



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

In Paul's day, the story of Pheidippides was well-known. He was the hero of Marathon. In his day, the Persian Empire was advancing on Greece, which was totally outnumbered. The only hope for Athens lay in the support of the Spartans. Pheidippides was a professional runner. He was sent 150 miles to Sparta to ask for help. Sparta agreed, but insisted on waiting for the new moon.

Pheidippides was sent back to Marathon with the news.

Immediately after his return, Pheidippides and the Athenian army decided on a surprise assault, even though they were outnumbered 4 to 1. They were successful in routing the Persians, who left the plains of Marathon and sailed to Athens, to attack the city directly.

Again, Pheidippides was called upon to carry news. He ran the 26 miles to Athens (after fighting in armor all day) to warn the city. He arrived in about 3 hours, delivered the news, "we have won" and then died of exhaustion.

The story of Pheidippides is part truth, part fiction, no doubt. It is a good legend which helps explain the origin of the Olympic Games. And it gives our modern marathons their length--the 26 miles

which separated Marathon from Athens.

Paul's point is that the Christian life is like a race. We should run to win. The writer of **Hebrews** uses race language, as well:¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:1-2 (RSV)**



All the wisdom of the athlete-in-training is brought to bear in this language about living for God in this world. It is a grueling course. It has to be run with great dedication and perseverance. It needs to be run with a mind to win.

One important distinction is to be made, however, between our race for God and the races of men: If we run, we win.

Last week, Tom challenged our young people to be ready to stand up for God in every situation they may face. This week's message: run to win the prize which is laid up for us.

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.

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

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>

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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

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 & Prayer *Dewayne Smith*

Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*

Praise Songs *Jay Hearn*

#200 *Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

#715 *The Church's One Foundation*

#63 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

#100 *This is Holy Ground*

#101 *We are Standing on Holy Ground*

#324 *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?*

Communion *B*

Sermon *Dewayne Smith*

#903 *There's Power in the Blood*

Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*

Closing Song *Jay Hearn*

#853 *Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 8 Cindy Drumheller, Lisa Henkel
 September 9 Mike & Lisa Henkel (anv.)

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
 September 2-5 RCC Teen Retreat
 September 8 Shults-Lewis Craft Work Day
 September 8 First Teen Parent Connection Meeting
 September 9 Mens Prayer Breakfast
 September 11 Ryan & Phoebe Wedding Reception
 September 11 Community Groups
 September 12 Living Room Café
 September 16 Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
 September 17 Shults-Lewis Annual Day
 September 21 Magi Box Items Due
 October 4 First Tuesday Morning Ladies Class
 October 11 Magi Boxes Picked Up by HHI

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class
 Sunday Morning Worship
 Wednesday Bible Class
 Contribution \$4,663.40

Nursery Workers Carrie Drumheller, Kim Sitler
Collection Counters Scott Drumheller, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

John Maupin, Rachel Hearn's friend, is terminally ill.
Chuck Miller has prostate cancer and will have surgery on October 5.

Jon Miller is happy to have his cast off. He begins PT next week.

Joan Mullins, Paul's mother, was in the hospital with blood clots. She is recuperating at home.

Helen Plummer, Joan Avey's mother, is home from rehab and is doing much better.

Mark Richmond, Don & Theresa Lemley's nephew, second hip surgery went well.

Bob Stiger, Bobbye's brother in law, is struggling with depression and panic attacks.

Bob Voigts will have a scan soon to see if the cancer has returned.

Bob York was in the hospital again this week for adjustments to his pacemaker.

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
Bonnie Bingham
Nancy Brewster
John Day
Al Dorsey
Doug Dorsey – Al's son
Joyce Duke – Bobbie Whitman's sister
Joyce Eakins's siblings
Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew
Lisa Gleason – Dana Howard's sister
Josephine Haggerton
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
Myrna Levake
Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
Mike Lockett – Joan's son
Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff
J.D. Potts – the father of Cyndi Perez
Scott Robinson – Curt's brother
Kay Schrader
Chester & Phyllis Sitler
Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins
Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents
Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Beth Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter
Shannon Manny – John & Becky Pedersen's daughter

Sarah Rentschler – Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

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

Klinton Wheeler – Afghanistan

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection – West Chicago

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

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 sent to Mission Lazarus in Honduras. There are several ways you can help.

