



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

The world can be a scary place. As Israel, a nation new-born out of Egypt, crossed over into the land of powerful and well-established people, they often felt overwhelmed. We remember how the spies sent by Moses were so intimidated by the pagan people they saw themselves as mere grasshoppers in the eyes of the Canaanites.

Again and again, God impressed on the children of Israel that their battles would be won because He was on their side.

Against the Amelekites, victory was secured by keeping Moses' hands in the air.

Later, in the period of the judges, Gideon was chosen to deliver almost because he

was the most unlikely of heroes. David appeared to Goliath as a boy and he was indignant and insulted until David's stone sank into his skull. That was his last emotion, indignation.

So in many ways, God showed His people that their victories would come because He was with them. As Joshua prepared for his first battle at Jericho, he encountered what must have been a fierce and formidable individual, a man with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua's question suggests the frightening

measure of the stranger's appearance: "Are you with us or with them?"

The answer gave him great comfort: "as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." (Josh 5:14) And what story gives us more joy than Elisha's quiet response to his servant's panic when surrounded by the army of the Arameans: "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." (2 Kings 6:16) Then the servant was made able to see the horses and chariots of fire which surrounded the enemy troops.

Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes." Deuteronomy 1:29-30



Can you see God in your camp? Do you march out to battle under the banner of Yaweh? Is the insignia of your battle lance that of the Lord of Hosts?

All these stories and all these revelations are given to us to help us remember that the mighty men

of earth, the kings like Og, King of Bashan and Sihon, King of the Amorites, cannot stand against the armies of the Living God.

Jesus reassures us that the gates of hell cannot stand against the armies of the church of God.

Our battle is with sin. Our enemy is Satan. At Armageddon, Jesus will prevail.

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

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. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is 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 to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. 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
- Singing - Cary Gray
- Announcements - Bob Jett
- Singing
- Prayer - Jon Miller
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Jay Hearn

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- August 24 Phyllis Sitler
- August 24 Kyle & Kelie Wheeler (anv.)
- August 26 Molly Mullins
- August 29 Doug Peterson, Mike Whitman
- August 30 Margaret Mott, Jim Whitman

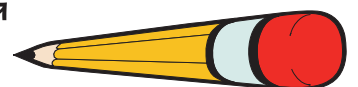
Dates to Remember

- August 29-31 RCC Teen Retreat
- September 4 Food Pantry Delivery
- September 5 Scott Fordyce Open House
- September 7 Teen Connection Point
- September 12 Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
- September 20 Shults-Lewis Annual Day
- October 1 Magi Boxes Due
- October 25-26 Chicago Celebration

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Worship 157
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 57
- Contribution \$4,992.50

**PRAY FOR ALL THE KIDS
WHO ARE GOING
BACK TO SCHOOL!**



In Our Prayers...

Eva Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's sister-in-law, is still recuperating from pneumonia and MRSA. She was improving but had a bad reaction to the wrong medication in her breathing machine.

Pete Costello is Dylan Doggett's grandfather in Virginia. He has very serious heart problems.

Nancy Doggett is having some heart problem symptoms. She will go Monday for more evaluation.

Janice Gard, the sister-in-law of Sally Hearn's sister, has pancreatic cancer and is not doing well.

Leigh Ann Heenan, Julie Chavez's boss, has stage 1 liver cancer. She had part of her liver removed last Tuesday.

Lauren Helton, Josephine Haggerton's nephew, has colon cancer.

Whitney Jinkerson was married yesterday to **Eric Olsen** of Corsicana, TX. Congratulations newlyweds!

The Lango Family has returned to the states after working in Brazil with a water filter ministry. Their new information is 319 Lookout Drive, Columbia, TN 38401; 931-223-5177.

It was a year ago last weekend when **Tim Miller** suffered injuries from his accident. He and his family are very grateful for our prayers.

Ray Seaman, Cathy Vaden's father, is in the hospital with emphysema and has a tumor on his lung. He is very ill.

Ollie Taylor, the niece of Lynette Root's friend, has been on our prayer list due to complications from surgery. She is having liver/stomach surgery tomorrow.

Linda Vantreese is very grateful for our prayers through her long recuperation.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

Sylvia Atten - Dana Howard's friend

Justin Avey

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Leona Boston - Lynette Root's aunt

Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts's sister

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

John Day

Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes's daughter

Al Dorsey and his son Doug

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Elizabeth Griffin

Josephine Haggerton

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter

Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend

Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

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

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitrler

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts cousins

Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother

Jim & Jamie Winner

Jim & Jeremy Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Laura Callejo - Cliff Plummer & Joan Avey's niece

Missy Day

Amanda Grandlienard - former member

Jenn Kirts - Joe & Terrie's daughter-in-law

Jennifer (Doggett) Piehl

Shelley Prosser - Joan Lockett's daughter

Armed forces:

Wes Clark - the son-in-law of Lynette Root's friend

Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's
sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16
months, they have a 1-year-old daughter

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of
Lori Plummer

Nathan & Angie Stilwell - Bridgette Fordyce's brother
& sister-in-law went to live in Japan for 3 years with
their two small children, they are in the Air Force

Klinton Wheeler will be in Georgia for
12 weeks of basic training in the Army

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi

Brown - Honduras (especially
for their adoption of Soledad)

Students of Joe Voigts - China

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan



Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Joan Avey

Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Stirrup



Graduation Open House

You are invited to an Open House in honor of the graduation of Scott Fordyce from pharmacy school. The celebration will be held on **Friday, September 5, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** outside by the firepit. Please bring lawnchairs. Please, no gifts. Scott & Bridgette are moving to Evansville, Indiana where he has been employed at the hospital pharmacy. *Congratulations!*



Kids Under Construction

Just a few more weeks left of "God's Big Backyard" on Wednesday evening during Bible class. Kids, come join the fun and bring your friends to learn more about serving God.

Shults-Lewis

The Shults-Lewis Golf Outing is **Friday, September 12**, in Valparaiso. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer. You can register on-line at www.shultslewis.org. Kyle Wheeler has two pre-paid spots. If interested, call or email Kyle.

The Shults-Lewis Annual Day, is **Saturday, September 20**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Valparaiso. Check out their website, www.shultslewis.org, for information and photos from last year.

Giveaway Items

Please do not bring giveaway items to the building. We are not set up to store or giveaway items at this time.



Klinton's Kommandos: Klinton Wheeler in his uni with his sisters Karissa, Kayla, and Kileen

Youth & Family News

TEENS: The RCC Labor Day Retreat is this coming weekend.

Newbie Day is Sunday, Sept. 7th. We'll be welcoming Alec Boyd, Charlie Hearn, Donnie Lemley, Tristan Link, Rourke Mullins, Olivia Plummer, Dylan Stirrup, and Daniel Triplett into our Youth Group. After lunch together we'll go to the first **Connection Point** of the year at Naperville. More details will be available next Sunday.

See You At The Pole (SYATP) is Wednesday, Sept. 24. What's going on at *your* school?

Scholarship Appeal

J.J. Chavez has a scholarship opportunity through Harding University. They will match funds contributed to support J.J.'s education. If you would like to make a donation, please give a check or cash donation to one of the elders.

Magi Boxes

A Magi Box is a simple shoebox, wrapped in Christmas wrapping and packed with toys, candy, 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.



The first worship in the new church building in Renacer, Marcovia, Honduras

