



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

How could we write of anything but flooding after the rains of this weekend and the hurricane in Texas? Thankfully, Frances Shearer and Linda Vantrees were quilting in the fellowship room when the rains started seeping under the doorways. Our struggling sump pump was assisted by our heroic deacons (and by Tim Boyd and Darrel Vaden) to push back the waters and minimize the damage. Chester Sitler, the Stirrups, Hearn, and Chavez families were also having flooding problems. Perhaps others of you were, as well.

The hardware stores were full of sump-pump shoppers and anything resembling a utility pump. All around West Chicago the waters in yards and ditches continue to rise to levels which make us wary of more rain and hopeful our electricity doesn't fail us.

Only a few days ago, our yards were dry, flowers were parched, and the earth cried out for water. What a difference a week makes!

But in the midst of our inconvenience and the unscheduled fellowship which the flood forced upon us, we are grateful for the resources and minimal problems we have endured. As we see the aftermath pictures of the east coast, of New Orleans, and most recently of Texas, we are in prayer for those who suffered massive loss and even loss of life.

Homes, churches, and businesses have been powerfully under assault from the storms of recent days. Our disaster response teams have begun to put out calls for volunteers and for help for neighbors in need. The website for our Disaster Relief friends is www.disasterrelieffort.org. The email link dsastrrlf@aol.com can be used to send donations and

get information about how to help, or you can send funds to:

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Inc.
410 Allied Drive
Nashville, TN 37211

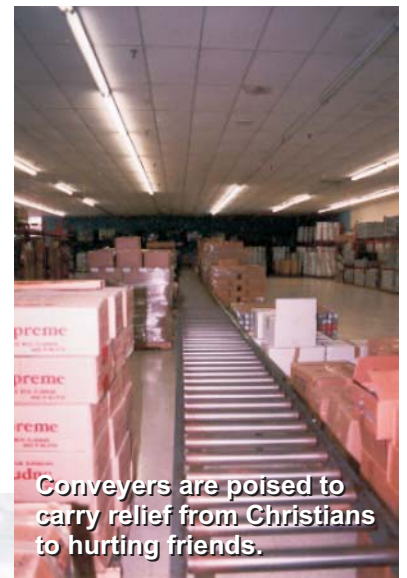
It is a mark of our age that communications are so powerful and that we can know of needs in hours after disasters strike. Jay Hearn was working to help Chester cope with a failed sump pump. Sherry Watson was on the phone yesterday checking to see if she could be of help to anyone with flooding problems. Hundreds of neighbors and friends were pitching in to help cope with the clean up and battle against rising waters.

God has many agents who are poised to respond to the needs of His world. The spirit of the Good Samaritan continues to inspire us and call us to service.

Chuck Miller



Disaster Relief warehouse in Nashville



Conveyers are poised to carry relief from Christians to hurting friends.



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. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is 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 Bob Jett
 Chuck Miller 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
Paul Stirrup: Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence



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This Morning...

Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. Please pass them to the aisle to be picked up before the sermon. 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
- Singing - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Don Brewster
- Singing
- Prayer - Rick Root
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Kyle Wheeler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Dates to Remember

September 14 Teen Parent Meeting
 September 17 Seniors Breakfast
 September 20. Shults-Lewis Annual Day
 September 21. Small Group Kick-Off Potluck
 September 24 See You At The Pole/Teens
 September 25-27 Qodesh Teen Leadership Retreat
 October 1 Magi Boxes Due
 October 4 Shower for Allison Rupp
 October 25-26. Chicago Celebration

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 90
 Sunday Morning Worship 132
 Contribution \$6,366.50

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Theresa Link



Collection Counters

Justin Avey, Mike Henkel



In Our Prayers...

Passing of loved ones:

Greg Gard, the brother-in-law of Sally Hearn's sister, passed away from a massive heart attack. This is the brother of Janice Gard who passed away the week before.

Recent updates:

Pray for the residents and employees of West Chicago Terrace Nursing Home.

Pray for everyone affected by the hurricanes.

Mary Brent, Joe Kirts's sister, had a liver and kidney transplant last week. She is out of the hospital and is doing very well

Pete Costello is Dylan Doggett's grandfather in Virginia. He has very serious heart problems.

Judy Phipps, Marion Lake's sister, is in the hospital with heart problems.

Bob Odum, father of Patrick Odum, will have prostate surgery soon.

Ray Seaman, Cathy Vaden's father, has been in the hospital with emphysema and has a tumor on his lung. He is very ill.

