



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

In my years at West Chicago, I don't believe I have experienced a more dynamic, rewarding, spiritually powerful period of time as we have seen this summer. Virtually everything we have planned has been graced with the Lord's blessing.

Our first summer event was the mission trip to City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico. The trip went flawlessly, thanks largely to the excellent organizational work by Kenn Watson. The emotional connection to the children

was a pure joy. The fellowship with Ricardo Barrera and his family was outstanding. The partnership with Brian and Diva Coffin and the Longmont church from Colorado was a rich blessing. We saw romance blossom and we saw the birth of a new brother in

Christ. Our visits in homes of families of the Colonia 89 church, bringing food and painting homes, was moving and unforgettable.

Between the Mexico and Honduras trips we had one of the most powerful and spiritually rich camp sessions at RCC which I have ever had the privilege to enjoy. The harmony among staff and campers was excellent. One of our special joys was the baptism of three young ladies from West Chicago-April Fitcher, Stevie Ray Limbrick, and Jessica Reed, and of Charlie

Hearn. I haven't even had the opportunity to get news about the other sessions, but my understanding is that they, too, were outstanding. I hope to have an RCC video presentation next Sunday after (or before) the youth focus meeting.

Then, the Honduras mission trip was the most rewarding I have experienced. Blake Mullins did an outstanding job of leading our team (with help from Chris Youssi from Rockford). Perhaps the most powerful aspect of that week was the consistent time we got to spend with our brothers and sisters from the San Marcos congregation. We were with them daily, in the eyeglass clinic, in worship, in ladies'

classes, in VBS classes, in food deliveries, and in evangelistic outreach. We grew to appreciate the minister there, Juan Gradiz, very deeply.

In addition to all that, our community group program has begun well, and we have continued

with support for the Teen Parent Connection and the Living Room Café outreach. So many of these good work projects have been of special interest to Cliff and Lori Plummer, and we are grateful for their great contributions.

Take a deep breath and say, "Thank you, Lord, for Your amazing Spirit in our lives!"

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. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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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

Cliff Plummer: Fellowship, Benevolence, Education

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 Reading & Prayer Kenn Watson

Praise Songs Jon Miller

#19 Come Thou Almighty King

#745 Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord

Days of Elijah

#479 Peace, Perfect Peace

As the Deer

Communion Rick Root

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Jon Miller

#761 Prince of Peace

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jon Miller

#15 Step by Step

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 24 . . Phyllis Sitler, Kyle & Kelie Wheeler (anv.)

August 26 Molly Mullins

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

August 24 Tuesday Ladies Class

August 26 Teen Parent Connection

August 27 Men's Prayer Breakfast

August 28 Church Work Day

August 29 Praise Sunday!

August 31 Tuesday Ladies Class

September 2 Food Pantry Delivery

September 3 Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 3-6 RCC Teen Retreat

September 5 Community Groups

September 7 Tuesday Ladies Class

September 9 Teen Parent Connection

September 10 Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 11 Leadership Meeting

September 13 Living Room Café

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$21,979.00

Nursery Workers Missy Day, Kelie Wheeler

Collection Counters Jeff Ieler, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

James Bartels, the son of Lynette Root's friend, is home from Iraq.

The brother and sister of Joyce Eakins, Lawrence and Eunice, are having serious health issues.

Jean Frangolakis, Lynette Root's friend, is suffering with major health issues.

Helen Plummer, the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff, has a type of blood cancer, multiple myeloma. She is starting chemotherapy treatments.

Robert Prosser, the father-in-law of Joan Lockett's daughter, Shelley, is very ill with cancer and under hospice care. He resides in Florida.

Jerry and Janet Tarrant, Rick Root's uncle and aunt, are dealing with health issues. Jerry has seizures and Janet is very ill with cancer.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Herman & Eva Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother and sister-in-law

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

Daphene Collins - Chuck Miller's cousin

John Day

Al & Doug Dorsey

Joyce Duke - Bobbie Whitman's sister

Joyce Eakins's brother, Hubert

Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew

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

Don Lemley

Myrna Levake

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

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

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Bobbye Miller

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Kay Schrader

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins

Barb Tinchler - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Jennifer Piehl - Tom & Nancy Doggett's daughter

Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law is in Afghanistan

Jeremy Riley - great-great-nephew of Josephine Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, friend of Lori

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

Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

Missionaries:

Mission Lazarus - Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts - China

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Don't Forget...

