



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Jesus set the pattern for shepherds, and He has set in His church many generations of "good shepherds." They are His undershepherds, and they have been watching the flock with love and courage for these two thousand years. I'm sure you have known some of them.

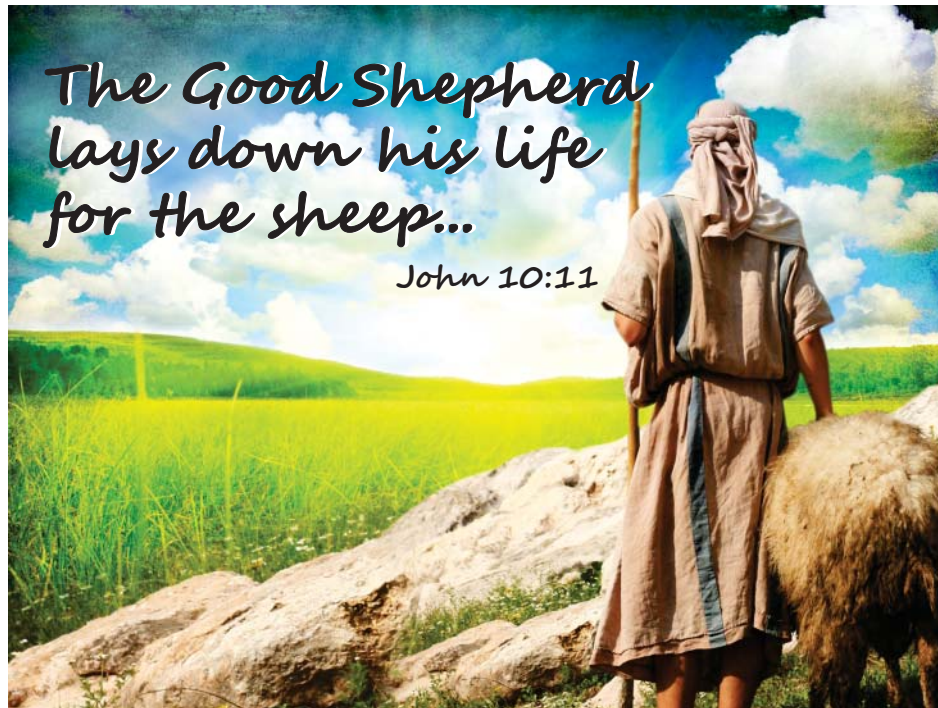
This past week, two of the shepherds who have graced our era, passed away. In Searcy, Dr. Neale Pryor, escaped the shackles of Alzheimer's and returned to the Lord. Neale was a joy to the thousands who knew him at Harding University. He served for years as an elder for the College Church of Christ. His recall was legendary. As you would visit campus, he would remember your name, your family, where you lived, what seat you sat in during his class.

But most importantly, he knew God's word. I never heard more simple preaching which seemed to weave together all the great themes and texts. And all this talent was wrapped in a gentle spirit and a warm smile which radiated the love he so effectively taught.

The other shepherd who passed last week was our good friend Doug Downey, a shepherd for 26 years for

the Valparaiso church of Christ. Doug was a life-long steel worker but we seldom thought of him in that way. His eyes sparkled with affection and his gentle heart, like Neale's, was always inviting strangers in. Doug loved to laugh, to play softball, and to sing. His fellow-elder, Don Oberholzer, complained that Doug just ran away with the most-hugged-elder title.

Bobbye, Dewayne Smith and I were able to attend Doug's funeral on Saturday, and it was a tearful meeting place for the Valparaiso church alumni. How sweet it was to sing songs again for our brother, for ourselves, and to reflect on the presence of the Good Shepherd who is the giver of all the joy we know.



Jesus loves His church, and He loves so specially those men who have faithfully tended His sheep. Paul appreciated that when he wrote, "The saying is sure: If any one aspires to the office of bishop, he desires a noble task." **1 Timothy 3:1**

Doug Downey and Neale Pryor remind us of what it looks like to see a loving

shepherd tending the sheep, blessing the church of God with love of worship, commitment to the word of God, and true love for their fellow-saints.

