



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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### A Preacher's Perspective



**I**t all started with Jimmie Lovell's dream. Well over 40 years ago, a small visionary man with lost souls deeply weighing on his heart began to challenge his brothers

and sisters to join him in reaching the lost world through the mail. World Bible School grew out of that dream, that vision.

Today, as you are probably aware, on any given day, there are as many as 2,000,000 students enrolled in World Bible School in over 200 countries. WBS president John Reese, who grew up in Africa as the son of missionaries, brings the passion of his family legacy and a heart which knows the very sounds and smells of that great continent to lead this amazing work of thousands of WBS evangelists. We have our own WBS heroes at West Chicago. Chester Sitler is our longest WBS teacher and he has led dozens of students to know Christ.

We also have the very special blessing of a personal link to Obadiah Doka, a powerful Nigerian man of faith brought into our lives through Jack Plummer, father of Cliff and Joan. God used Jack to make it possible for us to meet Doka and come to know his amazing personal story of salvation through the ministry of World Bible School. (Doka's story from our website was featured in the most recent "Action" magazine.)

Today, as you will see in a WBS video during our worship time, WBS is challenging us to join with our brothers and sisters all over the world to take

advantage of an amazing opportunity. We have heard before through Roger Dickson of the open doors of African schools to the teaching of Christ.

Now, World Bible School is poised and eager to enroll 465,000 of the future leaders of many nations in Africa as students of the word of God. These are the privileged ones, those chosen to attend high school. Our brother Doka was one of these special students whom God led to Himself through WBS.

Imagine how many more of these talented and motivated future leaders may be awaiting the calling of God through the outreach ministry of World Bible School.

American Christians are often discouraged about winning souls. In a recent book, one of our brothers

spoke about the failure of our evangelistic efforts. He said, "what we are doing obviously isn't working."

His eyes were on apathetic and materialistic American congregations. But if we lift our eyes to the world perspective, powerful soul winning is bursting powerfully into the darkness of paganism,

animism, and Islam in Africa and other nations around the world. Just in Africa, more than 1,000,000 souls have been brought to God in the last 100 years. World Bible School has been a significant part of that great ingathering.

Your contribution today can make a reality of the enrolling of nearly half a million of Africa's brightest children in a study in their school of the gospel of Christ.

As John Reese points out, if we don't reach them, someone will.

# 465,000

 World Bible School

teaching the word  
reaching the world

*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.

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.  
 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 - *Jon Miller*
- Announcements - *Curt Robinson*
- Singing
- Prayer - *Bob Jett*
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - *Chuck Miller*
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - *Bob Voigts*
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - *John Johnson*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 17 . . . . . Elizabeth Griffin  
 September 18 . . . . . Joe Kirts  
 September 19 . . . . . Hailey Kissane, Vicki Whitman  
 September 21 . . . . . Hope Ieler  
 September 22 . . . . . Elizabeth Czernik

## Dates to Remember

September 16 . . . . . WBS Impact Sunday  
 September 16 . . . . . Small Groups Pot Luck  
 September 19 . . . . . Seniors Breakfast  
 September 20-23 . . . . . Teen Leadership Retreat  
 September 26 . . . . . Teen "See You At The Pole"  
 September 30 . . . . . Orphan Sunday

## Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . . . 83  
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 119  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class . . . . . 45  
 Contribution . . . . . \$5,140.00

## [www.wcfamily.org](http://www.wcfamily.org)

Check out our updated website: [www.wcfamily.org](http://www.wcfamily.org). It is a great way to tell your friends about our church family. Our goal is to make it the regular place to find information.

## In Our Prayers...

**Taylor Baum** attends Shelby Root's school. She has leukemia and is very ill from chemotherapy and an infection. She is experiencing extreme anxiety and pain.

**Bob Czernik, Chris's husband**, is suffering complications from his surgery and is in the hospital.

**Julie Chavez** is suffering with many health issues related to her diabetes, such as, severe leg ulcers, edema of hands and feet, elevated blood pressure and cholesterol.

