



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective

In Chicago, "Englewood" is synonymous with drugs, gangs, violence, and drive-by shootings. It's not a safe place to live or even to drive through.

At our last Living Room Café visit, one of the managers there asked me to talk with him in his office. Mr. Caesari Marsh grew up in the Englewood area. For over 40 years he was a heroin addict. Like few others, Caesari escaped heroin addiction and has turned his life around. Now, he works with the Inspiration Corporation, which was part of his recovery, to bring hope and opportunities for change to the residents of his neighborhood.

Caesari's words to me were, "we destroyed Englewood, and now we're trying to help bring it back."

By "we," Caesari meant gangbangers, like himself. These men – all former gang members and gang leaders – have banded together into a group they call "Fathers United to Save the Children of Englewood." They have been working to salvage vacant lots to be places for children to play safely. They are joining hands with residents of the area to try to push back the violence and danger which threaten the children who have been trapped in Englewood.

What Caesari asked of me was to help them by getting t-shirts they can wear when they are working.

They want the children, and their neighbors who are joining them, to identify their project. It's important that Englewood residents see as much hope as possible.

I love this project. I promised Caesari that I would see that his group got the t-shirts he requested. Rob Carris printed them for me last week and we have them ready to take to Caesari on September 10th when our group makes its regular monthly trip to cook and serve the dinner meal.

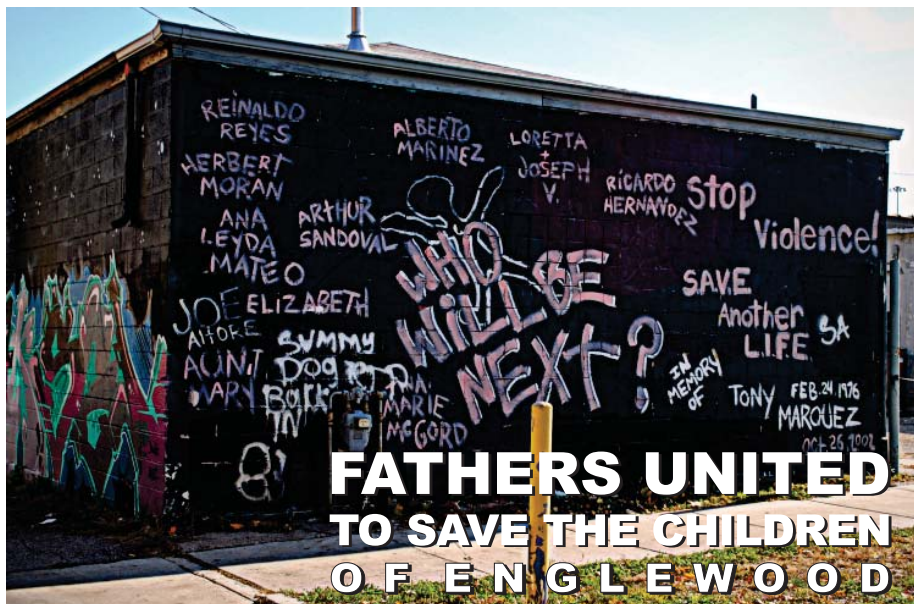
We have had a great team which has served for several years in this monthly service outreach. Julie Dean has been our coordinator. Her new job makes her ability to participate a little shaky, so we are

praying she will continue to be able to serve. Other regulars have included Don Brewster, Bob & Betsy Jett, Chuck Miller, Dan Vantreese, and Marilyn Smith. Frances Shearer joined us last month. In the past we have had a number of others who have worked with us, including

Kim Fischer, Joanie Johnson, Cliff and Lori Plummer, Kenn Watson, Rob Brewster, and Joe Kuhnle.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the shirts (\$160 total), please give donations to Don Brewster. Checks can be made to the church. If we receive more than the cost of shirts, we will apply the balance to Magi Boxes or set it aside for more support of the Fathers project.

**Chuck Miller**



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# 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.

