



West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

The church is Christ in the world. No wonder it is a source of glory. The body and the head do not have different identities. They are one and the same individual.

And, that's why the church is able to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." Because Christ is the power source for all that the church strives to do. So, obviously, there is no measure of the power potential of the church, because there's no measure of the power of the risen Christ.

So, then, what is the reason the church struggles to feel empowered? Why do the members of Christ's very body feel a lack of resources for the tasks it undertakes to do?

The simple answer is that the church doesn't really accept the truth of its spiritual identity with its Savior. Our lack of faith in who and whose we are makes us define ourselves in terms of our humanity not our divinity. It's the modern version of the doubts the disciples demonstrated all throughout their walk in the shadow of Jesus.

Time and again, when His divine glory manifested itself in power— when He calmed the storm, when He feed thousands with virtually nothing, when He

brought forth great droughts of fish (and so many more examples) – the disciples would fall to their knees in wonder at who He was.

Yet, later the same Peter who saw by faith that Jesus was the Christ, the son of God, would rebuke Him and argue against the path He had chosen. Peter's flesh dimmed his vision of the power within him. The man who had enough faith to step out of the boat on a stormy sea, was too weak in faith to believe he was capable of what he was already doing!

The apostle Paul, once a persecuter and hater of the church of God, became a champion of its power and glory. He described us as being in the process of

change from one degree of glory to another. 2 Cor. 3:18

So what does that mean to us?

It means that we need to help each other to see the glory of God in us.

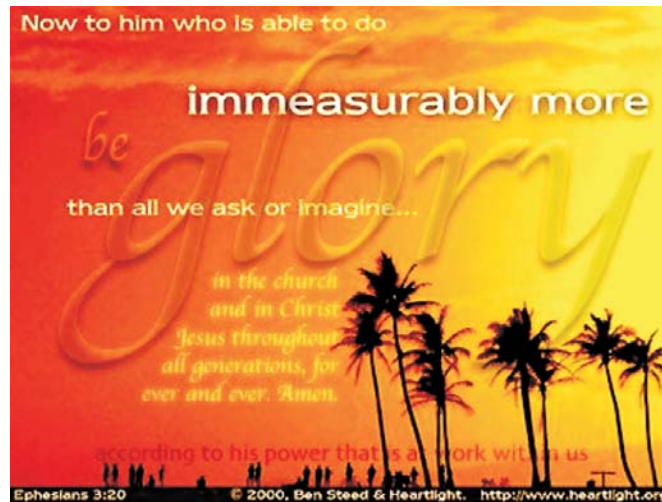
It means that we need to find the tasks which God's Spirit is calling us to rather than to the goals that our human vision feels are within reach for ourselves.

It means that we need to treat and view one another as powerful and capable resources put in partnership with us by God's providential plan.

What a challenge to truly believe that all of us are one body, the body of Christ, which is working together to save lost souls, to relieve hunger, hurt and oppression, and to build each of us up to live abundantly.

Let's embrace the glory of God in us.

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 - Paul Stirrup
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Mike Mathews

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- September 23 Sabrina Link, Curt & Jackie Robinson (anv.)
- September 24 Jon & Jamie Miller (anv.)
- September 25 Alex Drumheller, Theresa Link, Megan Stirrup
- September 26 Nancy Brewster, Missy Kissane, Steve & Julia Doggett (anv.)
- September 28 Becky Pedersen
- September 29 John & Sherry Elkins (anv.)

Dates to Remember

- September 20-23 Teen Leadership Retreat
- September 26 Teen "See You At The Pole"
- September 29 RCC Annual Dinner
- September 30 Orphan Sunday
- September 30 Crop Walk
- October 4 Food Pantry Delivery
- October 5-8 RCC Columbus Day Retreat
- October 7 Small Group Fellowship

Records You Helped Make

- Sunday Morning Bible Class 79
- Sunday Morning Worship 122
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class 44
- Contribution \$3,667.03
- World Bible School Contribution \$1,115.00

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 surgery.

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.

Thomas Haggerton, Josephine's nephew, is having a reoccurrence of cancer and is not doing well.

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

Norval McCord, Shelby Root's grandfather, suffered a stroke last week. He is still in ICU, but improving.

Tim Miller got home from the hospital last week and continues to recuperate and have therapy at home.

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

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 & Bobbye'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

Toby Logsdon - Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's son-in-law in Iraq along the Iranian border

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

Lynette Root, Marianne Stirrup



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Stirrup



*I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.*

PSALM 34:4

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.