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.** A chart is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Each box on the chart is a space for you to sign up to bring 12 of those items. There are 8 gender/age groups and with 12 items per gender/age group, our goal is to put together 96 Magi Boxes! **Please have these items to the church building by Wednesday, September 21.**
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 would like to donate funds, see Sally or Frances.

We are a collection site for this area. **Healing Hands will pick up the boxes on Tuesday, October 11.**

Today!

Community Groups will not meet today. The elders want to encourage everyone to get involved in their Community Group. If you are visiting with us or have not yet been a part of a group and would like to join one, see Chuck or Don.



School Supplies

There is another family that needs school supplies. Please see Sally if you would like to help.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection will be meeting at our building on Thursday evenings beginning September 8. If you are willing to prepare a portion or all of a meal for approximately 15 people, see Sally.

Wedding Shower

Ryan Heather & Phoebe Elrod are getting married in Colorado on Saturday, September 24. We will have a **Gift Card Shower Brunch** for them in the fellowship



room on **Sunday, September 11**, during Bible class. We will begin at 9:00 am. Don & Pat, Ryan's grandparents, will take the cards, via airplane, to the wedding. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond, but please do not feel obligated to give them a gift. Thoughts, well-wishes and celebrating their marriage together is most important. Please prepare a short blessing for Ryan & Phoebe to be video-taped and Chuck will make a DVD. Note of interest – September 11 is Grandparent's Day!

Care Package

A care package is being sent to Klinton Wheeler on a monthly basis. A basket is available in the foyer, as well as, a list of suggested items. Frances will pick up the items the third Wednesday evening of each month to ship the package. If you would like to make a cash donation, the shipping is around \$12 for each package that is sent.

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Class will begin again on **October 4**. We will be studying I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon. Please see Pat Brewster to order a book.



The Rockford Christian Camp Labor Day Teen Retreat is this Friday, September 2, through Monday, September 5. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. This retreat is for kids in grades 7-12.
Consider hosting a youth group event!

Bible Class Teachers

The following teachers are needed for this rotation, which begins today!

- Sunday morning teacher: Grade K-2
- Wednesday night teacher: Cradle Roll (ages 0-4)
- Substitute for Labor Day Weekend and Columbus Day weekend for Grade 3-6
- Substitutes available for both Wednesday and Sunday – ongoing need

If you are interested, but feel inexperienced, Cindy will help! Call her at 630-346-6923.

Shults-Lewis

Shults-Lewis Golf Outing – Friday, September 16

Check the information on the bulletin board or register online at www.shultslewis.org. Corporate sponsorship is available, as well as hole sponsorship.

Shults-Lewis change cans are available in the foyer. Bring full cans to Annual Day on Saturday, September 17. You can also give your cans to Dwayne Smith, Justin Avey or Kyle Wheeler by Wednesday, September 14th.

Craft Items for our Annual Day booth – this year we will be selling the jean jackets left from last year and handmade Christmas ornaments. Each person should make around a dozen Christmas ornaments of the same design. **Our last scheduled workshop date is Thursday, September 8.** Join us in the fellowship room at 10:00 a.m. to work on your project. We may also have some ornaments we will put together in assembly line fashion. Questions? See Lynette Root!

Annual Day begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, with a biscuits and gravy breakfast. Craft and food booths open at 9:30 a.m. Tours are given of the campus several times a day. There will be musical entertainment and a benefit auction. This event needs you! Come and enjoy the fellowship with our area churches of Christ and support their booths. All proceeds benefit Shults Lewis!