



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

I dropped my lens in Honduras and it needed some repair. The lens was unable to focus properly. I looked online and found a place very nearby on North Avenue. The ad led me to believe they were qualified and competent to fix my lens.

They weren't.

They couldn't even tell there was a problem. They assured me it was operating just fine. Now, that seemed like good news. Until, that is, I tried to take another picture. The images were still completely blurred and out of focus.

I asked again. Again, they told me the lens was working properly.

I thanked them and left. I went online a second time and found a factory authorized repair center. It was not nearby, over an hour's drive. But I made the trip. They had factory equipment and technicians who were qualified to make the diagnosis and repair. My lens is back in my possession and is working just fine.

So, why would I mention such a personal, technical, and even boring story in this article?

As I reflected on my experience, it struck me that there are many parallels in this story with our spiritual struggle with the Enemy.

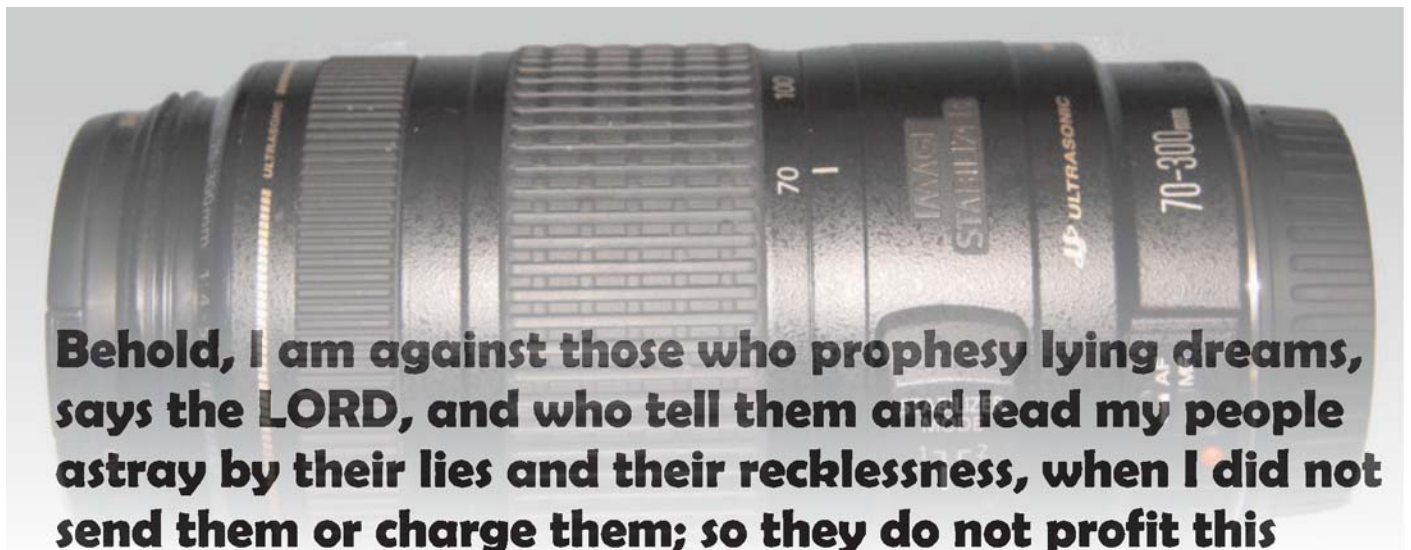
Satan has distributed many billboards, commercials and ads for local repair at great rates. "Your lives can be put right at the hands of our experts, they promise." They are convenient. They look impressive.

The problem is, they don't have a clue. They don't know the problems, much less the solutions. Many of these advertisers even call themselves churches. Unfortunately, they haven't been trained by the author of salvation, and they don't understand the power of prayer and the partnership of the Holy Spirit in resolving life challenges. They don't offer the correct solutions to life's problems.

It's very important we don't advertise falsely. We want to be certain that our words are consistent with those of God and that we take every problem to Him for resolution. The world doesn't need more confusion and false hope.

Truth in advertising. That's our responsibility.