**Al Keating, an employee of the Henkel's**, has a baseball-sized cyst in his neck. Pray that it is not cancerous.

**Norvell McCord**, member at Park Forest, suffered a stroke Thursday night.

**Tim Miller** got home from the hospital on Wednesday. He is at home and does not need to go to a rehab center.

**Phyllis Sitler** is going to have outpatient surgery on October 3 to remove a skin cancer spot on her face.

**Cindy Stewart, Bob Voigts' cousin**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Cindy is the daughter of Sandy Chase who is Eudie's cousin.

**Linda Vantreese** is at Pershing Convalescent Home, 3900 Oak Park Ave., Berwyn, 60402. Call her at 244-2416.

### Those suffering with long-term issues:

Andrea Bailey - a former member from California

Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS  
Bonnie Bingham

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

Mary Brent - Joe Kirts' sister

Nancy Brewster

John Day

Al Dorsey

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana

Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister

Elizabeth Griffin

Josephine Haggerton

Thomas Haggerton - Josephine's nephew

Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

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

Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobby's foster son

Sue Lake - Marion's sister-in-law

Don Lemley

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

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

Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Joan Lockett

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter

Steve & Melissa Massie family

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece

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

Doug Peterson

Melinda Poff - the sister of Jason Willis

Neil & Pat Ronzheimer - Nancy Doggett's sister &  
brother-in-law

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend

Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother

Jim & Jamie Winner

Jeremy & Jim Whitman

Donna Young's parents

Michael Young - Alan's brother

Rick & Gina Zamora

### Mothers-to-be:

Natalie Conner - Sally Hearn's niece

Kelly Ieler

Laura Leo - Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter

Tami Urso - Dan & Linda Vantreese's daughter

Gina Zamora

Olivia Zeisler - Maria's daughter-in-law

### Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings - Justin Avey's employee

Evan Boyd - Tim & Sandy's nephew in Afghanistan

Dustin Meritt - Justin Avey's employee

David Teel - Justin Avey's employee

John Tokarewich - the father of Sabrina Link's friend

### Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras  
(especially for their adoption process of Soledad)

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO

Juan & Roxanna Flores - Honduras

Leonardo Ken & family - Honduras

Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango  
- Brazil

Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria

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

Joe Voigts - China

## Nursery Workers

Theresa & Sabrina Link



## Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Stirrup



## Food Pantry Donations

The pantry needs spaghetti and breakfast cereals. Place your donations in the container by the restrooms.

## Directories & Photographs

New directories are going to be published soon. Please give any address/phone number updates to Sally. If you would like an updated photograph for the directory, Jon and Paul Mercer are set-up in the foyer to take your photo today. Please smile!

## WBS Impact Sunday



Today World Bible School is calling for a great partnership effort in reaching out to 465,000 high school age young people with the gospel. A special collection will be taken during worship today to support the work of World Bible School.

Since the 1950's, WBS has been sending Bible correspondence courses free-of-charge to students around the world. They now serve over 2 million students from 141 nations by postal mail, by email, and on the world wide web - STILL free of charge. If you would like more information check [www.worldbibleschool.org](http://www.worldbibleschool.org).

## Orphan Sunday

The date for Lifeline of Hope's Orphan Sunday is September 30th in which there will be a special collection. Be praying about your support for this work.

Lifeline of Hope is a non-profit organization that has been aiding and supporting orphans and homeless children in Far East Russia for more than five years and is now providing aid in several other countries as well. Lifeline currently supports over 17,000 orphan children through financial contributions and gifts. Their mission is to bring hope to the orphans of the world by providing food, shelter, medical, children's Bibles, educational assistance, and adoption services. If you would like more information check [www.lifelineofhope.org](http://www.lifelineofhope.org).



## West Chicago Crop Walk

Walkers, how many sponsors do you have so far? How much money have you collected? The West Chicago Crop Walk is just two weeks away - **Sunday, September 30**.

We also need a couple of people to spend the afternoon of September 30 at the church building so walkers have a rest stop. See Cliff Plummer or Scott Fordyce if you would like more information.

## Loose Change to Loose Chains

Loose Change to Loosen Chains was founded by 15-year-old Zach Hunter because he felt he needed to do something to bring freedom to modern-day slavery victims. LC2LC is a group of students and emerging leaders who want to see the trade in human beings stopped. Together we can make a difference to abolish slavery!