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

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>  
 Username: wcfamily  
 Password: 6302312062  
 Click "SINGLE" tab  
 Allow any Active X controls

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  
 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.

### Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays . . . . . *Curt Robinson*  
 Kids Connection . . . . . *Brian Gifford*  
 Praise Songs . . . . . *Jon Miller*  
     *Lord Reign In Me*  
 #851 *I'll Fly Away*  
     *There's a Stirring*  
 #915 *Trust and Obey*  
 #383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*  
 Communion . . . . . *Bob Voigts*  
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection  
 #474 *Thank You, Lord, for Loving Me*  
 Sermon . . . . . *Rick Root*  
 #63 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*  
 Prayer Cards . . . . . *Bob Voigts*  
 #611 *Heavenly Sunlight*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 3 . . . . . Jason & Missy Day (anv.)  
 September 8 . . . . . Cindy Drumheller, Lisa Henkel

## Dates to Remember

August 31-September 3 . . . . . RCC Labor Day Retreat  
 TODAY . . . . . Community Groups  
 September 2 . . . . . Shults-Lewis Basket Items Due  
 September 6 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 September 9 . . . . . Magi Box Items Due  
 September 14 . . . . . Shults-Lewis Golf Outing  
 September 15 . . . . . Shults-Lewis Annual Day  
 September 16 . . . . . Magi Box Packing Event  
 September 17 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 September 18 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class  
 September 19 . . . . . Senior Citizens Breakfast

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 52  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 95  
 Contribution . . . . . \$3,445.40



## Nursery Workers

Maryssa Dean, Theresa Lemley

## Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



## In Our Prayers...

**Cliff Holladay**, a friend of the Miller's, broke his neck in a surfing accident last weekend. His spine is severed and he is unable to breathe on his own. He is a minister in Maryland and has a nine-year-old son.

**Sue Lake**, Marion's sister-in-law, is having serious issues with her liver. She is on the list to receive a liver transplant. **Sue's mother, Nola**, has diabetes and has a sore on her leg that is not healing.

**Rose Stirrup**, Kelly Ieler's mother, had cancer surgery recently. She is doing well.

**Bob York** continues to have health issues. He was in the hospital for a couple of days this week. He and Betty's address is 1805 Belter Court, Geneva, IL 60134.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Herman Biggers – Josephine Haggerton's brother

Nancy Brewster

Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents

Chris Czernik

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey – Al's son

Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew

Rachel Goodman (Jinkerson)

Josephine Haggerton

Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd &

Rourke Mullins

Pat Johnson – Dana Howard's aunt

John Mark Lango, son of former members

Keith & Kim

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

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

Joan Mullins – Paul's mother

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son of

Marion Lake's cousin

Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey

and Cliff

Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Jose Olman Santeliz – Mission Lazarus

Kay Schrader

Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Lauren Avey – Justin & Joan's daughter-in-law

Katherine (Lemley) Garner

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew,  
Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey's, Afghanistan

Jacob Headtko – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Taylor Mathews – Mike's middle son

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

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

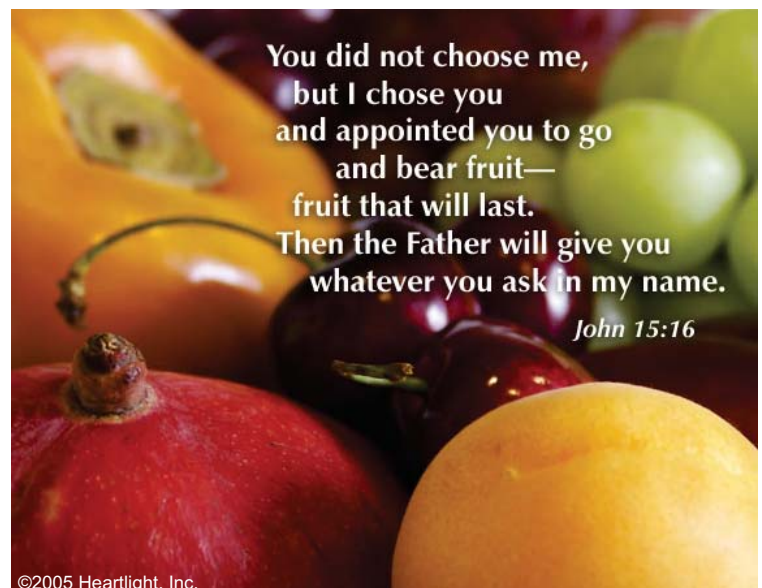
Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

