



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

It's difficult, perhaps, for us to grasp as we should the amazing love of God for us, and of His deep longing for our mutual love and affection for one another. One of my favorite expressions of it is found in **Psalm 133**: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

² It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

"Like the dew of Hermon..." the beauty of a majestic mountain peak capped with glistening snow is the way God sees His people when they love one another.

The New Testament isn't really subtle about the importance of love of the

brethren in the spiritual hierarchy. "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you love one another..." and "a new commandment I give you, that you love one another."

Yet, in practice, we are probably more comfortable in a worship environment in which we look up toward the heavens and bow our heads in reverent silence. Nothing wrong with those postures at times, but the church is a family, a body.

God wants us to demonstrate to the world the warmth, inclusion, forbearance, acceptance, and simple joy of life in a community with heaven as its template.

I want to challenge you to think about your view of our small group meetings. Some of you don't see that as "real church," I think. I understand that, but I think it's a view that misses the mark. You probably think that worship should be about God and praising Him. That's right.

But it's also about trusting His teaching that our

love for one another is the way we can best demonstrate to Him that we do, in fact, love Him.

Praise, fasting, and reverence are meaningless to God if we don't do such acts in a loving community. Read **Isaiah 58** for



insight from scripture.

Think about it. I appeal to you to renew your commitment to genuine love in our community groups. You are so important to 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.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders: Don Brewster Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership

Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence

Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

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.



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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, Scripture & Prayer *Curt Robinson*

Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*

Praise Songs *Jon Miller*

We Shall Assemble (RCC ver.)

#490 *When Peace Like a River*

#26 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

#448 *The Greatest Commands*

#180 *Jesus is Lord*

Communion *Rick Root*

Sermon *Chuck Miller*

Firm Foundation

Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*

Closing Song *Jon Miller*

Days of Elijah

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 25 Alex Drumheller

September 26 Nancy Brewster

September 26 Tom & Nancy Doggett (anv.)

September 28 Becky Pedersen

September 29 Laverne Piagari

October 1 Chuck Miller

Dates to Remember

TODAY Praise Sunday!

September 29 Teen Parent Connection

September 30 Mens Prayer Breakfast

October 2 Community Groups

October 4 First Tuesday Morning Ladies Class

October 6 Food Pantry Delivery

October 6 Teen Parent Connection

October 7 Mens Prayer Breakfast

October 9 Community Groups

October 10 Living Room Café

October 11 Tuesday Morning Ladies Class

October 11 Magi Boxes Picked Up by HHI

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$3,216.75

Nursery Workers Bev Day, Missy Day

Collection Counters Scott Drumheller, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Al Dorsey was in the hospital because of an infection around his defibrillator. He is home but is on a regime of IV antibiotics for six weeks and then permanent oral antibiotics. He is concerned that the infection may be returning.

Joyce Duke, Bobbie Whitman's sister, suffered a stroke last week. She struggles with several health issues.

Daniel Henkel suffered a cut playing football which required 19 stitches and got very seriously infected. He is on a course of antibiotics to clear it up.

Myrna Levake suffered a stroke a week ago. She is in Central DuPage Hospital in intensive care.

Chuck Miller has prostate cancer and will have surgery on October 5. **Jon Miller** is in therapy for his knee.

Joan Mullins, Paul's mother, was back in the hospital with blood clots.

Sarah Rentschler, Sally Hearn's niece, is experiencing some high blood pressure with her pregnancy. She is due in October and is staying home from work.

Dan Vantrees's brother passed away this week. Dan traveled to Colorado for the funeral.

Bob Voigts has cancer again. He is starting chemotherapy this week. His prognosis is very good, since the nodes are very small and he is trying a newly approved drug. The treatments will be two days in a row once a month for four months.

Bob York had more problems with his pacemaker and defibrillator last week.

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
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 John Day
 Doug Dorsey – Al's son
 Joyce Eakins's siblings
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew
 Lisa Gleason – Dana Howard's sister
 Josephine Haggerton
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett – Joan's son
 John Maupin – Rachel Hearn's friend
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff

J.D. Potts – the father of Cyndi Perez

Scott Robinson – Curt's brother

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins

Bob Stiger, Bobbye Miller's brother in law

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Beth Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter

Nana Dukeman – Marion Lake's niece

Shannon Manny – John & Becky Pedersen's daughter

Jamie Miller

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Klinton Wheeler – Afghanistan

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - W. Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



TONIGHT we will put items in the boxes and rubber-band them during our Sunday evening fellowship. Monetary donations are gladly accepted!