Several loose change cups are available at the back of the auditorium or you may give a contribution to Cliff. **The deadline for donations is Sunday, Oct. 28th.**

If you would like more information read the book, *Be the Change*, by Zach Hunter or go to [www.lc2lc.org](http://www.lc2lc.org).

## Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** Those of you planning to walk in the **Crop Walk on Sunday, September 30**, make sure you're getting sponsors. See Cliff with questions.

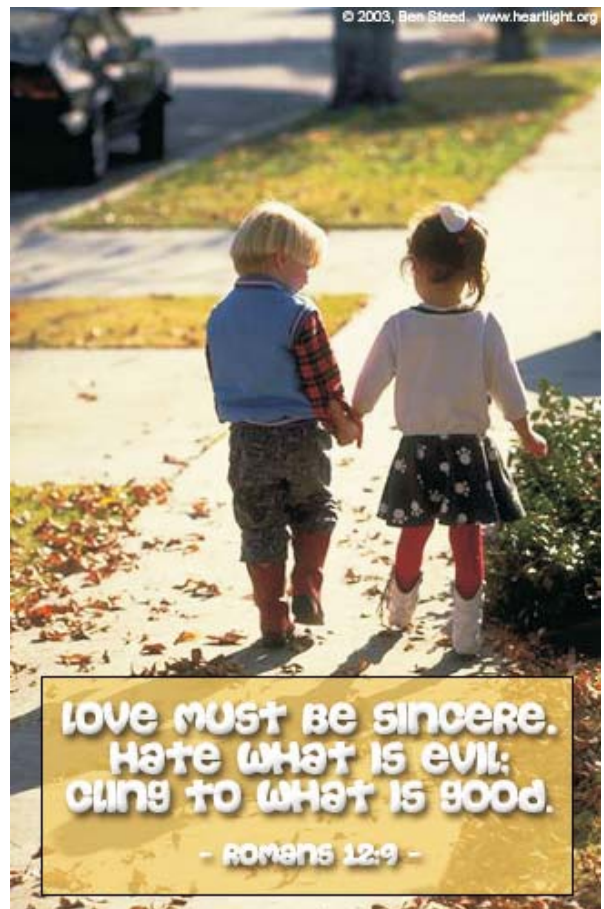
**See You At the Pole is Wednesday, September 26.** What's going on at your school?!? Cliff has several SYATP shirts available for \$10 each.

The **RCC Columbus Day Retreat** is the weekend of October 5 - 8. Registration forms should be mailed by Friday, September 21.

**GIRLS:** How about an all-girls road trip for grades 6-12! Lori is taking our girls to the "Revolve Tour" in Minneapolis, MN, November 9-10. Speaker topics include family relationships, guys, and being real; and entertainment includes Hawk Nelson, Natalie Grant, Ayiesha Woods and KJ-52! **Sign-up outside the Teen Room by September 23.** Cost is \$100, including registration and lodging.

**SENIORS:** This **Wednesday, September 19**, is our **Seniors Breakfast** at the Colonial on Route 38 out by Randall Road. Hope to see you there!

A senior's outing is planned for **Wednesday, October 3**, to see a special art exhibit at Wheaton College's Billy Graham Center, followed with lunch at Baker's Square. See the bulletin board for details and to sign-up.

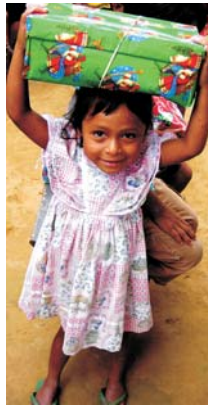


## Magi Boxes

**What is a Magi Box?** The Magi Box Project was started by Healing Hands International and its objective is to send Christmas gifts to children around the world. **A Magi Box is prepared by YOU and will be sent to Jarrod Brown to distribute to the children of Honduras.**

To begin, pick up a label in the foyer. Choose a boy or girl and then decide the age of child in which you will purchase gifts. Purchase age-appropriate toys, school supplies, picture books (be language sensitive), hygiene items, and clothes. Take a shoe box and wrap the lid and bottom separately with Christmas wrapping paper. Enclose the gifts and \$5 into each box, if possible, to cover the cost of shipping. Secure the lid with a rubber band and attach the label to the end of the box with tape. Plastic storage bins the size of a shoe box work well, too.

