



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD: <sup>19</sup>“The LORD looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth,<sup>20</sup> to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death.” **Psalms 102:18-20**

Jesus made reference to the same principle when the disciples of John asked if He were the Christ: “So he replied to the messengers, ‘Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.’” **Luke 7:22**

Concern for those in need is one of the most powerful doctrines of scripture. The Good Samaritan principle is connected directly to the heartbeat of God. If we would be His people, this is of the essence. Cliff is very sensitive to this theme and he is making opportunities for us to be involved in outreach ministry in our community and in Chicago.

I had the privilege to join Cliff, Joey and JJ Chavez, Kenn Watson, Kim Fischer and Joe Kuhnle on a couple of trips to the Living Room Café on the south side of Chicago to help prepare meals for their clients.

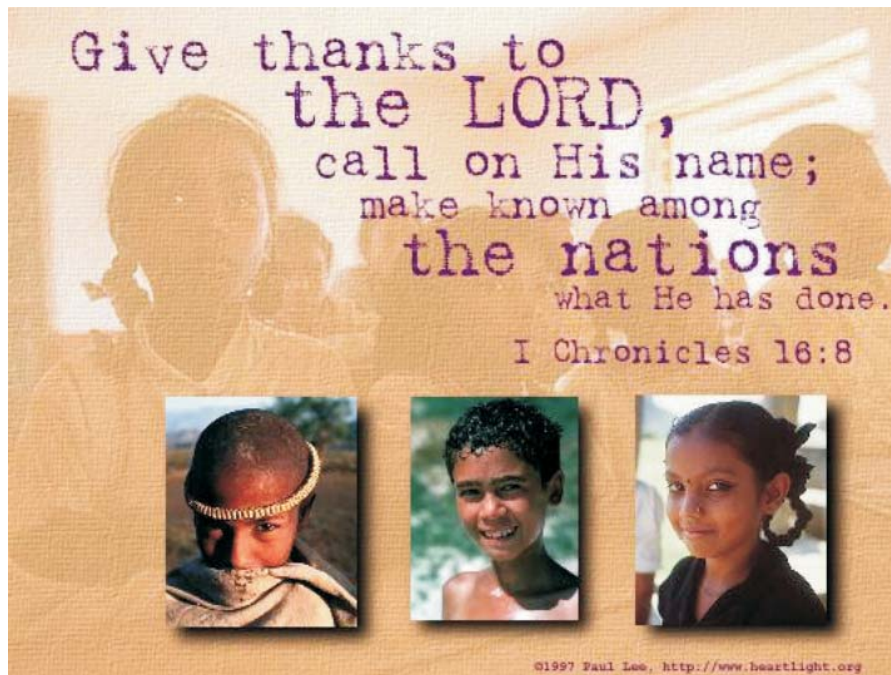
The Living Room is part of the Inspiration Corporation which also operates the Inspiration Café at Broadway and Wilson in the Uptown area. This

work began through the efforts of Lisa Nigro, a Chicago police officer who was concerned about the homeless. She began with a little red wagon. She would pull the wagon with hot coffee through the alleys to give some relief to the homeless on cold nights.

From that beginning, Lisa got a bus and then a storefront. Twenty years later, Lisa's dream is nationally famous. It was featured on the Academy Awards as a powerful outreach reflecting the best of the American spirit. Google “Inspiration Café” and watch the Chicago Tonight video of Lisa's story.

The opportunity this provides for us is to be

involved in our community and to partner with our young people in fulfilling the mission mandated by Jesus that we live into a heart of compassion and concern for our neighbor. Be sure to watch for the opportunity to sign up and make the trip downtown to help out at the café. You will have a rich blessing in the fellowship, in getting to know Royal and the team



at the café, and in keeping the promises God made to each generation to demonstrate His presence and His mercy.

The spirit of the Good Samaritan is alive and well. Thanks, Cliff, for pointing us to this good work and to a number of others which “make known among the nations what He has done.”

*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                      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 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 . . . . . Tom Doggett  
 Singing . . . . . Jon Miller  
     #19 Come Thou Almighty King  
 Welcome & Scripture . . . . . Paul Mullins  
     #777 Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer  
 Prayer . . . . . Kyle Wheeler  
     #350 When My Love for Christ Grows Weak  
 Lord's Supper . . . . . Dewayne Smith  
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection  
 Sermon . . . . . Cliff Plummer  
     #923 I Am Coming Lord  
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer . . . . . Bob Voigts  
 Announcements . . . . . Paul Mullins  
     #718 We Shall Assemble  
 Closing Prayer . . . . . Rob Brewster

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 16 . . . . . Dewayne & Marilyn Smith (anv.)  
 August 17 . . . . . Craig & Bev Livermore (anv.)  
 August 17 . . . . . Kenn Watson  
 August 21 . . . . . Joe & Terrie Kirts (anv.)