Magi Boxes

A Magi Box is a simple shoe box, wrapped in Christmas wrapping and packed with toys, hygiene supplies, and clothing.

The boxes we prepare go to

Mission Lazarus in Honduras. You may:

1. **Put together your own Magi Box.** Purchase items for a boy or girl within an age group. Place the items in a wrapped shoe box following the specific instructions. Include \$7 in the box to cover the cost of shipping the box from Nashville to Honduras. Secure the box with a rubber band and attach the gender/age group label. (Specific instructions are available in the foyer.)
2. **Items for our collective effort will be put into the boxes this evening during Praise Sunday.**
3. **You may make a monetary donation.** \$7 is needed per Magi Box to cover the cost of shipping each box from Healing Hands in Nashville to Mission Lazarus in Honduras. Give funds to Sally or Frances.

Healing Hands picks up the boxes on October 11.



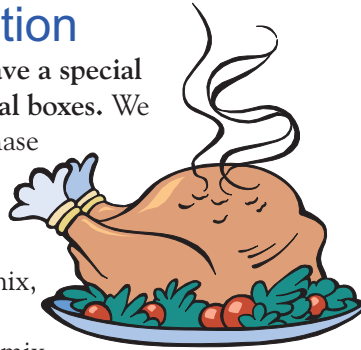
Today is Praise Sunday!

9:30 a.m. Bible classes
10:30 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting

6:00 p.m. Worship/Song Service
Put together Magi Boxes
Finger-food/dessert fellowship

Special Contribution

Today we are going to have a special contribution for Holiday Meal boxes. We have the opportunity to purchase boxes through the Northern Illinois Food Bank for \$15.00 a box. Each box includes a whole frozen turkey, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned vegetables and fruit, a dessert mix and coffee. Meal boxes will be distributed to our food pantry clients, as well as other families in our community.



Baptism!

We are thrilled to report that **John Maupin** was baptized last Sunday. John is a student at Columbia College and is a friend of the Hearn family. Welcome, John, to our family.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meets at our building on Thursday evenings. Their mission is to serve the community through education on the realities and responsibilities of teenage pregnancy and through long-term assistance to adolescent parents for their development of self-esteem, parenting skills, and empowerment towards self-sufficiency. **If you are willing to prepare a meal for approximately 15 people, see Sally.** We have people signed up to prepare meals through the first Thursday in October.

Wheelers to Move

We are very sorry to learn that Kyle and Kelie Wheeler will be moving to Oklahoma. Kelie has already moved because of a job opening there. (She is a manager for Allstate Insurance.) Kyle will be here until the end of the year, at least. He's going to be lonely, so love on him while he is still with us. The move will be a real blessing to the family, and we know the brothers there will be richly blessed by the Wheelers' being with them. Kelie's address is 1829 NW 145th St., Edmond, OK 73013. Her email is Kelie.Wheeler@allstate.com

A care package is being sent to Klinton Wheeler on



Chuck has several things planned for the Wednesday night teens class. Come join them as they get going on some technological activities – connecting with Union Hill and creating movies.

Several teen activities are “in the works.” See Jon Miller, Brian Gifford or Ian Voigts if you can help!

Young Ladies! Mark your calendar for Friday through Saturday, November 18-19 for a Purity Retreat. This event is open for those who have already attended a Purity Retreat in the past and for those who have not. Plan to invite your friends!



the third Wednesday evening of each month. If you would like to make a cash donation, the shipping is around \$12 for each package that is sent.

Bible Classes!

We have Bible classes available for all ages every Sunday morning at 9:30 and every Wednesday evening at 7:00. Studying the word of God with your friends is one of the most spiritually uplifting things you can do!

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Class will begin again on **October 4**. We will be studying I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon. Please see Pat Brewster to order a book.

No Giveaway Items

Please refrain from bringing items to the church building that you no longer want. We do not have regular giveaways scheduled and the items clutter up the foyer. There are several local charities that are set up for that type of distribution – St. Vincent's and Goodwill

Teen Visit

We will be hosting about a dozen teens from the Southeast Church of Christ in Indianapolis on Sept. 30-Oct. 2. They have a very structured time with Mark Willis in Chicago. We will house them Friday night, feed them Saturday morning, house them again on Saturday and feed them on Sunday morning. After worship with us, they'll head for home. See Chuck if you'd like to be a host.