



West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Are you a Hubble junkie? I confess that I am. I look at those marvelous photographs and my mind is filled again with the wonder of God.

Consider the picture on this page, for example. Here's the official description: "Hubble's 20th anniversary image shows a mountain of dust and gas rising in the Carina Nebula. The top of a three-light-year tall pillar of cool hydrogen is being worn away by the radiation of nearby stars, while stars within the pillar unleash jets of gas that stream from the peaks."

Think about that. The mountain shown in the picture is made of hydrogen and it's three-light-years tall!

It gives me a little personal joy. I love the fireworks of summer. I used to like to go to Grant Park to see the Chicago display on July 3rd. The bursts were huge, as tall as some of the skyscrapers. The crowd gave a collective gasp when the big ones exploded. Now I know why we liked them so much.

We were watching just a tiny version of what God has arranged to see out of His picture window anytime He cares to look. But His displays are measured in light years, not feet. The colors and shapes which the

pyrotechnicians develop are poor substitutes for the real deal in the heavens, the handiwork of God.

So, do you think He has anything special planned for heaven when we all get there? Do you think there may be a special "Fireworks Tour" for all of us who love the great spectacles of our patriotic blowouts?

I think so. I just think we might get to be all those places the Hubble can only send postcards from. And how about that whole space/time continuum thing? Some of the images in the Hubble gallery talk about distances like 780 million light years. I'm just not sure we can be accurate on that scale (I mean, we still can't get the weather right), but let's just grant those numbers.

I love God's statement in **Jeremiah 23:23ff:** ²³"Am I a

God at hand, says the LORD, and not a God afar off?

²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD." **Jeremiah 23:23-24 (RSV)**

Think about that. He fills heaven and earth.

But you may have known that, already. Because He fills you, doesn't He!

I love the bigness of God!

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.

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.

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 Curt Robinson
 Jay Hearn Rick Root



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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.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays. *Paul Mullins*
 Kids Connection. *Jon Miller*
 Scripture: *Psalm 100*. *Alec Boyd*
 Praise Songs *Tim Boyd*
 #77 *Glorify Thy Name*
 #718 *We Shall Assemble*
 #4 *To God Be the Glory*
 Scripture: *I Chronicles 16:34-36*. *Donnie Lemley*
 Thankfulness Songs *Jon Miller*
 Oh Lord, God of Israel
 #294 *You're the One*
 Psalm 104
 Scripture: *Ephesians 4:1-6*. *Charlie Hearn*
 Unity Songs *Jay Hearn*
 #448 *The Greatest Commands*
 #376 *He Paid a Debt*
 Communion Message *Peter Drumheller*
 Invitation Song *Jay Hearn*
 Light the Fire
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 Closing Song. *Jay Hearn*
 #705 *A Common Love*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 9 Mike & Lisa Henkel (anv.)
 September 12 Brian Gifford, Curt Robinson
 September 14 Margaret Henkel
 September 15 Dewayne Smith

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups
 TODAY Magi Box Items Due
 TODAY . Last Day to Donate for Shults-Lewis Baskets
 September 10 Living Room Café
 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
 September 23 Community Groups Town Hall

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class. 53
 Sunday Morning Worship. 90
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class. 23
 Contribution. \$3,208.25

Nursery Workers . . . Kelly Ieler, Lynette Root

Collection Counters . . . Jeff Ieler, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Sylvia Atten, a friend of **Dana Howard's**, sprained her ankle.

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 a sore on her leg that is not healing.

Bob Voigts received good results from his scan this week. No cancer!!

Bob York continues to have health issues. He will be at Marianjoy for a week or two. He is doing much better. He and Betty's address is 1805 Belter Court, Geneva, Illinois 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 Headtke – 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

Thank You!

Praising God for your wonderful gift!

We are debt-free thanks to you!!

Dear West Chicago Church of Christ

Our hearts are filled with such gratitude for the showering of blessings you shared with my children and I. My emotions got the best of me when I saw the generosity of your giving church! The school year is off to a good start with supplies and clothing ready. Thank you from my depths for your kindness.

God bless you! Love, Tammy, Sadie & Sam

Thank You!

A big "thank you" goes out to Joyce Eakins for the new plant that is in the entry-way. Thanks also to Bob and Betsy Jett for transporting it from Joyce's home to the church building.

*Shout for joy to the LORD,
 all the earth.*

*Worship the LORD with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.*

Psalms 100:1-2

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet TODAY.

Everyone is encouraged to attend a **Town Hall Meeting** on **Sunday, September 23**, to discuss our ongoing Community Group fellowships. We will meet immediately following worship in the fellowship room for a soup and sandwich potluck. Drinks will be provided. **Please sign up in the foyer** for the food items you plan to provide. See Chuck or Don if you have any questions.



Living Room Café

We are serving at the **Living Room Café** tomorrow, **Monday, September 10**. The volunteers will leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. and arrive back around 8:30 p.m. Please see **Julie Dean** if you plan to go.

Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Take a trip to Valparaiso, Indiana to attend the **Shults-Lewis Annual Day this Saturday, September 15**. A schedule of events is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. This event needs YOU! Come have lunch, get your photo taken and visit the auction and garage sale. All proceeds of the day benefit Shults-Lewis!

- Gift baskets to be sold in the auction.** This is your last chance to make a donation for the gift baskets. You may give a monetary donation to Lynette Root.
- Western Photo Booth:** We are offering several costumes and 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.
- 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.**



Baby Shower Gift Basket

Benjamin & Katherine Garner (Lemley) are due to have their baby boy in 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 next Sunday, September 16. They are registered on Amazon.com. Questions, see Joan Avey.



The Magi Project

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



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

Important dates:

TODAY: 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.

Sign Language

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

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection will be meeting on Mondays this year starting a week from tomorrow, September 17. Please let Sally know if you are willing to provide meals. Menu ideas are listed on the bulletin board.

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.