



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

I am impressed from time to time with how much we are chosen by God, by how He finds us and calls us to Himself. Sometimes, we call worship assemblies which target visitors who are looking for God as "seeker services." Someone I read suggested that the idea of "seeker services" misses the truth that God is really the One doing the seeking.

My own personal experience in child care and in prison ministry lead me in the direction of that conclusion. I think about the young people Bobbye and I were privileged to meet and to serve. I would never have known their stories or the circumstances of their lives if God had not brought them to me. Our child care team waited for God to bring us His children so that we could be His ambassadors to them.

The blessing to Bobbye and me, and to our children, from Joe, JJ, Al, Roger, and so many others is a gift from God. We wouldn't even have know where to look for them.

Allison Brown shared that same perspective in her story of Soledad, the precious little girl which their family is working to adopt.

On the day Soledad (that wasn't her name then) was brought in by her mother, Allison and the medical team were frustrated and ready to go home. This little girl, who seemed to be dying of malnutrition, was just beyond their ability to help. They were sent away.

Then, Allison recounted, the Spirit pushed her to

run out into the street, to stop this mother, and to do whatever could be done to help this little girl. Allison had no idea this drastic victim of poverty and ignorance would one day be her own precious daughter.

She makes it clear that only the support of the whole medical team and of visiting workers made it possible for Soledad to survive. She required expensive medicines. Dr. Matt Tincher (Jake's brother) helped provide them. God used many to save this tiny girl.

Recently I got an email via Facebook from a young man who knew me from our days at Shults-Lewis. That was over 20 years ago. He is looking for a church home and contacted me to help him in his search. That's God-work. Just amazing.

The stories go on and on. Those who are the players in the process become very clear that it is God who puts His hand in special ways on children, on offenders in prison, on souls on the street who seem to be going down for the third time. Then, for some, amazingly God redeems them. Their lives are forever changed by faith and acceptance of the powerful love of God.

Next Saturday, we have the opportunity to impact and participate in that

process. Our partners in outreach to children in our Midwest region are the staff at Shults-Lewis. They are being used by God to find the children who will hear the voice of the Shepherd and respond.

We need to go bless them and encourage them.



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
 Singing Jay Hearn
 #126 The Lord My Shepherd Is
 #136 Love for All
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Steve Link
 #200 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
 #777 Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer
 Prayer Bob Jett
 #366 By Christ Redeemed
 Lord's Supper Cliff Plummer
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #922 Jesus Paid It All
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Steve Link
 #346 He Lives
 Closing Prayer Curt Robinson

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 14 Kim Fischer, Margaret Henkel
 September 15 Dewayne Smith
 September 18 Joe Kirts
 September 19 Hailey Kissane, Vicki Whitman

Dates to Remember

September 13 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 September 16 Seniors Breakfast
 September 19 Shults-Lewis Annual Day
 September 20 Small Group Kick-Off Potluck
 September 23 See You At The Pole/Teens
 September 27 Corn Maze/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 53
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 28
 Contribution \$4,013.75

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Jamie Miller



Collection Counters

Mike Henkel, Paul Mullins



In Our Prayers...

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

Jim Brannon, Pat Brewster's brother-in-law, passed away this week from a heart attack and complications from injuries suffered in an automobile accident while driving himself to dialysis. He has been on our prayer list for quite awhile because of long-term health issues.

Cile Brown, Jarrod's grandmother, fell and broke her hip. She lives at a nursing home in Houston, Texas. She is 86 years old and suffers from dementia/Alzheimer's.

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

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 unable to work and must have someone with her at all times.

Jean Frangowlakis, Lynette Root's friend, had a kidney stone, the size of a golf ball, removed last week. She is doing well and is having another kidney stone removed this week.

Marie Hayes is doing better and was grateful to see everyone on the webcast last Sunday. **Her daughter, Sandy Jones**, is still suffering with health issues.

Art Hebert is the father in law of Chuck and Bobbye's foster son, Al, in Milwaukee. He had surgery for colon cancer and seems to be doing well.

Bobbye Miller is doing much better after having had food poisoning.

Chester Sitler is feeling better, but still recuperating and undergoing tests for further evaluation.