## Dates to Remember

Today . . . . . Connection Point - Teens  
 Today . . . . . City of Children 2010 Meeting/Cook-out  
 August 19 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast, Living Room Café,  
     . . . . . Up & Out  
 August 23 . . . . . Gifts for Chris & Kayla  
 August 26 . . . . . Up & Out, Living Room Café  
 August 30 . . . . . Teen "Newbie Day"

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 55  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 109  
 Contribution . . . . . \$5,545.01

**Nursery Workers . . . . .** Bev Day, Kim Sitler

**Collection Counters . . . . .** Jeff Ieler, Rick Root

## RCC Sponsorships

Sponsorships are needed for campers. Give donations to Justin, Don, Scott or Chuck.

## In Our Prayers...

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

Joyce Eakins had tests last week.

Chester Sitler is going through tests and may have to have dialysis.

Dr. Bob Whittaker, Director of the Nigerian Christian Hospital, was kidnapped and held for several days last week. He suffered a gun shot to the arm during the kidnapping. His humerus bone was shattered, but there was no infection. He had surgery and is recuperating in Nashville.

Jim Whitman is scheduled for more tests and will see a cardiologist.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

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

Al Dorsey & his son, Doug

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Sarah Hayden - Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter

Joe and Sky Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobby's

foster son and granddaughter

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

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

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

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

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

## Diapers & Clothing Needed

A family from the community needs baby wipes and diapers, size 5, for two children and pull-ups size 4T/5T or night-time. See Sally if you can help.

Rockford Church of Christ needs clothing, especially for children, for their clothing give-away to be held Saturday, September 5. Donations may be placed in the middle classroom downstairs. Questions? See Sally.

## Stirrup Family Bible

A Bible has been purchased to give to the Stirrup family. It is available in the foyer for you to highlight your favorite verses and write your name in the margin. We plan to ship it to them in a couple of weeks.

Stirrup's new address: 1802 Grayson Lakes Boulevard, Katy, Texas 77494.

## Living Room Café



# youth & family news



## Magi Boxes

A Magi Box is a simple shoe box, wrapped in Christmas wrapping and packed with toys, hygiene supplies, and clothing. Through Healing Hands International, members of the Churches of Christ distribute these boxes to children in poverty stricken countries. The boxes we prepare are shipped to Mission Lazarus in Honduras.

1. **Buy** age and gender appropriate items worth \$20-25 for a boy or girl following these age brackets: Baby-2 years, 3-6 years, 7-10 years, 11-14 years. A list of suggested gift items will be available soon.
2. **Wrap** a shoe box with Christmas wrapping. Wrap the lid separate from the bottom so it can be opened easily by customs officers. Plastic shoe boxes can be used and make a great storage container for the child.
3. **Place** items in the box along with \$7 to cover the cost of shipping from Nashville to Honduras.
4. **Cover** the box with the lid and wrap with a rubber band to keep the lid and bottom together.
5. **Complete** a boy/girl label and tape it onto the end of the box.

You may make a monetary donation for boxes to be prepared or for shipping expenses. The deadline is the beginning of October. If you have questions or would like to make a donation see Jay or Sally Hearn.

Our church building is a collection site for this area. Your place of employment, extended family or friends from other churches can put together Magi Boxes. Healing Hands will bring a truck up the beginning of October to collect the boxes.

**TEENS:** We're going to the Connection Point @ North Park this afternoon. Meet at the church building at 2:00 p.m. and we'll return around 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for **Newbie Day** on Sunday, August 30th! This will be a full day of activities welcoming our new Youth Group members, A.J. Deitrick, Elizabeth Henkel and Emily Robinson.

**SENIORS:** Everyone is welcome to join us for the **Seniors Breakfast**, this Wednesday, August 19. We meet at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 by Randall Road at 10:00 a.m.

## City of Children Team Meeting

There will be a mission team cookout/meeting immediately following worship today to select dates for next summer's trip to City of Children. We must select three weeks (first three choices) to include with our application, which is due at the end of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us from noon to 2:00 p.m. If you plan to stay for the cookout, please speak with Kenn Watson. If you would like to call in for the meeting portion at 1:30 p.m., the number is: 877-921-9712 and the pass code is 569772.



*Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Wheeler*

*and*

*Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hearn*

*request the honor of your presence*

*at the celebration of the recent marriage of*

*Kayla and Chris Hearn*

*on Saturday, August 29, at 5:00 p.m.*

*Memorial Road Church of Christ, Edmond, Oklahoma*

*rsvp: nancy\_hearn@msn.com*

*To encourage this young couple, we would like to prepare a "Gift Basket" for Kyle and Kelie to take to the reception. Chris & Kayla are registered at Target. Please have your contribution for the basket by Sunday, August 23. Please see Joan Avey or Sally Hearn if you have any questions.*



## Up & Out this Wednesday!

Everyone has been blessed by our time together at Up & Out! Join us this Wednesday, August 19 for fellowship and fun!

There is one more Up & Out this summer. See Cliff if you'd like to help.

*Hope to see you there!*

