready for packing
- Sunday, September 16: packing event – 6:00 p.m. – devotional in auditorium, pack boxes, finger food fellowship

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection will be meeting on Mondays this year starting September 17. Please let Sally know if you are willing to provide meals.

Senior Citizens Breakfast

The Senior Citizens Breakfast is this Wednesday, August 13, at 10:00 a.m. We meet at the Colonial Restaurant in St. Charles located at the corner of Rte. 64 and South Tyler. Hope to see you there!

School Supplies

A couple of families who visit our food pantry need school supplies. Please see Sally if you would like to help.