



# Family

## West Chicago Church of Christ

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## A Preacher's Perspective

All the things which make up the creation of God express something of His wonder.

The vastness of the sea, which seems endless and whose depths confound our imaginations reflects the vastness of God. In our time, the depths of the universe, explored by the Hubble telescope, are even more real to us as our scale of measurement expands.

The majesty of the skies, always changing in color, in clarity-fog-bound and crystal clear—leads our eyes upward to consider the enormity and constant covering of our God. As our lungs depend on the supply of air for our very breath, we depend on the grace of our Creator for our very existence.

The mighty cataracts and falls speak power to us. As scripture says, "Deep calls to deep..." The voice of the falling water is deep and full of the mystery and irresistible strength of Him who made it all for our delight.

Crystal streams flowing over smooth rocks are a tonic for our souls. We watch the currents glide and we look for the darting fish who live in that cool liquid paradise. Boys swinging on vines explore the worlds of

flight and then plunge into the cool of fresh waters to push back the heat of summer days.

We are drawn to the brink of the great falls, watching in hypnotic amazement as the floods rush over the cliffs with crashing spray and foam. Some foolish souls try to imitate the water's freedom of form and harmonious relationship with the rocks, and they wrap themselves in barrels and padding and hurl themselves over the precipice, only to find that water does it much more perfectly and with much greater wisdom.



While no flight of man can match the graceful wings of the migrations or the stunning dives of the birds of prey, still, study has given us wings to some extent. We routinely board those amazing machines of flight to

conquer time and distance safely, even if we still look with envy at the grace of the true citizens of the air. Bobbye and I hope that one of the blessings of heaven will be the ability to fly!

God, our wise and perfect Father, we thank you for the world which You have made so perfectly to sustain us with food, to fill us with delight, and to remind us of You, our loving source of all light and life. Thank you for teaching us to live in community with one another as we celebrate your great gifts.

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:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>  
 Username: wcfamily  
 Password: 6302312062  
 Click "SINGLE" tab  
 Allow any Active X controls

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.

### Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays . . . . . *Curt Robinson*  
 Kids Connection . . . . . *Brian Gifford*  
 Praise Songs . . . . . *Jon Miller*

*O Lord, God of Israel*

#959 *Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

#794 *Unto Thee O Lord*

*Psalm 104*

*In Christ Alone*

Communion . . . . . *Brian Gifford*

Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection

*God is So Good*

Sermon . . . . . *Jarrod Brown*

#567 *Restore My Soul*

Prayer Cards . . . . . *Bob Voigts*

#703 *I Love You with the Love of the Lord*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 1 . . . . . Chuck Miller  
 October 2 . . . . . Joan Avey  
 October 4 . . . . . Don Brewster, Chris Czernik  
 October 5 . . . . . Jim & Vicki Whitman (anv.)  
 October 6 . . . . . Jay & Sally Hearn (anv.)

## Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . . . Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!  
 October 1 . . . . . Teen Parent Connection  
 October 2 . . . . . Tuesday Ladies Class  
 October 3 . . . . . Wednesday Bible Class  
 October 4 . . . . . Food Pantry Delivery  
 October 5 . . . . . Mens Prayer & Pancakes  
 October 7 . . . . . Community Groups  
 October 8 . . . . . Living Room Café  
 October 14 . . . . . Octoberfest

## Records You Helped Make

Contribution . . . . . \$2,357.50

## Nursery Workers

Sandy Boyd, Shelby Root



## Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root





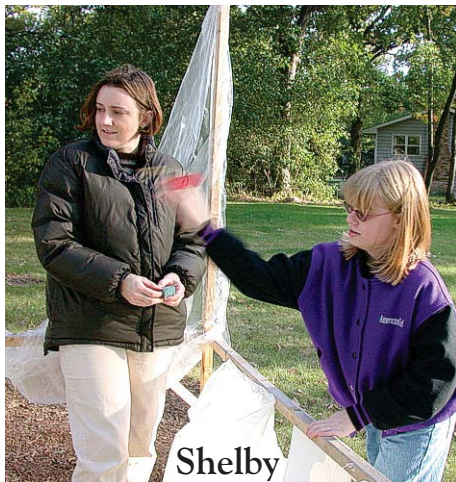
## In Our Prayers...

