



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

When God created man, He was well-pleased with His work. Man, at his best, is a very wonderful creature. He is a reflection of the *Imago Dei*, the "image of God." He has freedom of choice and has insight and understanding of God, Himself.

Man is capable of reflecting the qualities and characteristics of his Creator. Man can show kindness, compassion, tenderness and sympathy. He is capable of self-sacrifice and nobility of purpose.

Men and women have the capacity for great service and loyalty. In time of trouble and crisis, the history of man records great acts of bravery and heroic selflessness.

God made man with creative genius, artistic ingenuity and very high-level intellect. The ongoing march of technological progress and the advancement of science are evidences of the genius of men's minds.

The human body is a marvel of engineering and can display amazing grace, power, endurance and strength.

The tillers of the soil have come to understand great methods for production of crops and the nourishment of the race. Practitioners of medicine have made great strides in relieving pain and in healing illness.

Nothing so demonstrates the very nature of God

than man's procreation and the beauty of human families. Babies are the nearest thing to perfection which we ever see, and the love of men and women for one another is one of the great marvels and mysteries of humanity.

Man has the ability to know joy. He can laugh, sing, dance and enjoy wonderful food and drink. The inventions of the great chefs are a delight to the palate and a refreshment to the body and soul.

Man has a spirit which longs for God. He has the capacity to take in the revelation of God in scripture and to discern the meaning of great revelations. Man is a dwelling for the Holy Spirit and has the capacity to live life in the Spirit's fellowship and with the Spirit's power.

I wonder if you have been able to track with me in this look at the race of men. Have you thought of a dozen ways in which man abuses and misuses the gifts of God? I certainly thought of them as I wrote the words in man's praise.

The reason for that, of course, is that Satan has perverted and distorted every good gift of God so

that what was meant for good has become our enemy's occasion for attack.

But I challenge you to take inventory, from time to time, of just how beautiful God intended man to be, and to look forward, with Creation, to our release from bondage and decay.

Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.

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
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 Click "SINGLE" tab
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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.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays *Curt Robinson*
 Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*
 Praise Songs *Tim Boyd*
 # Lord Reign in Me
 # Hide Me Away, O Lord
 #226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 #387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus
 #890 In the Land of Fadeless Day
 Communion. *John Johnson*
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #386 He Loves Me
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 #705 A Common Love

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 21 Joe & Terrie Kirts (anv.)
 August 24 Phyllis Sitler

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
 August 22 Sign Language Class
 August 24 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 August 26 Shannon Gifford Baby Shower
 August 26 Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!
 August 28 Magi Box Wrapping Day
 August 31 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 August 31-September 3 RCC Labor Day Retreat
 September 2 Community Groups
 September 2 Shults-Lewis Basket Items Due
 September 6 Food Pantry Delivery
 September 9 Magi Box Items Due
 September 14 Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
 September 15 Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 38
 Sunday Morning Worship 75
 Contribution \$1,958.00

Nursery Workers Kelly Ieler, Jamie Miller

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 last week. He was 94 years old.

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 last week. She is doing well.

Bob York fell while traveling and broke his collarbone and cracked three vertebrae.

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

Katherine (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

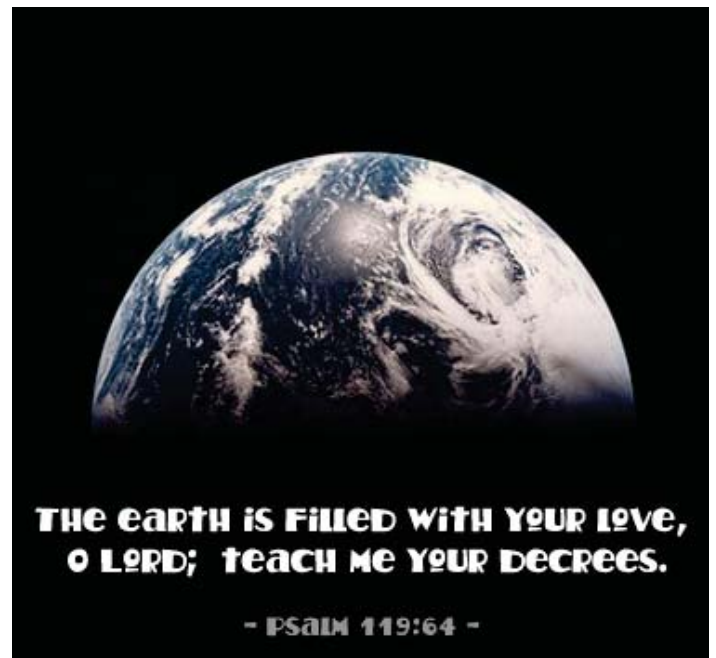
Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Class will begin on **September 18 at 10:00 a.m.** Pat Brewster will be leading lessons on "God's People and the Holy Spirit." Please see Pat if you plan to attend the class so she may order a book for you.

Bible Class Teachers

Next Sunday, August 26, begins a new rotation of teachers for our Sunday morning Bible classes. Please see Cindy Drumheller if you are interested in teaching. We especially need a teacher for the Grade 3-6 class. This rotation will only be 8 weeks because of the holidays.



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

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 conclude after this Wednesday evening Bible class on, August 22.

You may check videos of her classes at the following links:
<http://youtu.be/DxhSLRHAxHY>
<http://youtu.be/SvXmyQaqIzA>



Shults-Lewis Annual Day

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

- 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 to be at the building is Sunday, September 2.**
- 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!
- 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.

Ladies Retreat

Ladies interested in planning this year’s Ladies Retreat are invited to the home of Barb Voigts this Friday evening, August 24, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP Barb at rvoigts@wordsworthdesign.com or call 630-416-6391.

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.

School Supplies

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

RCC Labor Day Retreat for grades 7-12 is Friday, August 31, through Monday, September 3. Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Camp concludes after the closing program on Monday which begins at 10:00 a.m.

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:



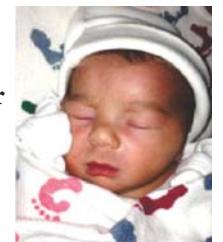
- Sponsor contents of a box \$13
- Sponsor shipping of a box \$7
- Sponsor contents of a box, plus shipping. \$20
- Donate items for contents of box. **Check the sign-up sheet in the foyer.**

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

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 have been e-mailed. Please see Sally if you did not receive the list. See Joan Avey or Barb Voigts with any other questions.



Baby Shower Gift Basket

Benjamin & Katherine Garner (Lemley) are due to have their baby boy in mid to late September. Don and Theresa will be traveling to see them and we would like to prepare a gift basket for them to deliver. Please have your gifts to the building by Sunday, September 16. They are registered on Amazon.com. See Joan Avey with questions.