...all of our weekly activities!

Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 a.m. at Watson's

Wednesdays: Bible Classes at 7:00 p.m. at building

Fridays: Men's Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. at building

Sundays: Community Groups meet most every Sunday



Sermon on the Mount Series

We are beginning a series of lessons on the Sermon on the Mount. There are many ways you can take advantage of all the opportunities to study this important topic.

1. Check our Facebook group - "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount"
 - * You must be a member of Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and complete the information on the home page.
 - * If you are already a member of Facebook, log on as usual and search for "West Chicago and The Sermon on the Mount."
2. Go to our website: www.wcfamily.org and click on the "Sermon on the Mount" logo.
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Work Day!

A Work Day for the building and grounds is scheduled for Saturday, August 28.

Something to do for everyone – tree cutting, bush trimming, window washing, light fixture cleaning, drywall repair, roof maintenance, and garage clean-out are some of the projects being considered. A continental breakfast will be available at 8:00 a.m. Come when you can – stay as long as you can. A prospective job list will be posted when it is completed. Put your job skills to work for the Lord!



Praise Sunday!

Next Sunday, August 29, everyone is invited to a Hot Dog Cookout immediately following morning worship in the fellowship room. Following our time of fellowship the elders want to meet with all of the families with children of all ages and those members who are interested in our youth and education program. Hot dogs, buns and lemonade will be provided. Please bring side dishes, desserts and 2-litres of pop. **Please note:** community groups will not meet and there will be no evening song service.

School Supplies



The church is purchasing school supplies for a couple of families from our community. Please give any monetary donations for this project to Don Brewster or Sally Hearn.

Church Directories

UPDATED church directories are available on the table in the foyer. Please take the directory with your name in the upper right corner.

Quite a few families still need an updated photo for the photo directory, especially those with small children. If Sunday mornings are not a good time for your family to have a photo taken, you can make special arrangements. Please see one of the Hearn's!

Teen Parent Connection

The mission of Teen Parent Connection is to serve the community through education on the realities and responsibilities of teenage pregnancy and through long-term assistance to adolescent parents for their development of self-esteem, parenting skills, self-sufficiency.

The elders have decided this is a worthy endeavor and are continuing TPC's agreement with our congregation to hold their weekly, Thursday evening meetings in our fellowship room from September 2010 through June 2011.

We also support each of their meetings as we provide, serve and clean-up a well-balanced meal for 10-15 people and provide some assistance with child-care. If you can help provide or serve a meal or would like to assist with childcare, please see Molly Mullins as soon as possible!

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. There are several ways you can get involved in this project:



1. **Put together your own Magi Box.**
Purchase items for a boy or girl within an age group. Place the items in a wrapped shoe box following the specific instructions. Include \$7 in the box to cover the cost of shipping the box from Nashville to Honduras. Secure the box with a rubber band and attach the gender/age group label. (Specific instructions are available in the foyer.)
2. **Sign up to bring items for our collective effort.** Two charts are located on the bulletin board in the foyer. One chart is for "Boy" items and the other is for "Girl" items. Each box on the chart is a space for you to sign up to bring 8 of those items. There are 12 gender/age groups and with 8 items per gender/age group, our goal is to put together 96 Magi Boxes!
3. **You may make a monetary donation** for boxes to be prepared or for shipping expenses. \$7 is needed per Magi Box to cover the cost of shipping each box from Healing Hands in Nashville to Mission Lazarus in Honduras. We would also like to purchase plastic shoe boxes for our 96 boxes.

If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please see Jay or Sally Hearn or Frances Shearer.

Our church building is a collection site for this area. Feel free to encourage your place of employment, extended family or friends, or community group to put together Magi Boxes. **Healing Hands will pick up the boxes the beginning of October.**

Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services is a Christian treatment program for struggling teens and their families. **Their Annual Day is Saturday, September 18.**

BRING Ball jars (pint size) – for Tootsie Rolls to sell at Annual Day

VOLUNTEER to fill Ball Jars with Tootsie Rolls
ATTEND Annual Day – take a tour, purchase items, and enjoy Christian fellowship

GOLF at the Golf Outing on September 17

DONATE used printer cartridges (at end of foyer)

FILL your Shults-Lewis Change can and return it to the church building before Annual Day

QUESTIONS? See Dewayne Smith, Kyle Wheeler, Sally Hearn or Chuck Miller

