



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Our young people make us rich. Nothing brings more joy, more power, more confidence in God's plans for us than the relationship we share with our young people. The pictures on this page are from Rockford Christian Camp. The top picture shows the young people who were baptized (LtoR: Chris Donovan, Jimmie Gizzi, Katie Johnson, Charlie Hearn, Jessy Garcia, April Fichter, and Jessica Reed). Charlie, April and Jessica are all from West Chicago.

We are so proud of these awesome young people who have made a statement to the world in their baptism. The statement is that "Jesus is Lord, and I'm with Him!"

The West Chicago congregation has been very committed to the work at RCC since its beginning. Don and Pat Brewster were among the early counselors and teachers, and Don has served on the board for most of the camp's existence. Other of our members on the camp board are Justin Avey, Scott Drumheller, and Chuck Miller.

Many of the members of the congregation serve each year as counselors, directors, teachers, crafts workers, kitchen staff, and, most important, as campers!

There are many other expressions of our commitment to our young people, as well. All our teachers, from cradle roll to the teens, are important parts of our effort to establish a powerful spiritual foundation which will bless the lives of our youth.

Many families are involved in support of youth activities, such as Sunday Night Lights (a youth devotional), serving as drivers and chaperones on special trips, and most importantly, perhaps, just being a friend to our young people.

Those of us who are older can see the amazing and sad changes to our culture in the last few decades. The prevailing attitude of our society, especially our schools, has gone from God-friendly and church-supportive to politically correct and anti-religious.

Now, it is not important that the world agrees

with us. God will show Himself sovereign with no help from anyone. To Him, the nations "are like dust on a scale" (Isaiah 40). In other words, they just don't matter. He will be exalted among the heathen.

However, it is also still true, as Psalm 33 reminds us, that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." The challenge for our age and our nation is to hold up the Lord Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Not only are the souls of men dependent on acknowledging that truth, but the quality of our lives and the favor of God on our nation, depends on our work and function as salt

and light in a time of darkness.

Today after worship, plan to join us for a cookout, and stay to see a video of this year's RCC. Following the video we will be meeting with families and all who want to be a part of our support, teaching, and work with our teens and children.



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

Kids Connection Jon Miller

Praise Songs Jay Hearn

#200 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

#715 The Church's One Foundation

#63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

#101 Holy Ground

#324 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Communion Rick Root

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Jay Hearn

#909 There's a Fountain Free

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Jay Hearn

#853 When We All Get to Heaven

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 29 Mike Whitman

August 30 Margaret Mott, Jim Whitman

August 31 Missy Day

September 1 Chuck & Bobbye Miller (anv.)

September 3 Jason & Missy Day (anv.)

Dates to Remember

TODAY 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 13 Living Room Café

September 26 Leadership Meeting

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 61

Sunday Morning Worship 105

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 33

Contribution \$5,873.75

Nursery Workers Jamie Miller, Cleta Watson

Collection Counters Jeff Ieler, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

Joe Amato, Bob & Betsy Jett's son-in-law, is home from Afghanistan.

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

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, is having some adjustment problems following his stroke.

Al Dorsey is doing much better after he fell last week.

Doug Dorsey, Al's son, is having surgery in September.

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.

Josephine Haggerton has started new medication for her facial pain.

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.

Jeremy Riley, the great-great-nephew of Josephine Haggerton, is home from Baghdad

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.

Jim Whitman hasn't been feeling well due to his health issues.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother
Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

Daphene Collins - Chuck Miller's cousin

John Day

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

Helen Plummer - the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff

Kay Schrader

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins

Barb Tinch - Jake's mother

Mothers-to-be:

Jennifer Piehl - Tom & Nancy Doggett's daughter - due in five weeks!

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

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



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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Praise Sunday!

TODAY everyone is invited to a **Hot Dog/Hamburger 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 every age and those members who are interested in our youth and education program. An RCC slide-show will also be presented. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and lemonade will be provided. **Please note:** community groups will not meet and there will be no evening song service.



Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Annual Day is **Saturday, September 18**, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. CST. The day begins with a biscuits and gravy breakfast. Food and craft booths, a "garage sale," an auction and music, as well as, tours of the unit homes are highlights of the day.

The Golf Outing and Staff Appreciation Dinner is **Friday, September 17**. Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

Want to get involved?

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

Wedding Shower

The ladies are invited to a **Wedding Shower in honor of Nana Lake**. It will be held on **Thursday, September 23**, at **6:45 p.m.** at the home of Joan Avey.

Nana is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.



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!

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 on Tuesday, October 5.**

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection offers a Parents' Pantry - an incentive-based program through which their participants earn Baby Bucks, which can be exchanged for diapers and other essentials. With over 1,000 visits to the pantry in the past year and over 900 packages of diapers distributed, **Teen Parent Connection needs diapers of ALL sizes.** Place any donations in the bin by the restrooms.



We support Teen Parent Connection 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!**