**Continue to pray for Doka and his family and friends.** Their situation in northern Nigeria is quite dire with the constant threat of violence and lack of food. A drip-irrigation project is in the works and it will need funding. Please see Chuck if you are interested in actually going to Nigeria to help with this effort.

**Bob York** home doing well. The Yorks' address is 1805 Belter Court, Geneva, Illinois 60134.

### 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  
 Nancy Brewster  
 Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents  
 Chris Czernik  
 John Day  
 Al Dorsey  
 Doug Dorsey – Al's son  
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew  
 Rachel Goodman (Jinkerson)  
 Josephine Haggerton  
 Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller's  
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew  
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister  
 Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins  
 Pat Johnson – Dana Howard's aunt  
 Sue Lake – Marion's sister-in-law  
 John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim  
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece  
 Don Lemley  
 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  
 Joan Mullins – Paul's mother  
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son of Marion Lake's cousin  
 Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff  
 Scott Robinson – Curt's brother



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Shelby

Jose Olman Santeliz – Mission Lazarus  
 Kay Schrader  
 Phyllis Sitler  
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins  
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents  
 Jim Whitman

### Moms-to-Be:

Eryn Tribble – former member

### Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew, Afghanistan  
 Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew  
 Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey's, Afghanistan  
 Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni  
 Taylor Mathews – Mike's middle son  
 Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq  
 Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

### Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico  
 Obadiah Doka – Nigeria  
 Living Room Café – Chicago  
 Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti  
 Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers  
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan  
 Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago  
 Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea  
 Students of Joe Voigts – China  
 Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



Jeff



Charlie



Noah & Donnie



## Today!

Jarrod & Ally Brown along with Sol and Levi, are visiting with us today to share news of Mission Lazarus in Honduras and Haiti. Make sure to check the website, [www.missionlazarus.org](http://www.missionlazarus.org), to find many opportunities to donate and to shop in the Mission Lazarus store.

Community Groups do not meet today. Tonight is our Praise Sunday and Leadership Meeting (at 4:30).



## Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meetings are on Mondays this year. Please let Sally know if you are willing to provide and/or serve a meal. Menu ideas are listed on the bulletin board. If you need, you may bring the food on Sunday so it is available for someone else to serve on Monday. **Please note:** funds have been donated to pay for TPC meals. Give any receipts to Chuck or Don for reimbursement.

## Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Class started last week. We meet at 10:00 a.m. Pat Brewster is leading the class.

## Wednesday Ladies Class

We're talking about transformation and God's call for us to shine and we want to hear what you have to say in the matter. Come join us in our study.

## Food Pantry Delivery

Our monthly food pantry delivery from the Northern Illinois Food Bank is this Thursday, October 4. Please note that the truck will be delivering at 10:30. **Volunteers should plan to be at the church building at 10:45 a.m.**

## Living Room Café

We are serving at the Living Room Café next Monday, October 8. We will leave the church building around 2:30 p.m. Please let Chuck know if you plan to go.

## Octoberfest!

On Sunday, October 14, we will gather together for an Octoberfest!

4:00 p.m. – Activities and Games: Baggies, Horse Shoes, Kickball, Sack Races, etc.

6:00 p.m. – Cookout: Brats, hot dogs, etc.

7:00 p.m. – Campfire singing

Sign-up sheets will be posted soon!



### Do You Want to Know More About Harding?

Marcus Thomas will be at Aurelio's Pizza in Addison on Thursday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided for high school juniors and seniors. We must RSVP by October 8.

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## Wedding Open House

Congratulations to Blake & Melia Mullins! They were married yesterday in Oklahoma. You are invited to an Open House Luncheon on Saturday, October 20, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Riverview Banquets in Batavia. More information will be coming soon. Please note that you will need to RSVP to attend.

## Thank You!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for your donation to the Shults-Lewis auction. The Spa Basket, The "Red" Basket and The Tea Basket were beautiful and added a special touch.

We appreciate your support of the children.

In Christ,  
Shults-Lewis