Chuck Miller



Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the LORD, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them; so they do not profit this people at all, says the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:32

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. Don Brewster

Kids Connection Jay Hearn

Praise Songs Tim Boyd

#42 How Majestic Is Your Name

#749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

#104 From Every Stormy Wind

#288 Fairest Lord Jesus

#484 You Are My All in All

#335 In Memory of the Savior's Love

Communion. Kenn Watson

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song. Tim Boyd

#924 Just As I Am

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Magi Box Presentation. Jay Hearn

Closing Song Tim Boyd

#96 I Stand In Awe

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 8 Cindy Drumheller, Lisa Henkel

September 9. Mike & Lisa Henkel (anv.)

Dates to Remember

TODAY. Community Groups

September 3-6. RCC Teen Retreat

September 7 Tuesday Ladies Class, YLC Meeting

September 9 Teen Parent Connection

September 10. Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 12. Community Groups

September 13 Living Room Café

September 14 Tuesday Ladies Class

September 15 Seniors Breakfast

September 16 Teen Parent Connection

September 17. Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 19. Community Groups

September 26 Leadership Meeting

September 26 Praise Sunday!/Magi Box Party

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 62

Sunday Morning Worship 108

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 25

Contribution \$2,760.00

Nursery Workers Theresa & Tristan Link

Collection Counters Scott Drumheller, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

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

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

Joyce Duke, Bobbie Whitman's sister, is very ill with many health issues.

Josephine Haggerton has started new medication for her facial pain.

Bobbye Miller was in the hospital this week suffering with pancreatitis.

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.

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

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

Thank You!

West Chicago Church of Christ,

I sincerely thank you for caring, sharing and supporting the Africa mission work. Our God is the only one who will bless you in abundance. Thanks,

Obadiah Doka

To Everyone at the West Chicago Church of Christ,

I wanted to thank you all for the school supplies you bought for my four kids. Without your help I would not have had school supplies at all. I am very grateful! I also wanted to say that over the years you have helped me with food and other years with school supplies and you never hesitate to do what you can for my family and I thank you for everything!!!

Sincerely,
Ashley Gideon

What's Your Favorite?

In case you didn't get a chance to complete a "What's Your Favorite?" questionnaire last week, they are located in the foyer. Complete and return to the box provided.

Youth Leadership Meeting

Just a reminder that the Youth Leadership Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 7, at 8:00 p.m.** at the church building.

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.



Photo PLEASE!

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!

Bookmarks

Beatitude bookmarks are available for everyone. They are located on the bulletin table in the foyer. They will be helpful for you in memorizing the Beatitudes. You may choose your favorite from four different designs. The content is the same on each design.



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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Living Room Cafe

Next Monday, September 13, is our day to help at the Living Room Café downtown Chicago. The Café provides restaurant-style meals to homeless men and women who are a part of the Inspiration Corporation program. **We will leave from the church building around 2:30 p.m. and usually return around 8:30 p.m.** Whether you go just once or each Monday we are scheduled to serve, this is a great outreach for adults and teens by being very easy to “plug into” with instructions from the chef and staff. The staff also makes sure it is a safe and secure environment for us. A big thank you to everyone who has served this past year. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to go and be a part of this great opportunity to serve.

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



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!**

Education Director Appointed

Cindy Drumheller has agreed to serve as our Education Director. Cindy is wonderfully qualified for this position and has been very active in teaching and creating materials for our classes and small groups. **Curt Robinson** will continue to serve as our deacon with support and oversight for this ministry.

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! **Boxes for donated items are located on the table in the coat racks.** On Praise Sunday, September 28, we will put the boxes together.
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.**

Kids Club!

Christina Cortez is planning to use our building for an after-school enrichment program called **Kids Club**. The program will operate on Wednesdays after the Turner Elementary students are dismissed from school, around 2:45 p.m., until 5:00 p.m. The program will provide homework help, snacks, games, activities, crafts and Bible stories. The primary purpose of the club is to provide a fun and safe environment for students who need help with their homework. **If you would like to volunteer to help or would like to donate snacks or craft supplies, please contact Christina** by calling her at 630-440-0356.