## Food Pantry Delivery

Our monthly food pantry delivery from the Northern Illinois Food Bank is this Thursday, September 6. Please note that the truck will be delivering at a new time starting this month. **Volunteers should plan to be at the church building at 10:45 a.m.**

**September is Hunger Action Month.** Check [solvehungertoday.org](http://solvehungertoday.org) to find ways you can get involved.

Options include a Virtual Food Drive and Dine Out for Hunger days at Colonial and California Pizza Kitchen in Geneva.



## Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet TODAY. "...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – Acts 2:46-47



West Chicago Community Groups

## Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Shults-Lewis Annual Day is Saturday, September 15. We have several opportunities for you:

- Gift baskets to be sold in the auction.** Please sign up in the foyer to donate items to go into the baskets. **You may also give a monetary donation to Lynette Root.** A couple of items that would be really nice to include are two iPods. A basket is available in the foyer for your items. **Deadline for items to be at the building is Sunday, September 2.**
- Western Photo Booth:** We will offer several costumes & props for visitors to wear to have their photo taken. We need Country & Western, cowboy/girl, "damsel-in-distress" items for background, props and costumes. Please see Sally Hearn if you would like to help with this effort. P.S. A saddle would be wonderful!
- Quilts and afghans** hand made to be sold in the auction are usually a big hit. Questions, see Lynette. **The Golf Outing is Friday, September 14.** You may register online at [www.golfinvite.com/shultslewisfall](http://www.golfinvite.com/shultslewisfall).



## The Magi Project

Healing Hands International will pick up Magi Boxes in October. Monetary donations can be given to Frances or Sally.

- Donate items for contents of box. **Check the sign-up sheet in the foyer.**
- Sponsor contents of a box . . . . . \$13
- Sponsor shipping of a box . . . . . \$7
- Sponsor contents of a box, plus shipping. . . . . \$20



### Important dates:

Sunday, September 9: donated items are due  
 Tuesday, September 11: sort items – get ready for packing  
 Sunday, September 16: packing event – 6:00 p.m. –  
 devotional, pack boxes, finger food fellowship



## Wednesday Ladies Class

Ladies, hang on to your hats...no, your hearts...because "We serve a God who is all about transformation!" Challenge yourselves and, if you dare, join us in a new series of lessons beginning this Wednesday night. If you haven't come in a long time, now's the time to start...and bring someone with you!

## Rachel's Bible

This is the last Sunday to write in Rachel's Bible. Don't forget to highlight your favorite verse(s) and write your name in the margin. It is on the bulletin table in the foyer.

## School Supplies

Another family who visits our food pantry needs school supplies. Please see Sally if you would like to help.

## Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection will be meeting on Mondays this year starting September 17. Please let Sally know if you are willing to provide meals.

## Sign Language

Thank you Maxine Garon for the great classes! Class videos are on YouTube. Search ASL class by Maxine Garon.

## Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Class will begin on September 18 at 10:00 a.m. Pat Brewster will be leading lessons on "God's People and the Holy Spirit." Please see Pat if you plan to order a book for you.

## Baby Shower Gift Basket

Benjamin & Katherine Garner (Lemley) are due to have their baby boy in mid to late September. Don and Theresa will be traveling to see them and we would like to prepare a gift basket for them to deliver. Please have your gifts to the building by Sunday, September 16. They are registered on Amazon.com. Questions, see Joan Avey.