Cathy 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

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

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

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

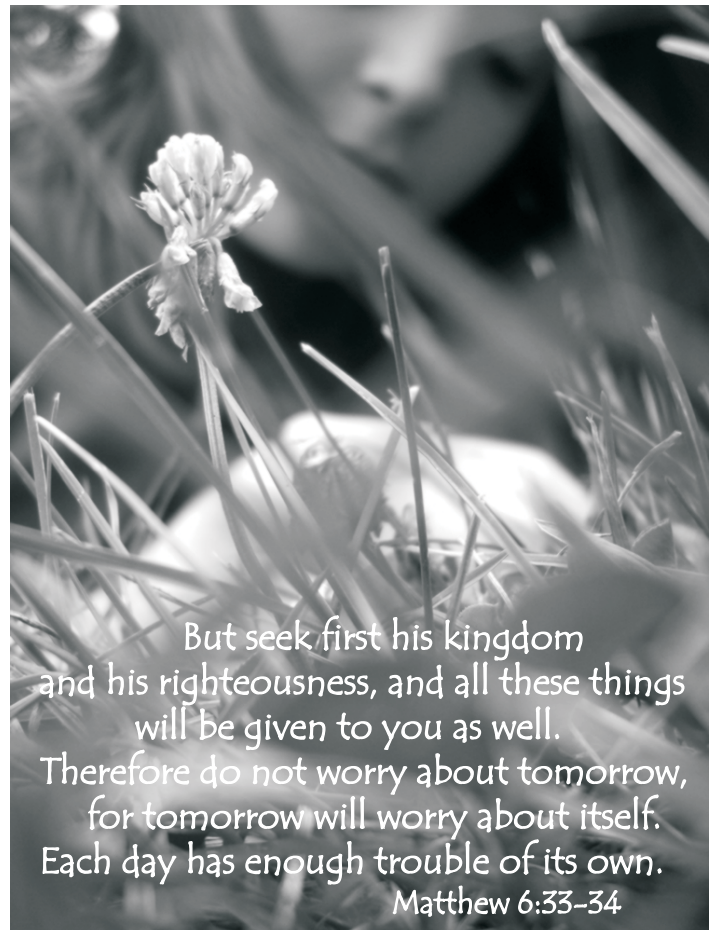
Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan



But seek first his kingdom
and his righteousness, and all these things
will be given to you as well.
Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will worry about itself.
Each day has enough trouble of its own.
Matthew 6:33-34



Small Group Fellowships

There will be a kick-off potluck for the Small Group Fellowships immediately following worship **next Sunday, September 20**. This is a traditional, "bring everything, no theme" potluck. Drinks will be provided.

Small Group sign-up sheets will be distributed and collected this morning. We hope everyone gets involved in a Small Group this year!

Shults-Lewis Annual Day

Next Saturday, September 19, is the Shults-Lewis Annual Day. We would like to encourage everyone to attend and support their work with teens and families. **There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would like a ride. Plan to meet at the building at 8:00 a.m.** If you live south and east of the church building, we may be able to pick you up. Please see Chuck if you have any questions.

Change cans and printer cartridges can be taken to Annual Day. Have your donations to the building by Wednesday, if you are not planning to go yourself.

As Chuck stated in last week's bulletin, Dewayne Smith is the Shults-Lewis board chairman, Justin Avey serves on the board, and several of our members have supported Shults-Lewis for many years. *We hope to see you there!*

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/Honduras.

Check the display in the foyer for more information and for boy/girl labels to tape to your boxes.

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.**



Wednesday Night Bible Classes

Join us on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for Bible classes**. Cindy Drumheller is teaching the children's class and Cliff is teaching the teens. There are separate classes for the men and ladies. See you for this mid-week rejuvenation!

youth & family news

TEENS: Our first **Sunday Night, Light** of the new school year is tonight after evening services here at the building. Please bring \$3 for food.

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 meets in the Lawndale Community Church building and is a program of Mission USA, helping 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. **Please sign-up today on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.** See Cliff if you have any questions

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.**

Worship Webcasts

We have the ability to present webcasts – a video on the internet. We are planning a weekly webcast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services which begin at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. central time. Please follow these instructions:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>

Username: wcfamily

Password: 6302312062

Click "SINGLE" tab

Allow any Active X controls

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!

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.

Bible Class Teacher Substitutes

We need people available as substitutes for our Sunday morning Bible classes. Please see Cliff if you are interested.