Sean Valentine of Morris is suffering with ARDS, a serious respiratory problem. He is in serious condition.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother

Sylvia Atten – Dana Howard's friend

Justin Avey

Irene Barnes – Lynette Root's aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly – Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS

Bonnie Bingham

Leona Boston – Lynette Root's aunt

Jim Brannon – Pat Brewster's brother-in-law

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

John Day

Lisa DeVaney – Marie Hayes's daughter

Al Dorsey and his son Doug

Chad Englebach – Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson – a former member from Montana

Josephine Haggerton

Sarah Hayden & family – Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes

Mary Henkel – Mike's mother

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Sandy Jones – Marie Hayes's daughter

Amy Kalupski – sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend

Joe, Star and Sky Kuhnle – Chuck & Bobbye's foster son

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett – the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Laura Mahan – Shirley Rucker's daughter

Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's niece

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sittler

Bruce Snyder and Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts cousins

Mothers-to-be:

Laura Callejo – Cliff Plummer & Joan Avey's niece

Missy Day

Amanda Grandlienard – former member

Jenn Kirts – Joe & Terrie's daughter-in-law

Shannon (Pedersen) Manny

Jennifer (Doggett) Piehl

Shelley Prosser – Joan Lockett's daughter

Armed forces:

Wes Clark – the son-in-law of Lynette Root's friend

Chris & Jennifer Roberts – Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are in Iraq, they have a 1-year-old daughter

Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of

Lori Plummer

Nathan & Angie Stilwell – Bridgette Fordyce's brother

& sister-in-law went to Japan with the

Air Force for 3 years with their two

small children

Klinton Wheeler will be in Georgia for

12 weeks of basic training in the Army

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown –

Honduras (especially the adoption of Soledad)

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria

Makinde Olufemi – Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan



Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to attend a bridal shower for Allison Rupp, fiancée of Joseph Voigts. The shower brunch will be held Saturday, October 4th from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the fellowship hall. Joseph and Allison are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond and would also be thrilled to receive gift cards from IKEA.



Shults-Lewis

Shults-Lewis Annual Day, is Saturday, September 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Valparaiso. Check out their website, www.shultslewis.org, for more information.

Quilts of Love

Check out the quilts in the foyer that were made by some of our ladies to be shipped to the children of Mission Lazarus Refuge. They are making a quilt for each child. If you would like to get involved in quilting, see Frances Shearer.



Magi Boxes

A Magi Box is a simple shoebox, 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.

1. **Buy** items for a boy or girl following these age brackets: Baby-2 years, 3-6 years, 7-10 years, 11-14 years
2. **Wrap** a shoe box with Christmas wrapping. Wrap the lid separate from the bottom so it can be opened easily.
3. **Place** items in the box along with \$5 to cover the cost of shipping from Nashville to Honduras.
4. **Cover** the box with the lid and wrap with a rubber band to keep the lid and bottom together.
5. **Complete** a boy/girl label and tape it onto the end of the box.



You may make a monetary donation for boxes to be prepared or for shipping expenses. The deadline is the beginning of October. If you have questions or would like to make a donation see Jay or Sally Hearn.

SYATP

See You At The Pole is a national youth-led prayer event. On the fourth Wednesday of September each year, millions of junior high and high school age students across the country (and in several foreign countries) gather around the school flagpole to pray for their school, their communities, and their country.

Encourage and support our junior high and high school students this year by participating with them at the SYATP event at their school on **Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 a.m.** See the sheet on the bulletin board for names of our students and the schools they attend.

Wednesday PM Class

We do not have a teacher for the K-6 grade class on Wednesday nights starting this week. If you'd like to volunteer please see Curt or Cliff today.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: See You At The Pole (SYATP) is Wednesday, September 24. What's going on at your school?

There is a **Sunday Night Light** this evening after worship. Everyone bring \$3 for food.

PARENTS: Cliff would like to meet with the parents of teens **TODAY** to highlight some of the activities planned for this year. We'll meet immediately after morning services, lunch will be provided.

SENIORS: The Seniors Breakfast is this **Wednesday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Colonial Restaurant on Route 38 just east of Randall Road. *Everyone is welcome!*

Small Group Fellowships

Our Small Group Fellowships are starting in October. The leadership wants to greatly encourage everyone to be a part of a small group. Each group will be studying the same topics from 1 Corinthians. If you have any questions please see Don Brewster, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.



Sign Up Today!

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer for you to sign up with a group. Each adult should put their name on a separate line. Each group should consist of 12-14 adults (6-7 families).

Small Group Kick-Off Potluck

Next Sunday, September 21, there will be a **Small Group Kick-Off Potluck Luncheon**. Please bring a dish or two to share. Drinks will be provided. **Everyone is welcome to the luncheon!** Towards the end of the luncheon we will break into our small groups to discuss briefly when and where the group will meet.

Schedule of Small Group Sundays

Following is a list of dates in which the small groups will meet. **Remember there is NO evening worship on Small Group Sundays.**

October 5 & 19	February 1 & 15
November 4 & 18	March 1 & 15
December 7	April 5 & 19
January 6 & 20	May 4 - Potluck