



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Every age has its "horses of war." Swords. Bows. Chariots. Guns. Ships. Airplanes. Bombs. Missiles.

We become ever more lethal in our quest to annihilate our neighbor, and ultimately we fear even our own powers of destruction. Once, the fantasy was that we will, alone, possess the great power of destruction. So we dropped the bombs on Japan.

Now, the suicidal radicals and nations of no noticeable ethics of restraint are growing ever nearer to the ability to hurl nuclear devastation against any who oppose them.

I remember the Cold War days of the 60s. My friend had a fallout shelter, stocked with provisions and made as secure against nuclear war as was possible at the time. The idea just never caught on. But we all had a sense that the end could come very quickly if the great superpowers made the fatal decision of war.

Today, there just seems to be no place to hide from the possibility of destruction. (Although American ingenuity and technology has not yet been able to master the mountains of Pakistan and Afghanistan in the search for Bin Laden. I wouldn't

bet against us, however.)

But just as surely as every age has its war horses, history is filled with the stories of unexpected events which turned the tide of history. The Spanish Armada of 1588 was dashed to pieces by storms, and ships were greatly damaged by underwater mollusks called "shipworms." Military might was largely defeated by no human effort, but by God's might.

In every age, the wisdom of the Proverb is sound: "... the victory belongs to the Lord." Isaiah had said, "Do not call conspiracy all that this people call conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the LORD of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." **Isaiah 8:12-13**

God's people are not meant to be foolish, but neither should we be subject to the fears which come from faithless men. Our confidence is that, whatever

turns history takes, God is sovereign and we can know that He cares for us. Whether "our side" is victorious, or whether we are captives in a foreign land, God still rules. He was Lord of David's conquering armies, and He was Lord of Daniel's captors in Babylon. Victory is His.

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



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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 Chuck Miller
 Singing Rick Root
 #77 Glorify Thy Name
 Welcome & Scripture Paul Mullins
 #226 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 #827 Sweet Hour of Prayer
 Prayer Steve Link
 #318 O Sacred Head
 Lord's Supper Dewayne Smith
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #945 Kneel at the Cross I
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Paul Mullins
 #647 Soldiers of Christ Arise
 Closing Prayer Peter Drumheller

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 24 . . . Phyllis Sitler, Kyle & Kelie Wheller (anv.)
 August 26 Molly Mullins
 August 29 Mike Whitman

Dates to Remember

Today Gifts for Chris & Kayla
 August 26 Up & Out, Living Room Café
 August 30 Teen "Newbie Day"
 September 3 Food Pantry Delivery
 September 4-7 RCC Teen Retreat

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Worship 86
 Contribution \$25,307.30

Nursery Workers

Joan Avey, Cleta Watson



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.

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
 Joyce Eakins
 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 & Bobbye'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
 Jim Whitman

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 school supplies for their four girls. There is a sign-up sheet of specific needs in the foyer. School starts this week, so please have the items here by Wednesday.

There is an ongoing need for another family from the community that 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'll plan to ship the Bible the first week of September.**

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

Photo by Rachel



**PUT ON
 the
 FULL ARMOR
 of GOD
 so that YOU
 can TAKE
 YOUR STAND
 against the devil's schemes.**

Ephesians 6:10-11

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.

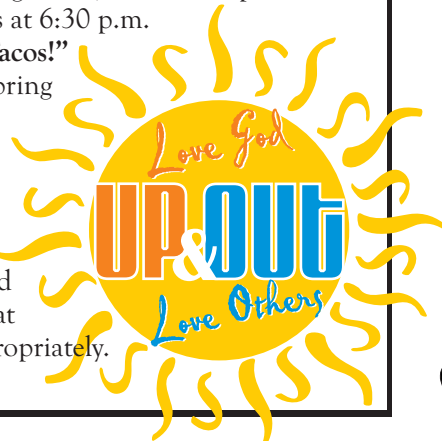
You may make a monetary donation for boxes to be prepared or for shipping expenses. If you have questions or would like to make a donation see Jay or Sally Hearn.

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 pick up the boxes the beginning of October.

Up & Out this Wednesday!

This Wednesday, August 26, is the last Up & Out for this summer. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for "Build-Your-Own Tacos!"

Sign up in the foyer to bring taco items. Singing and Bible drill will begin at 7:00 p.m. We're also planning to make stepping stones for the church yard and will end the event with s'mores at the firepit, so dress appropriately. Hope to see you there!



TEENS: Next Sunday, August 30, is Newbie Day! This will be a full day of activities welcoming our new Youth Group members, A.J. Deitrick, Elizabeth Henkel and Emily Robinson. We're going to have lunch together, go miniature golfing, have fun getting to know each other and talking about our youth group. We'll wrap-up with our month-end song service at 6:00 p.m. Bring \$10 for lunch and activities.

TEENS & ADULTS: Cliff has 4 tickets to the Cubs game this Tuesday night, August 25. Harding University is hosting a dinner before the game, so we'll need to leave around 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25, see Cliff if you are interested.

We have more opportunities to serve at **The Living Room Café:** Monday, September 28, October 5 and October 26. We'll leave from the building at 2:30 p.m. Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer.

Sunday Bible Class Teacher

A teacher is needed for the Sunday morning, 2nd - 6th grade class. Speak with Cliff if you are interested. The fall quarter begins Sunday, September 6.



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: nanoy_hearn@msn.com

To encourage this young couple, we would like to prepare a Gift Basket for Kyle and Kayla to take to the reception. Chris & Kayla are registered at Target. Please have your contribution for the basket today. See Joan Avey or Sally Hearn with questions.