**The deadline is October 7.** We want to challenge each person of our church family to prepare a box. But, certainly don't limit yourself.



## Kids Under Construction

Parents, please take your children with you to the auditorium for the devotional period before Bible class on Wednesday evenings this fall. The "Kids Under Construction" program, for pre-school and elementary-age children, will begin at 7:15 p.m.

## T-Mill Prayer Warriors

The North Park congregation has purchased "T-Mill Prayer Warrior" wristbands to help with Tim's medical bills. The minimum donation is \$2, but donations of \$5, \$10, \$20 or more are certainly welcome! See Cliff or Lori if you'd like one of the wristbands. (Checks can be made payable to the "North Park Church of Christ.")

## Chicago Celebration

Mark your calendars for the **Chicago Celebration** scheduled for **Sunday, November 11**, at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Registration is from 2:30 - 3:00 and worship begins at 3:00 p.m. It is a gathering of Christians from the Chicago area to worship and fellowship.

## Friday Fun Nights!

Friday Fun Nights will be on the last Friday of each month. If you would like to plan, host or help with an event or movie, please see Cliff or Lori.

**The next Friday Fun Night is September 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at the building to play games. Bring finger foods and a 2-litre of pop.

## This Afternoon!

There are a couple of celebrations planned for our **All-Church Potluck** today. The luncheon will be in the fellowship room immediately following morning worship. We hope to see everyone there!

### Celebration 1: A Baby Shower for Rick & Gina Zamora

Join us in celebrating the upcoming birth of Rick & Gina's baby boy!



### Celebration 2: Small Group Fellowships Kick-off!

After our meal we will break-up into our small groups for an introductory meeting - meet those in your group, get a synopsis of what we will be studying and decide when and where each group is planning to meet.



**Remember, there will be no evening worship tonight.**

Dear friends, I urge you,  
as aliens and strangers in  
the world, to abstain from  
sinful desires, which war  
against your soul.

- 1 Peter 2:11 -

# SMALL GROUPS

## West Chicago Church of Christ

### Group 1

The families of:

Justin & Joan Avey  
Mike & Lisa Henkel  
\* Jeff & Kelly Ieler  
John & Joanne Johnson  
Cyndi Perez  
*\*denotes leader*

*This group is meeting on Saturday evenings.*

### Group 2

The families of:

Josephine Haggerton  
Joe & Terrie Kirts  
Sarah Miller  
\* Rick & Lynette Root  
Dewayne & Marylan Smith  
Kyle & Kelie Wheeler  
*\*denotes leader*

### Group 3

The families of:

Bonnie Bingham  
\* Tim & Sandy Boyd  
Don & Theresa Lemley  
Steve & Melissa Massie  
Jon & Paul Mercer  
Chester & Kim Sitler  
*\*denotes leader*

### Group 4

The families of:

Tom & Nancy Doggett  
Marie Hayes  
Jay & Sally Hearn  
Shirley Rucker  
Pat Ronzheimer  
\* Paul & Marianne Stirrup  
*\*denotes leader*

### Group 5

The families of:

John & Bev Day  
Peter Drumheller  
\* Scott & Bridgette Fordyce  
Ryan Heather  
Dana Howard  
Marion & Nana Lake  
Rhonda Triplett  
*\*denotes leader*

### Group 6

The families of:

Doris Biancalana  
Scott & Carrie Drumheller  
Cary & Emily Gray  
Steve & Theresa Link  
Jon & Jamie Miller  
\* Cliff & Lori Plummer  
*\*denotes leader*

### Group 7

The families of:

Joan & Charlie Lockett  
Mike Mathews  
Paul & Molly Mullins  
John & Becky Pedersen  
\* Curt & Jackie Robinson  
Frances Schearer  
*\*denotes leader*

*This group is meeting on Sunday evenings.*

### Small Group Meeting Dates this Fall:

Oct. 7  
Oct. 21  
Nov. 4  
Nov. 18

These group lists are subject to change. While we did not get a survey from all of our members, we tried to accommodate everyone's preferences from those surveys that were returned. If you need to change groups, please contact Don Brewster, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts.

If you do not find your name on one of these lists and would like to participate in the Small Groups program, please contact Don, Cliff or Bob V.

