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A Preacher's Perspective

I'll bet we could find some different opinions among our number about the health care controversy which is raging in our nation. I learned long ago not to assume much unity among believers regarding political views.

But surely we can agree that we all need the miracle drug featured in this Heartlight graphic several years ago. "Forgivenall" is just the remedy we all desperately need. It's long-lasting, extra-strength, easy-to-swallow, and it's free. Can't beat that.

Jesus stressed to us how important it is to realize our need for this miracle cure: ⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

¹⁴ "I tell you that this man, rather than the other,

went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." **Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)**

A way of summarizing this story is that justification before God is only available to those who depend on the medication, "Forgivenall."

One danger of the Enemy's attack is that we may forget that we need our medication. **Psalm 36** describes the wicked man in this way: "For in his own

eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin." **Psalms 36:2 (NIV)**

If you forget about your sin, you may neglect depending on your "Forgivenall," and you may forget the price that has been paid for your good spiritual health.

From time to time, I mention a change in my viewpoint which has come as a result of some teachings by Dr. Neil Anderson. I agree with him that after our salvation, it is wiser to view ourselves as saints rather than as sinners. We don't want to forget that we sin, but we do want to

THE MEDICINE YOU NEED.

FORGIVENALL

EXTRA STRENGTH FORGIVENALL
Easy-to-Swallow
FREE!

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9
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WARNING: Side effects include freedom from guilt, reduced tension, increased joy, spontaneous laughter, love for your fellow human, eternal life, and an urge to tell others the wonderful news.

remember that sin no longer has the power to define us and defeat us. Our identity should be that of saints who are seated by the Lord Jesus, not sinners who are lost because of sin. Still, we need a regular dose of "Forgivenall."

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
 Chuck Miller

Bob Jett
 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. 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
 Prayer Updates & Scripture. Paul Mullins
 Singing Cliff Plummer
 #47 Holy, Holy, Holy (note arrangement)
 #76 How Great Thou Art
 #810 Listen to Our Hearts
 Everytime
 Prayer Mike Mathews
 #484 You Are My All In All
 In Christ Alone
 Lord's Supper. Dewayne Smith
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 I Love You, Lord
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #664 Take My Life, and Let It Be
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Paul Mullins
 Prince of Peace
 Father, Please
 Closing Prayer John Pedersen

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 30 Margaret Mott, Jim Whitman
 August 30 Sean & Leanna DeMarre (anv.)
 August 31 Missy Day
 September 1 Chuck & Bobbye Miller (anv.)
 September 3 Jason & Missy Day (anv.)

Dates to Remember

Today Teen "Newbie Day"
 September 3 Food Pantry Delivery
 September 4-7 RCC Teen Retreat
 September 5 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 September 11 Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
 September 12 Dessert Fellowship/Parents of Teens
 September 13 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 September 16 Seniors Breakfast
 September 19 Shults-Lewis Annual Day
 September 20 Small Group Kick-Off Potluck

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 76
 Sunday Morning Worship 123
 Contribution \$5,651.50

Nursery Workers Theresa Link, Lynette Root

Collection Counters Jeff Ieler, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Several of our members and their family and friends are suffering with job issues.

Justin Avey was in an accident on Tuesday. He didn't feel any ill effects until Friday, but has had a lot of pain since then.

Dana Logan Freda, a former member, has a disease called Moya Moya which causes oxygen problems to her brain, which in turn causes strokes. She is 30 years old and has suffered two major strokes. She is unable to work and must have someone with her at all times. Stanford and Mayo are review her case.

Cindy Byars is daughter in law to a friend of Chuck and Bobbye. Cindy has cancer.

Art Hebert is the father in law of Chuck and Bobbye's foster son, Al, in Milwaukee. He has colon cancer.

Kathy Vaden's grandmother fell and broke her hip.

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

Al Dorsey & his son, Doug

Joyce Eakins

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Sarah Hayden - Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes and her daughters Lisa DeVaney and Sandy Jones

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

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

Chris Yauch - the husband of Wendell & Margaret

Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

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

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're planning to ship the Bible at the end of this week.**

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

Wednesday Night Bible Classes

Join us on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for our Bible classes.** Cindy Drumheller will be teaching the children's class and Cliff will be teaching the teens. Then, as before, we will have separate classes for the men and ladies. Hope to see you for this mid-week rejuvenation!

Nursery Workers

We could use a few more ladies to help in the nursery during worship on Sunday mornings. Please see Bev Day or Sally Hearn if you would like to be put on the list to help.

Sunday Bible Class Teacher

A teacher's assistant is needed to help Dewayne Smith teach the Sunday morning, 2nd - 6th grade class. See Dewayne or Cliff if you are interested. The fall quarter begins Sunday, September 6.

Clothing & Diapers Needed

Rockford Church of Christ needs clothing, especially for children, for their clothing give-away to be held this coming Saturday, September 5. Please see Sally if you have any donations.

There is a family from the community that has an ongoing need of baby wipes and diapers, size 5, for two children and pull-ups size 4T/5T or night-time. See Sally if you can help.

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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.**

Thank You!

We really appreciate the thoughtfulness of everyone who remembered our daughter, Kayla, in her recent marriage to Chris Hearn. Thank you so much for the "Basket of Love" for Chris & Kayla. It was very kind of everyone who participated.

Kyle & Kelie Wheeler

Lost Items

The last two Sundays there was a large yellow bowl and a Tupperware cake carrier on the table by the restrooms. Joan Avey is trying to locate the items to return them to Cathy Vaden. If you have any information regarding the dishes, please see Joan Avey or Sally Hearn. Thanks!

TEENS: TODAY is Newbie Day! We have a full day of activities welcoming our new Youth Group members, A.J. Deitrick, Elizabeth Henkel and Emily Robinson. We're going to have a fun afternoon, so plan to stay with us! We should wrap-up about 6:00 p.m. – just in time for our Song Service night! Bring \$10 for lunch and activities.

Our first **Sunday Night, Light** of the new school year is Sunday, September 13, after evening services. Watch for details.

Sunday afternoon, September 27, we're going to the **Richardson Corn Maze** way up in Spring Grove! You'll need \$10 for the maze and money for lunch.

TEENS & ADULTS: We have an opportunity to greet and serve guests at **The Bridge on Tuesday night, September 15.** The Bridge is a program of Mission USA, and helps connect ex-inmates with Chicago-area churches. Justin Avey and Kevin Bowman are grilling meat for this meal, we need about 8 people to bring side items, greet guests, and help serve the meal. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer for more information.

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.

PARENTS: Plan to attend a dessert fellowship for the parents of our teenagers on **Saturday night, September 12, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Enjoy a time of fellowship with other parents and learn of activities Cliff is planning for our teens.

Small Group Fellowships

There will be a kick-off potluck for the Small Group Fellowships immediately following worship on Sunday, September 20. **We hope everyone gets involved in a Small Group this year!**

Worship Webcasts

We have the ability to present webcasts – a video on the internet. This week we experimented with running a streaming video of the Honduras Magi Project and Blake Mullins's Honduras presentation. We are also planning to webcast our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services which begin at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. central time.

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