We pray for God to raise up such men in every generation.

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>

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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 *Bob Jett*

Praise Songs *Tim Boyd*

Scripture: *John 10:11-13* *Daniel Triplett*

#134 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

#533 *I Am a Sheep*

Scripture: *John 10:1-5* *Daniel Triplett*

#126 *The Lord My Shepherd Is*

#823 *Lead Me Gently Home, Father*

Communion *Don Brewster*

#366 *By Christ Redeemed*

Sermon *Chuck Miller*

#336 *There Is a Gate*

Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*

Closing Song *Tim Boyd*

#755 *God Be with You*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 2 Joan Avey

October 4 Don Brewster, Chris Czernik

October 5 Jim & Vicki Whitman (anv.)

October 6 Jay & Sally Hearn (anv.)

October 8 Nancy Doggett

Dates to Remember

TODAY 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

October 13 Preachers Breakfast

October 13 Teen Parent Connection

October 14 Mens Prayer Breakfast

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$5,863.75

Nursery Workers Sandy Boyd, Becky Pedersen

Collection Counters Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

In Our Prayers...

Al Dorsey is home from the hospital but is on a regime of IV antibiotics for several weeks and then permanent oral antibiotics. He is doing better and is hoping to be at worship with us.

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

Daniel Henkel suffered a cut playing football which required 19 stitches and got very seriously infected. He has not returned to school and is on a course of antibiotics to clear it up.

Myrna Levake suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago. She is at Marionjoy Rehabilitation Center. She is doing much better – sitting up in a wheelchair and talking.

Chuck Miller has prostate cancer and will have surgery on Wednesday.

Sarah Rentschler, Sally Hearn's niece, is going to be induced this week. Her blood pressure is up and she is also suffering with a head-to-toe rash due to the pregnancy.

Bob Voigts has cancer again. He is starting chemotherapy tomorrow morning. 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.

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

Joan Mullins – Paul's mother

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, Bobbie 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

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. **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 will pick up the boxes on October 11.



*all men will know that you are my disciples
if you love one another. JOHN 13:35*

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today. The list of groups is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. A couple of reminders from last week's sermon: Our purpose for the Community Groups is to 1) provide time together in a less structured setting than our Sunday morning worship and 2) grow in love by connecting with others. Some questions to ask yourself, "How can I give more of myself?" and "How is the enemy blinding me to the beauty and goodness of the saints?"



West Chicago Community Groups

Food Pantry Delivery

This Thursday, October 6, we will receive our delivery from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. We will start stocking the shelves of our pantry at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to carry boxes downstairs, empty boxes and tear down boxes. We usually finish in an hour. See you then!

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 second 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. Kyle will be here until the end of the year. Kelie's address is: 1829 NW 145th St., Edmond, OK 73013. Email: Kelie.Wheeler@allstate.com.

A care package is being sent to Klinton Wheeler on 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.

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.



Connection Point is scheduled for Sunday, October 23 at Cardinal Drive Church of Christ from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the teen room. The Cardinal Drive teens are planning a great worship time, great games and other fun activities!

A blog has been created for our teens – <http://wcteens.wordpress.com>. Log on and contribute your thoughts.

Teens! We would like to have your cell phone number and/or an e-mail address to be able to contact you on a regular basis. A directory has been started and is located on the desk in the teen room. Please add your information or check what is already included.

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!



Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Class begins this week on October 4 at 10:00 a.m. We are studying I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon. A couple of extra books were purchased, so see Pat Brewster to join the class.

Coat Drive

We would like to assist World Relief with a coat drive. Emily Gray says most of the newly arriving refugees get to the Chicago-area either without a coat or with one that is inadequate for a Chicago winter. All sizes are needed for young and old alike, and can be gently used or new. A box will be available in the foyer next Sunday.