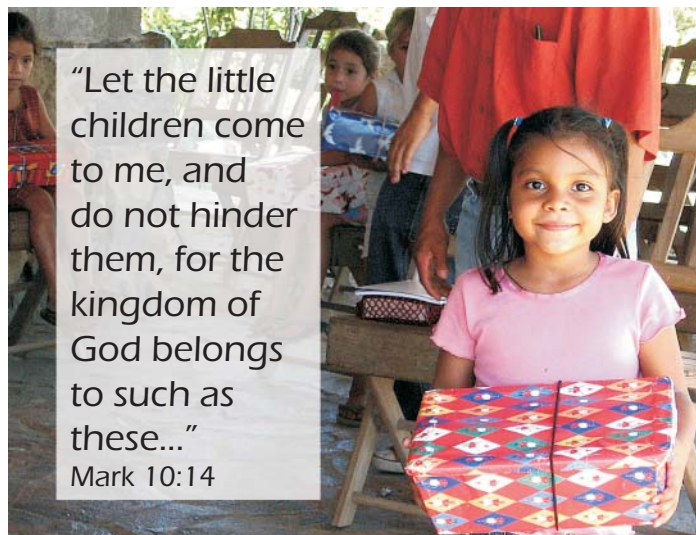
Magi Boxes

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, schools 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.

Boxes were decorated during VBS and are available in the foyer for you to use. These do not need wrapped.

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.



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these..."
Mark 10:14

Youth & Family News

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

See You At the Pole is this 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 October 5 - 8. Send registration forms with a late fee asap.

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: 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.

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 this coming Friday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the building to play games. Bring finger foods and a 2-litre of pop.

NEXT WEEKEND!

Rockford Christian Camp Annual Dinner

This year we (the West Chicago Church of Christ) are hosting the RCC Annual Dinner meeting here at West Chicago next Saturday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend, particularly those that have been involved with RCC with campers and as staff. **Volunteers are needed to help with hosting duties and bringing desserts.** Kevin Bowman is providing the pulled pork and brats. Some sides may be catered, others will be prepared by us. Let Don Brewster know if you are willing to help or bring a dessert.

See the following "invitation" for the meeting.

Dear Members and friends of RCC,

The Annual Corporation meeting of Rockford Christian Camp hosted by the West Chicago church is being held on Saturday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to attend and take part in the meeting and fellowship. The dinner starts at 6:00 p.m with the meeting to follow. Board member terms that are ending are Sid Fryer, Scott Drumheller, Bruce Harbach, Jim Kellett, and Jason Willis. There will also be session reports and other business. In addition to the activities listed above there is a plan to have slide shows of camp developments and sessions. Please note: non-members can enjoy the meal for a fee of \$5, but are not granted a vote. A contribution of \$15 per person made during the year pays for your meal and gives you a vote in the election of board members. Hope to see everyone there!

Orphan Sunday

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



Lifeline of Hope is a non-profit organization that has been aiding and supporting orphans and homeless children in several countries for more than five years. For more information check 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 **next Sunday, September 30**. See Cliff Plummer or Scott Fordyce if you plan to walk.

We also need a couple of people to spend the afternoon of September 30 at the church building so walkers have a rest stop. Please let Cliff or Scott know as soon as possible.

Fall Fest

Saturday, October 27

2:00 p.m.: Games/Activities

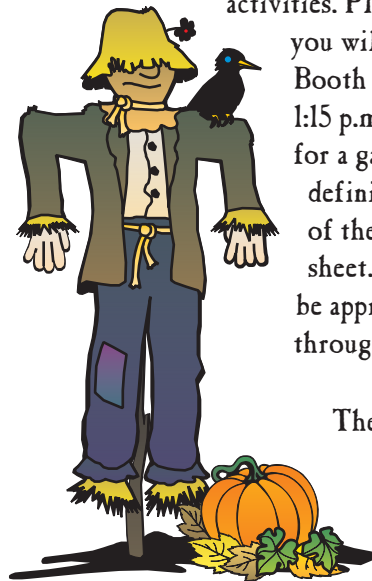
4:00 p.m.: Hotdog/Marshmallow Roast

Entrance "fee": a can or box of food for the food pantry (veggies or spaghetti)

Families come join the fun!

Volunteers are needed to make this a great event for everyone! A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the foyer that includes a list of "ideas" for games and activities. Please sign up for the booth

you will set-up, supply and run. Booth set-up time will begin at 1:15 p.m. If you have your own idea for a game or activity, it is definitely welcome, just fill in one of the "other" lines on the sign-up sheet. Games & activities should be appropriate for preschoolers through 6th graders.



The Plummers and the Stirrups are coordinating the event and will help you, if needed.



Food Pantry Donations

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

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Check out our updated website: 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.

Directories & Photographs

New directories are going to be published soon. Please give any address/phone number updates to Sally as soon as possible. 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!

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 & Marilyn 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.

